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Fraternity,  
Patriotism**

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## Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights – Vivat Jesus

As we continue to hunker down and do our best to abide to the stay at home order, many of us are struggling with the isolation and in some cases, depression too. We are not used to missing the direct contact with the Eucharist in our lives, let alone missing all the wonderful people that we would see at mass or in the stores or in the community.

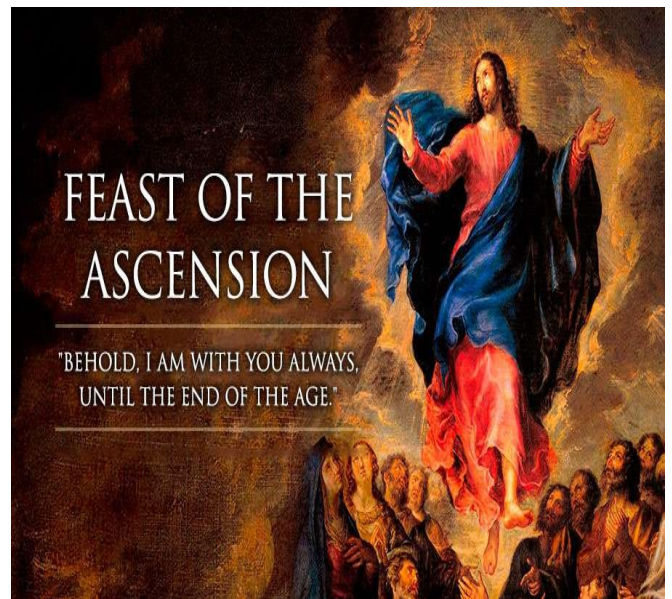
On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, we learn through the apostles leaving Jerusalem when their hopes were crushed by the crucifixion of the Lord. Their dreams were crushed. They did not understand the resurrection, nor what the passion and suffering meant. On their walk to Emmaus, they did not realize Jesus was with them until they asked the stranger to stay and break bread with them. Once Jesus broke the bread, they came to realize who the resurrected Jesus was.

We are blessed every time that we can witness the Liturgy of the Word, a homily, and then the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the breaking of the bread, the same way the apostles did. Today, the decision to do this, through mass whether its on ETWN, Bishop Barron, local TV or the radio, or a live stream from OLS, AOD, or however we can remain connected until we can come back. Are we asking Jesus to “Stay with us? Do we, or did we take the real presence of Jesus in the mass for granted, not knowing what an extraordinary gift we had, until it was not available anymore?

Even though the difficulty of staying home can be challenging, it forces all of us to accept a new beginning or new normal. My heart goes to any family that has lost a loved one over the covid19 virus, as well as anyone quarantined with any sick relative, as well as all the front-line workers. (continued on pg. 2)

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## **Grand Knight's Report (cont'd)**

I hope and pray the time that each of us has experienced has been able to have brought us closer to the Holy Trinity, and that we know Jesus is with us, whether we ask him to "Stay with us" or not. I also hope and pray that each of you are able to embrace the Act of Spiritual Communion every day or as often as possible.

St. Francis Council is working on a new program called "Leave no Neighbor Behind" in which we will be supporting a charitable function that will either support feeding first responders or a local food pantry.

If any of the Knights are struggling with loneliness in the isolation, or struggling to make ends meet, please reach out to me.

On Wednesday May 6, we will live stream, via Zoom, our monthly business meeting. I will be sending electronic invitations out very soon. We will have nomination of officers for the upcoming fiscal year starting July 1. I am happy to support Jim Filbert as our next Grand Knight, Alex Franz our next Deputy Grand Knight and Anand Thakur our next Chancellor, all worthy of the council vote of approval. My confidence is with Jim and our new team of officers, will take this council to new highs in terms of our commitment to charity. Please plan on attending this on-line meeting.

I also want to thank our Faithful Navigator PGK Gary Mallia and Rinaldo Maffezzoli for their commitment and efforts for the Saturday morning STIR prayer group. We have had 7 straight Saturday morning 6-8 AM successful prayer groups, and it's very powerful.

Loving God, we come before you in our time of need. We lay before you our concerns and fears over the spread of the covid19 virus. We know that you are mightier than all our fears and that the name of Jesus is the name above all other names. We ask, in the name of Jesus, that you stop the spread of the covid19 virus. In your mercy, heal those who have died into your heavenly kingdom. We ask this in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.

