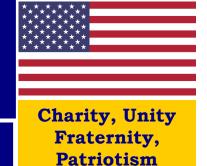


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Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights - Vivat Jesus

During our Lenten preparation, we are called to pray, fast and give alms. As Knights, together, we support some tremendous charitable giving to help those in need. The numbers we do in St. Francis Council are very respectable. The efforts by all 60,000 Knights in Michigan are exciting and the results in the entire country are staggering. The unity and success of our fraternal order is one thing. How we take on this personal challenge to grow deeper in our love for God is another matter.

Soon, on Good Friday, we will be reminded of those two words, "I Thirst". How can this reminder of Jesus telling his followers from that day on the cross, through today, and the future of all mankind, that I thirst was not just to quench his dry mouth; it was to let us know how much God the

father wants to be in love with us and how we need to want to be in love with the Trinity.

How can we as Catholic men take on our Lenten preparation of prayer, fasting and almsgiving while we say "I thirst" for the Trinity in my thoughts, words and actions.

How can we as Knights, huddle up, and develop some plays for us to execute and show the world by our actions, "We Thirst". God Thirsts to love us. We thirst to love God.

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Major Degree Exemplification

New & Current Knights

WEDNESDAY 6:30 P.M., MARCH 4

Before the Business Meeting
Our Lady of Sorrows Church Hall North

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Grand Knight's Report (cont'd)

Now to business. Its Fish Fry season. This is an event we host to help our parish reinforce the blessings we have in our community. The greatest blessings of each other that we sometimes take for granted, as well the opportunity to take a couple of Fridays and serve the parish. In doing so, we all grow, we build relationships, we build trust, and we also encourage men to look at our organization and how they might grow as well.

I don't always get a chance to thank everyone for their help, and I do appreciate the hours each of you provide on the different functions we support.

We will also be holding our first new degree exemplification prior to our meeting on March 4th. If you want to attend the new format, please be here by 6:45 PM. If you're a first-degree Knight, attending this exemplification will allow you the opportunity to complete your second and third degrees. Our meeting will start about 7:45 and we will get you out the door by 9.

There will be an opportunity for all 3rd degree Knights to become a part of the patriotic order on Saturday March 4th at DeCarlo's. If you're interested, please contact Gary Mallia at gmallia@yahoo.com.

I will pray that each of us, really take the time this Lent to hear the Lord tell us that He thirsts for us. I also hope we can return the love by letting him know we thirst for him.

Regards,

Henry T

GK 4401

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St. Francis of Assisi College Scholarship 2020-21 Academic School Year

Dear Brother Knights,

Here's a quick summary of this program:

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a highly qualified student for the 2020-2021 academic year.

The scholarship will be awarded to a child or grandchild, of a living or deceased member in good standing of St. Francis Knights of Columbus Council #4401.

In order for the applicant to be considered for the scholarship, the St. Francis Council Knight must have been a member in good standing for at least (1) one year.

Scholarship applications will be available after January 2, 2020.

Applicants for the scholarship must be a high school senior and have a minimum 2.5 GPA.

The scholarship application must be submitted and post marked no later than March 31, 2020.

Scholarships will be awarded not later than May 15th, 2020.

Applications and additional information can be downloaded from the council's website at http://www.mikofc4401.org

Please email KOC4401Scholarship@gmail.com with any additional questions

Regards,
Henry Testa
GK4401



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!

I am often asked what's the difference between being a 3rd Degree Knight and a 4th Degree Knight? After all, "Why should I consider getting involved in another meeting or group when there's enough going on in my Council?" Both of these questions can be answered by asking yourself:

"How much do you love your Country and how much do you love being a Catholic Citizen of your Country?"

For me, completing the journey of Knighthood in the Fourth Degree meant taking my Knighthood to the next level! I wanted to learn all the lessons that the Knights of Columbus offered to Catholic men in order to see how I could become a better Catholic disciple, husband, father, brother, and citizen.

It meant taking on the duties to stand up for our faith and for our Church!

As we hear from our Lord in Matthew 5:14-16

<u>You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.</u> Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

To be a Fourth Degree Knight means that you're ready to show the world that you are more than just a man doing good deeds and going to Church every week. While these are both great things, we are called as disciples of Jesus to be a light to the world and shine before others!