Let us not forget the month of May and the special Marian devotion to our Blessed Mother, as the Queen of All the Angels & Saints in Heaven and All of us on Earth. Perhaps we might be able to "Crown her in our homes" as we pray for her intercession to her Son, Jesus Christ for all of our special intentions.

Yours in Christ,  
Henry T GK 4401



## 4th DEGREE NEWS

### St. Francis of Assisi Assembly #2136

[www.mikofc2136.org](http://www.mikofc2136.org)

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

Faithful Navigator: Gary Mallia, PGK

My Brother Knights,  
Vivat Jesus!

I pray that you all had a Blessed Easter and received the full graces of Divine Mercy Sunday!

As we continue to celebrate the season of Easter, I feel it's important to fully celebrate the resurrection of our Lord for the entire 50 day season! While it may seem difficult to celebrate at this time considering the pandemic we are enduring, I ask you to consider that, Our Lord endured much greater for our sake, and that we should always give thanks and praise for the sacrifice he endured for our sake.

While things may have slowed down due to the stay at home order, the work of the order continues. Our April business meeting was held through the use of the web conferencing tool Zoom. The meeting went well and we were able to conduct the business of the Assembly. There were two main accomplishments that came from our April meeting. First, nominations for Offices for the next fraternal year were conducted. Second, The Assembly voted to make a \$200 donation to Vets Returning Home. This organization supports Veterans and their families who struggle to find work or make ends meet through meals and housing. Our Assembly has been supporting them for a number of years as we work through this organization to purchase Christmas gifts for veteran families. With the sudden loss of so many jobs due to this pandemic, the organization found itself with a much larger number of veterans and families to support. The Assembly enthusiastically agreed to support this organization and the motion passed unanimously.

On April 4th, Assemblies from District 1 met via Zoom conference to get an update on things within our District. A couple of key items to report:

There are 31 Active Assemblies within our District and 6 Inactive.

Currently, there are 3,427 4th degree members in our District, 10,400 in our State, and 19,248 4th degree members in our Province which includes Ohio.

Our District averages approximately 120 new Sir Knights each year, yet only about 25% of all 3rd degree Knights ever join the 4th degree.

My brother Knights, in my time as Faithful Navigator, I have seen the value and dignity of being a Sir Knight. I have strived to exemplify this honor to all my brother Knights at all degrees, and to instill in all, that to be a 4th Degree Knight means to take your Knighthood to its fulfillment. I ask you all to consider it an honor as well, and to join with your brother Sir Knights in this honor. The 4th degree does not compete with a Council for a member, it **COMPLETES** the member so that he can give himself more fully to his Knighthood! I ask you all to consider this and to become 4th degree Knights!

## Calendar of Events St. Francis Council #4401

### May 2020

- 2 STIR Ministry –6:00 a.m. Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) not on site until further notice
- 6 KofC Degree Assembly Business meeting VIRTUAL/ELECTONIC-CALL IN
- 9 STIR Ministry –6:00 a.m. Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) not on site until further notice
- 13 KofC Business Meeting Fourth Degree 7:30 p.m. VIRTUAL/ELCTRONIC –CALL IN
- 16 STIR Ministry –6:00 a.m. Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) not on site until further notice
- 20 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. VIRTUAL-CALL IN
- 23 STIR Ministry –6:00 a.m. Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) not on site until further notice
- 25 Farmington Memorial Day Parade –Farmington **\*\*\*CANCELLED\*\*\***
- 30 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. not on site until further notice

### June 2020

- 3 KofC Degree Assembly Business meeting in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m. (tentative)
- 6 STIR Ministry –6:00 a.m. Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) not on site until further notice
- 10 KofC Business Meeting Fourth Degree 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall –North (tentative)
- 13 STIR Ministry –6:00 a.m. Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) not on site until further notice
- 17 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall –North (tentative)
- 20 STIR Ministry –6:00 a.m. Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) not on site until further notice
- 27 STIR Ministry –6:00 a.m. Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) not on site until further notice

### July 2020

- 1 KofC Degree Assembly Business meeting in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m. (tentative)
- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 8 KofC Business Meeting Fourth Degree 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall –North (tentative)
- 15 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall –North (tentative)