For some Fourth Degree brothers, they live their discipleship by assisting our active military, or veterans. For others, they take on the duties of the Honor Guard. Whether it be in more private settings such as masses, funerals, and weddings, or out in the public such as parades, sporting events, Eucharistic processions, or pro-life functions, those who take on the duties of Honor Guard proudly proclaim to the world that:

I am a proud Catholic! I am a proud Citizen! I am a proud 4th Degree Knight!

There are many ways in which Sir Knights can stand up for their faith and preach the Gospel. The question you need to discern is "Are you ready to take your Knighthood to its fulfillment"?

In your discernment process, I ask you to ponder upon the words of our 35th President, **Sir Knight John Fitzgerald Kennedy**, when he said

And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country.

Fraternally,

Gary Mallia

Faithful Navigator St. Francis of Assisi Assembly # 2136

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Knights of Columbus Spiritual Retreat

Friday, March 22nd – Sunday March 24th St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center 23333 Schoolcraft Road, Detroit, MI 48223

Come and join with your brothers as we gather for a very special weekend of prayer, relaxation, fellowship and spiritual renewal! Enjoy a weekend away from the stresses of everyday life and allow yourself time to listen to God and to what His will is in your life. Each retreatant is given their own private room with private bath/shower facilities. There are quiet areas for reading and reflection, an extraordinary chapel for private prayer as well as where Mass, morning prayer, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation are celebrated. There are several acres of grounds for walking, and great meals provide nourishment for the body!









This Year's Retreat Theme
Rejoice in the Lord Always: Again, I Say Rejoice!

Our lives today are continually bombarded with challenges and temptations that can lead us away from living lives of joy. Our faith invites us to "open our hearts to be touched by Jesus" and to rejoice in the knowledge that we have been given an Advocate who will be with us always.

The prophet Zephaniah reminds us: "God...will rejoice over you with gladness...He will renew you in his love."

This retreat experience is designed to help us rediscover the intimate call of God to each one of us to grow in holiness and live in JOY!

Suggested Donation: \$215 (a minimum \$30 deposit will be required to secure your reservation)

Registration

Please provide the following information to Retreat Captain, Gary Mallia at gmallia@yahoo.com or 248-496-9838

Name, Address, Phone, e-mail address

This will allow Gary to follow up with Retreat Center to ensure they've received your deposit. **DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY TO GARY!**

To secure your reservation, please send your payment DIRECTLY to the Retreat center.

Provide them with the information above along with our

Retreat Group Name: St. Francis K of C and Retreat date: March 22nd, 2019

You can send your check to:

You can pay by credit card

by calling:

St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center 23333 Schoolcraft Road Detroit, MI 48223

-OR- (313) 535-9563

You can also pay online by going to https://www.stpaulretreat.org/event/mens-weekend-24-2/
Please confirm that the retreat weekend Men's Weekend # 24 Friday, March 22nd, 2019 is
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Calendar of Events St. Francis Council #4401

March 2020

- 4 KofC Degree Assembly Business meeting major degree 630pm, meeting follows OLS CHN
- 7 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield Fourth Degree Exemplification—DeCarlo's Banquet Hall, Warren, MI
- 11 KofC Business Meeting Fourth Degree 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall –North
- 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
- 19 Right to Life Dinner—San Marino Club, Troy, MI 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 22 Retreat Weekend 22MAR-24MAR St. Paul of the Cross-Detroit (see page 5)
- 28 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield

April 2020

- 1 KofC Degree Assembly Business meeting in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m.
- 3 Fish Fry Friday @ OLS School Cafeteria—K of C sponsored 4:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- 4 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 8 KofC Business Meeting Fourth Degree 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall –North
- 11 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 12 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
- 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

May 2020

- 2 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 6 KofC Degree Assembly Business meeting 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 Business Meeting Fourth Degree 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall –North
- 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
- 23 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 25 Farmington Memorial Day Parade Farmington, Grand River Ave., 9 a.m. (see page 2)
- **30 Rosary for Life**—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield

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The Sick:

Chris Burkhardt	Ed & Justine Good	Tom Wilkins	
	Joe Ricci	Dale Monette	
Fr. Frank Canfield	Amanda Cavanaugh		
Mary Cunningham	Josephine Evangelista		
Dill Diek	Nina Mallia		
Bill Dick	Stanley Gromala		
Rick Rinke	Joseph Brauer		
Oliver Schmidt	Bill Boskey		
Oliver Schmidt	Carolyn Oblender		
Elizabeth Testa	Annu Thakur		
Terry Vasher			
Kay & Ed Waldecker			

The Departed:

Joanne Napierkowski	Past Brother Knights	William Power Jr.	
CV. F I. D.	& Families	Ron Wojcik	
SK Frank Ross	Fr. Loren O'Dea		
Mary Ann Senko	Dustin Testa		
	Kris Elaine Folske		
Angela Tiseo			
Raymond Wojtowicz			
Thomas Parnin			
Raymond Wojtowicz			

Special Intentions:			
South Oakland Shelter	Katie Smith	Natural Disaster Victims in Nashville	
Guests	Peace & Good Will	USA / Iranian Peace Prayers	
The Ministry's & People at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish	The Parnin Family Ken Chiara	President Trump	
The Nablo Family			
The Wojtowicz Family			



Mary's Children Family Center

Mary's Children Family Center is a pre-vocational community program where adults with brain injuries/intellectual and developmental disabilities either from birth or acquired come for six hours a day to participate in a structured program. The Center provides a milieu setting where participates are involved in supervised, self-directed, structured activities with members from the community. The program is designed to improve functional independence and enhance the quality of life for individuals overcoming brain injuries and now living in the community. The program offers academic, physical, occupational and recreational activities. Mary's Children focuses on providing an environment where you feel safe and cared for while enhancing communication tools, assisting you in choosing and achieving your individual goals. Everyone at Mary's Children is offered a variety of opportunities daily and has the right to choose how they want to spend their day.

Our Brother Sir Knight Paul Toth and his wife, Cindy, made a presentation to the officers of St. Francis of Assisi Council a plea for assistance. Mary's Children Family center is doing great things to help those afflicted with brain injuries and developmental disabilities. Please see their website at https://www.maryschildrenfamilycenter.org/ if you would like to check out the great things they do and consider helping.

MCFC is located at: 495 E 14 Mile Rd Clawson, Michigan 48017, or call (248) 307-0242

We are always looking for volunteers to read to students, assist students in activities, lunch prep, lunch clean up, organizational clean up, community outreach, building maintenance, shopping, etc. If you are interesting in volunteering please contact us! Anything you can do to help the Center is appreciated! We look forward to meeting **YOU**!

Mary's Children is a 501 3 C organization. More information to come!

We Stand Strong on Ethical Ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies. At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards. More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out.

The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

But don't just take our word for it. In 2018 the Knights of Columbus was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute.

Permanent life insurance is our signature product. It provides money to your family when you die and builds cash value while you live. It's guaranteed. It's secure. It's dynamic. Issue ages 0-80.

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Meetings - The first Thursday of each month (except June/July/August for summer break)

<u>Location</u> - St Colette Activity Center on Six Mile Rd in Livonia, MI

<u>Time</u> - 6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. social time; 7:00 p.m. meeting (about an hour)

<u>Contact-</u> Lucy Hayden, Regent at 248-957-8951 or by email at lucyhaydennow@gmail.com

Our Daughters of Isabella circle is named Blessed Mother Teresa

She has since been declared a saint. We strive to pass on her example to those we encounter. Her quotes are uplifting. Some examples follow.

"Poverty is not made by God, it is created by you and me when we don't share what we have."
"It is a very great poverty to decide that a child must die that you might live as you wish."
She also said we don't need to do big things, but rather small things with great love.

As our Lenten season approaches, let us find within ourselves what we can offer others through her example. Kindness and love costs nothing but a few minutes of our time; let's use it wisely and with value. Remember that in giving, you also receive.

We welcome all Catholic women who wish to join us; put your time and talent toward the service of the poor. We hope to hear from you soon!

Lucy Hayden, Regent Daughters of Isabella Blessed Mother Teresa, Circle 1413



Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no greater commandment ... Mark 12:31

Bodega "Warehouse" Project

An excerpt from a recent publication from the UCCB "Forming Consciousness for Faithful Citizenship". At our border, many arriving families endure separation, inhumane treatment, and lack of due process, while those fleeing persecution and violence face heightened barriers to seeking refuge and asylum. Within our borders, Dreamers, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders, and mixed-status and undocumented families face continued fear and anxiety as political solutions fail to materialize. Lawmakers' inability to pass comprehensive immigration reform which acknowledges the family as the basic unit of society has contributed to the deterioration of conditions at the border. As we seek solutions, we must ensure that we receive refugees, asylum seekers, and other migrants in light of the teachings of Christ and the Church while assuring the security of our citizens.