AS AN ONGOING ISSUE OF CALENDAR EVENTS  
PLEASE NOTE CHANGES OCCURING DAILY  
AS TO THE SPECIFICS,  
DELETIONS, ADDITONS,LOCATIONS AND INVITATIONS TO OUR  
CALENDAR

THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING  
PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO NOTICES VIA EMAIL FROM

**gk4401@mikofc.org**

—THANKS—

The Sick:

Chris Burkhardt	Ed & Justine Good	Tom Wilkins	Tom Kyle
Fr. Frank Canfield	Joe Ricci	Dale Monette	Kathi Koehler
Mary Cunningham	Amanda Cavanaugh	Ruth Corte	
Bill Dick	Josephine Evangelista	Jose Martinez	
Rick Rinke	Nina Mallia	Ian Hogg	
Oliver Schmidt	Stanley Gromala	Margaret Thompson	
Terry Vasher	Joseph Brauer	Kendra Smyth	
Ed Waldecker	Carolyn Oblender	Patricia Bailif	
	Annu Thakur	Jim Wingett	
		P. Kotz	
		Sue Gilleran	
		Dave Stolz	
		Karen Hejka	
		Frances Nablo	
		Johnna Weiss	

The Departed:

Joanne Napierkowski	Past Brother Knights & Families	William Power Jr.	Suad Husanyu
SK Frank Ross	Fr. Loren O'Dea	Ron Wojcik	Bill Boskey
Mary Ann Senko	Dustin Testa	Peggy Rinckney	Lady, Kay Waldecker
Angela Tiseo	Kris Elaine Folske	Don & Connie McKeever	Giuseppe DiPonio
Thomas Parnin	Ken Chiara	Arthur Lambke	
	Al Kaline	Catherine Boettcher	

Special Intentions:

The Nablo Family	Katie Smith	RCIA Elect across the Globe
Richard David	Peace & Good Will	The estimated 2,300 abortions performed in the United States today.
Dale Monette PGK	The Parnin Family	Our Wives Children of Those with Mental Illness
The Maffezzoli Family	Joe Laura	For Those with Anxieties Our President
The Chiara Family		For Those with the Corona Virus
The Waldecker Family		Victims of sex abuse
The DiPonio Family		Victims of Suicide

**ATTENTION: BROTHER KNIGHTS**

THE FOLLOWING IS TAKEN FROM AN EMAIL  
REGARDING THE ON LINE BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 6, 2020 AT 730 PM

***Henry Testa is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting*** for the purpose of conducting an on-line Knights of Columbus business meeting with all of the members of Council 4401. If you have any special intentions that you want mentioned during the good of the order— please email me at [henrytesta463@gmail.com](mailto:henrytesta463@gmail.com). We will also be conducting officer nominations. Please see the attachment pertaining to the officer responsibilities.

**IMPORTANT:**

IF ANY BROTHER IN GOOD STANDING DID NOT RECEIVE AN INVITATION VIA EMAIL  
FOR THE MEETING  
PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE OFFICERS OR PERSONS  
FROM THE DIRECTORY AT THE BACK OF THIS PUBLICATION ON PAGE 11

**NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED**

Our Deputy Grand Knight Jim Filbert has been working on redesigning our website. You can access the Councils website @ [www.knights4401.org](http://www.knights4401.org), The new website has the following pages:

- Home - this includes great information on Men who Serve, Our Faith, Faith and Action and Answer the Call.
- About our Council - this includes the history of the Council, when council meetings are, Our principles and pillars, and Faith and action.
- Officers - our current council officers, past Grand Knights and past Chaplins
- Calendar current calendar of events and you can toggle forward or back.
- Newsletters
- Resources - including links to Supreme, Insurance, our 2136 Assembly, Michigan District 1, and many other websites that we are involved with.
- Join Us - this page is any potential candidate you believe is worthy, can fill out the information to start the interview process with George Curran.



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As your dedicated Knights of Columbus Field Agent for over 16 years, I can provide knowledge and service to brother knights and their families.

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If you have insurance with us and would like a review or would like a financial/insurance checkup, I can provide all our services over the phone, video chat, and/or email. We can review your current coverage or even put new coverage in force. If you would like to look at our guaranteed retirement savings annuities or would like to learn more about Long Term Care or Disability Insurance, I am here for you, backed by the full strength of the KofC.

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### An Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Mary, Mother of God and Virgin, I choose thee this day for my queen, patron, and advocate, and firmly resolve and purpose never to abandon thee, never to say or do anything against thee, nor to permit that aught be done by others to dishonor thee. Receive me, then, I conjure thee, as thy perpetual servant; assist me in all my actions, and do not abandon me at the hour of my death. Amen. — *St. John Berchmans*

## Officer Responsibilities

**Due to the cancellation of the April meeting, we will hold nomination of officers at May's meeting. If you are interested in running for a position, let it be known during the May nominations process.**

**Grand Knight.** The GK is responsible for the welfare of the council. He presides over the council meeting and acts as a member of all committees, appoints membership and program directors, ensure all reports are submitted to the state and Supreme Council. This position is a 2-year term and traditionally are the next position for the current Deputy Grand Knight, who is Jim Filbert.

**Deputy Grand Knight.** The DGK is second in command. He assists the GK with council affairs and fulfills all duties assigned to him by the GK. Should a GK be absent from a council meeting, the DGK will preside. He will set the agenda for the officers meeting. This position is a 2-year position and traditionally the next position for the current Chancellor, who is Alexander Franz.

**Chancellor.** The chancellor primary goal is to assist the GK and DGK in the execution of their duties in both their absences. The chancellor shall start and end the council and officer meetings in prayer, either from script or by themselves. This position is a 2-year position and traditionally the next position for the current Warden, who is Anand Thakur.

**Recorder.** The recorder is like a court recorder or secretary. He is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the council thru the council minutes. He is also responsible to provide minutes for review prior to each council meeting. Our current Warden is Patrick Dwyer.

**Treasurer.** The treasurer is responsible for the safe keeping and maintaining records of all council funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the council's accounts and provides certificate of such monies to the GK. Our current Treasure is Joe Gromala.

**Financial Secretary.** The FS is **appointed** by the Supreme Knight upon recommendations of the council. He maintains all financial and membership records. He collects and receives all moneys from all sources, including dues from member. Tony DiPonio is the current Financial Secretary.

**Lecturer.** The lecturer is **appointed** by the GK to provide educational and educational programs to the council. Tom Kyle is our current Lecturer.

**Advocate.** The advocate is the legal representative of the council and serves as the council's attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the council. George Curran is our current Advocate and Membership Director.

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**Warden.** The warden is the watchdog of the council property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the FS, treasurer and recorder. He is responsible for setting up the council chambers for meetings and ceremonial work. The warden will supervise the guards. This is an open position for the upcoming fiscal year and would be in future rotation for council leadership.

**Inside and Outside Guards.** The guards have similar responsibilities primarily admitting visitors and checking credentials. Mike Mitchell, Randy D'Amore, Mark Rychlinski and Dave Trumpy are our current Guards.

**Board of Trustee's.** There are 3 members elected by the council who oversee the work of the FS, secretary and treasurer. They propose and maintain the council budget and review all vouchers for accuracy. Joe Hejka, Michael Evangelista and Bob Plocinik are our current Trustee's.

Offices that will be nominated for the upcoming Fiscal 2021 year beginning July 1, 2020 are Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight & Chancellor which are generally promoted from the existing position. Other offices for nomination are Warden, Recorder, Treasurer, Advocate, (1) open Trustee position and 4 guard positions.

If anyone is interested in serving your council in this an officer capacity, please let it be known to our Deputy Grand Knight, Jim Filbert, or plan on coming to the May meeting.

We will also have two open positions on the Building Corporation that manages the Financial Assets of the Council. The current positions are:

Building Corporation President – Tom Pegler

Building Corporation Vice President – Bill McKeever

Building Corporation Treasurer – David Trumpy

Building Corporation – Recorder – Alexander Franz

The positions of Vice President and Recorder are open positions. Anyone interested in these two positions, please contact Tom Pegler or Henry Testa. We will hold those nominations also during  
May.