Fr. Mike Schmidt's suggests the following readings from the Catechism to help us understand immigration: **CCC2241** The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin. Public authorities should see to it that the natural right is respected that places a guest under the protection of those who receive him. Political authorities, for the sake of the common good for which they are responsible, may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions, especially with regard to the immigrants' duties toward their country of adoption. Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens.

CCC 2242 The citizen is obliged in conscience not to follow the directives of civil authorities when they are contrary to the demands of the moral order, to the fundamental rights of persons or the teachings of the Gospel. Refusing obedience to civil authorities, when their demands are contrary to those of an upright conscience, finds its justification in the distinction between serving God and serving the political community. "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." "We must obey God rather than men"

Lourdes Fronseca, is the local representative the Bodega project, who is interested in support for many displaced immigrants who are in the metropolitan Detroit area and struggling to make ends meet.

They are in need to food, clothing and supplies and monetary contributions can be sent to Lourdes Fronseca

23730 Rowe Street Dearborn MI 48124

Please note there is a weekly vigil every Friday at Clark Park (Verner and Clark Street) 3:45 – 4:30 PM.

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FARMINGTON MICHIGAN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE MAY 25

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The Farmington Memorial Day Parade Committee invites the community to join us in honoring our veterans, fallen heroes, active service men and women, and parade participants along Grand River Avenue, as well as the ceremony in Memorial Park. Afterwards, the community is invited to join marchers at the American Legion Hall for a luncheon sponsored by Weingartz. We look forward to seeing you in Farmington for this great family event.

Join the Knights, their families, friends and the community *HONOR OUR VETERANS* as we walk the parade route through downtown, we meet at Grand River and Mooney Streets, 9 am, proudly display your Knight Gear and/or patriotic wardrobe. More to follow next month...

Also contact the chairman of the event for Knights Council 4401 & Assembly 2136

Dean Wojtowicz (dean.wojtowicz@ameritech.net)

SEE YOU THERE!

BIRTHDAYS

JOSEPH	GROMALA		03-03
JOHN	HOPKINS	JR	03-03
EMIL	BENOIT		03-05
DANIEL	LEMAY		03-06
ROBERT	SWINGER		03-09
MEL	GRIESHABER		03-10
JEFFREY	BARRON		03-10
MICHAEL	EVANGELISTA		03-12
REGINALD	KAKOS		03-12
PATRICK	BRENNAN		03-13
MICHAEL	KUSINA		03-13
CHRISTOPHER	RSTEVENS		03-14
PABLO	MARTINEZ		03-15
PAUL	LIGENZA		03-16
JOSEPH	SMITH		03-19
KEVIN	HAMMER		03-19
JOSEPH	RICCI		03-21
MICHAEL	KANDAH		03-23
JAMES	MC LAUGHLIN		03-25
CARL	CADIEUX		03-25
PAUL	BEDARD		03-31
ARTURO	KLISOWSKI		03-31

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J	SCHADEN	03-01-1963 57
LEON	SERDYNSKI	03-01-1966 54
ANTHONY	ANGELOSANTO	03-01-1969 51
RUSSELL	JAGER	03-01-1983 37
PATRICK	BRENNAN	03-01-1984 36
ROBERT	COLLINS	03-01-1987 33
WILLIAM	MC KEEVER	03-01-1987 33
SCOTT	TEFFT	03-01-1989 31
MEL	GRIESHABER	03-01-1990 30
NORMAN	PRANGER	03-01-1990 30
NORMAN	PETERS	03-01-1957 23
DANIEL	PROGAR	03-14-2006 14
PAUL	JOHNSON	03-01-1969 11
MICHAEL	GARRY	03-07-2012 8
PAUL	FERRINI	03-06-2014 6
VICTOR	FERRINI	03-06-2014 6
INOCENCIO	CUESTA	03-17-2014 6
JEREMY	CAMPBELL	03-02-2016 4
MICHAEL	KANDAH	03-15-2018 2
EDWARD	SMITH	03-15-2018 2
BALASUNDER	DODDA	03-24-2018 2
MICHAEL	EVANGELISTA	03-24-2018 2
MATTHEW	KIPF	03-24-2018 2
NEIL	KOWALIK	03-24-2018 2

February 2020 Family of the Month Pablo Martinez, Karina & Natalie

> 50/50 WINNER-February Michael Kandah

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February 2020
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Who are the knights?

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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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