**BIRTHDAYS**

J	SCHADEN	05-01
PATRICK	DUNLEAVY	05-01
THOMAS	HAUDAN	05-01
DONALD	QUIGLY	05-02
MELVIN	LOGAN	05-03
HENRY	TESTA	05-03
GARY	BERLIN	05-06
PETER	RUGGIRELLO	05-07
PAUL	HERBERHOLZ	05-10
HUGH	HOLZKNECHT	05-11
DANIEL	TOUCHETTE	05-11
JOSEPH	NAUJOKAS	05-11
ANAND	THAKUR	05-12
MICHAEL	BEIRNE	05-13
CHRISTOPHER	BATTERSBY	05-15
JOSEPH	LESNEK	05-16
CHRISTOPHER	O DONNELL	05-16
THOMAS	CONLIN	05-17
JOHN	KRUSE	05-17
JOHN	DILLON	05-22
DEL	SCODELLARO	05-23
DON	GOULD	05-24
ROBERT	BYWALEC	05-24
JEFFREY	MCGOWAN	05-24
JOHN	HOEFLEIN	JR 05-26
NEIL	KOWALIK	05-26
BRIAN	SUOMALA	05-28
MICHAEL	WARNER	05-28
RONALD	PIPER	05-29

**YEARS OF SERVICE**

DALE	MONETTE	67
W	SCHMID	49
RODERICK	CAMPBELL	45
BENJAMIN	DI PONIO	45
DONALD	RUSAS	45
DANA	WHINNERY	39
MARTIN	KOZICKI	39
GEORGE	CURRAN	33
JOSEPH	NAUJOKAS	32
LAWRENCE	GAY	24
MIKE	MC KEEVER	20
MICHAEL	MITHEN	17
JOHN	TOMEI	17
KEVIN	RYAN	15
ANTONINO	ABATE	14
PETER	RUGGIRELLO	14
PAUL	LIGENZA	10
HENRY	TESTA	10
ALBERT	DOMPIERRE	9
DONALD	BERNHARD	8
RICHARD	DAVID	8
CHARLES	ARCHAMBEAU	8
GIUSEPPE	DI PONIO	7
DAVID	TRUMPY	7
MICHAEL	ORSINI	7
CLINT	GUEVARRA	6
JON	JORDAN	4
WILLIAM	MOYLAN	3
MICHAEL	HAUDAN	2
BRIAN	KRASICKY	1
THOMAS	HAUDAN	0
COLBY	MILLER	1
ROBERT	LYMAN	2
ANAND	THAKUR	3
WILLIAM	DINNAN	4

**APRIL 2020**  
**Family of the Month**  
**Chris Parnin,**  
**wife Christine,**  
**& children**  
**Ben, Genevieve,**  
**Juliet**

**Knights of the Month**  
**APRIL 2020**  
**Gary Mallia &**  
**Ray Maffezzoli**

No 50/50 Drawing



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## FY 2020 Council Officers & Directors & Building Corp.

Chaplain	SK Rev. Mark Brauer	248-474-5720
District Deputy	SK Don Garon, PGK	248-640-2902
Grand Knight	SK Henry Testa	248-770-7010
Deputy Grand Knight	Jim Filbert	248-877-4604
Faithful Navigator	SK Gary Mallia PGK	248-496-9838
Building Corp. President	Tom Pegler	248-207-1225
Chancellor/ Bld. Corp Recorder	SK Alex Franz	248 971-5893
Warden	Anand Thakur	248-943-2157
Recorder	Pat Dwyer	248-471-4088
Treasurer	SK Joe Gromala	248-474-9775
Vocations Director	Alan Redmond	616-970-8617
Advocate & Membership	SK George Curran	248-477-7940
Financial Secretary	SK Tony DiPonio	248-721-2564
Trustee 1 year	SK Joe Hejka PGK	248-789-2957
Trustee 2 year	Mike Evangelista	248-912-8113
Trustee 3 Year	Bob Plocinik	734-812-2738
Program Director	SK Marc Wilkins, PGK	248-798-6285
Guard/Building Corp Treasurer	SK David Trumpy	248-477-5680
Guard	Randy D'Amore	248-943-1848
Guard	Mike Mitchell	248-320-4530
Guard	Mark Rychlinski	248-302-8016
Building Corp VP/Pro-Life	SK Bill McKeever PGK	313-330-5282
Nursing Visitation	Bill Martz	248-442-9783
Lecturer	Tom Kyle	248-987-2223
Insurance Field Agent	SK Greg Bennett	248-884-4095
Editor –Newsletter	SK Dean Wojtowicz	248-794-3582

## **Who are the knights?**

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.9 million members. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities, families and young people.

## **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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