



The Counselor

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JULY 2020



**Charity, Unity
Fraternity,
Patriotism**

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

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Grand Knight's Report

My Brother Knights – Vivat Jesus!

I wanted to first begin by saying that I am humbly grateful to be selected by the council for the opportunity to serve as your Grand Knight and I'm looking forward to all of the great things our council will be doing in the new fraternal year.

It's no secret that we are living in fast changing times. I'm sure that if some of you were told last year what would be in store for you in 2020 you wouldn't believe it. We've seen a deadly, economy crippling virus sweeping through our country and we've seen political and societal unrest sweeping through our streets. We've even seen calls for the unwriting of parts of our nation's history, including once again those directed to our order's namesake, Christopher Columbus.

I wanted to share with you an excerpt from our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson which was sent out last month.

Our prayers are inspired by our legacy as Knights of Columbus — may we carry on in the same spirit of unity that has inspired the Order to welcome Catholic men of all backgrounds, regardless of race, from our very beginning. This is especially important as we move forward as "Knights of Columbus: Knights of Unity," which was the theme of last year's Supreme Convention.

As the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Time is cluttered with the wreckage of broken communities which have surrendered to hatred and violence. For the salvation of our nation and the salvation of mankind, we must follow another way."

We pray that we all can follow this other way and come to understand that injustice to a black person is injustice to all; that regardless of race or culture, all people, without exception, are made in the image and likeness of God, and are deserving of our respect and love.

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IMPORTANT REMINDER

JULY 1ST

BUSINESS MEETING

7:30 P.M.

AT THE

AMERICAN LEGION HALL

31775 GRAND RIVER AVE

FARMINGTON, MI

Practice proper social protocol please

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY

AUGUST 16

CORN ROAST

PICNIC

1:00 P.M. -Until later on

Grand Knight's Report (cont'd)

I encourage all Brother Knights to take a moment to reflect on these important words and take time to consider how you as an individual can have a greater positive impact on our society.

Believe it or not, we also have a lot of good news to report on. As many of you are already aware, our founder Father Michael McGivney has moved closer to Sainthood. In May, the Vatican declared Father McGivney as "Blessed," which is just one step away from full Sainthood. This is a tremendous celebration for all Brother Knights and our order.

In addition to this outstanding moment for the Knight of Columbus, our council also has an announcement worth celebrating. On June 21st, our council held a degree to welcome Tim Gelletly as our newest Brother Knight. Tim's addition to our council completes our 2019 membership quota, which along with our commitment to our Faith & Action program means that St Francis Council is now eligible to receive the Star Council Award. This is a momentous and remarkable occasion for our council. A job well done to all of our Brother Knights for helping us reach this exceptional moment.

I would also like to take a moment to enthusiastically thank our 2019 council officer team for their tremendous work and dedication. Henry Testa, our outgoing Grand Knight, has been an invaluable gift to our council for his selfless devotion to our cause. I know Henry speaks very modestly about himself but I won't beat around the bush when it comes to recognizing the sacrifice, enthusiasm, and passion Henry has shown our council over the past few years. I am very grateful (and relieved) to announce that Henry will be continuing his service to our council by serving as our new Program Director. I am beyond thrilled with this and am looking forward to our council continuing to benefit greatly from Henry's commitment and zeal. Information will also be coming shortly to announce this year's Past Grand Knight Ball to recognize Henry for his service. I encourage all Brother Knights to plan on joining us to show their support and appreciation for our Brother in Christ.

At our July business meeting we will be introducing our 2020 council officer team. These are the men who will help lead our council this year and continuously promote the mission of Knighthood to all of our members.

I wanted to also mention that we will have a few officer positions we are looking to fill. This year, our council will be placing more focus on 4 important director positions which will help us to achieve even more as a council. These positions are:

Family Director - will work to strengthen and nourish wholesome home life and help our council promote the ideals of our Knights as good Catholic husbands and fathers. Will also assist with selecting and presenting the council awards for Family of The Month. *Our 2020 Family Director will be Anand Thakur.*

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4th DEGREE NEWS

St. Francis of Assisi Assembly #2136

www.mikofc2136.org

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

Faithful Navigator: William McKeever, PGK

IN LIEU OF THE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR REPORT, PLEASE SEE BELOW THE GOOD ITEM THAT CAPTURES THE ESSENCE OUR CATHOLIC FAMILY ...

Congratulations to Leo Abate – Squire of the Body of Christ!

Leo has been in the St. Cyril & Methodius Columbian Squires for 6 years. Leo completed their leadership program and also finished all 5 levels to become a Squire of the Body of Christ. Today the Knights of Columbus presented him with an engraved ceremonial sword at the end of the outdoor Holy Mass. Leo is the son of Sir Knight Nino and Lady Betty Abate.



Calendar of Events

St. Francis Council #4401

July 2020

- 1 KofC Degree Assembly Business meeting -AMERICAN LEGION, FARMINGTON 7:30 p.m.
- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY –The Declaration of Independence signed 1776
- 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)

August 2020

- 5 KofC Degree Assembly Business meeting in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m. (tentative)
- 12 KofC Business Meeting Fourth Degree 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall –North (tentative)
- 16 Corn Roast Picnic– Rotary Park Livonia, 1:00 p.m.—Until later on<<<<<<<<
- 19 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall –North (tentative)

September 2020

- 5 KofC Degree Assembly Business meeting in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m. (tentative)
- 12 KofC Business Meeting Fourth Degree 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall –North (tentative)
- 16 Corn Roast Picnic– Rotary Park Livonia, 1 p.m.
- 19 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall –North (tentative)

BROTHERS ALL,
AS AN ONGOING ISSUE OF CALENDAR EVENTS
PLEASE NOTE CHANGES OCCURING DAILY
>>>>>>>CHECK OUT THE UPDATED WEBSITE!
knights4401.org
DELETIONS, ADDITONS, LOCATIONS AND INVITATIONS TO OUR
CALENDAR MAY CHANGE BETWEEN PUBLICATIONS
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 & Geraldine Ricci	Dale Monette	Kathi Koehler
Mary Cunningham	Amanda Cavanaugh	Ruth Corte	Gloria Rzucidlo
Bill Dick	Josephine Evangelista	Jose Martinez	Mike McElmeel
Rick Rinke	Nina Mallia	Ian Hogg	Fr. Francisco Espino
Oliver Schmidt	Stanley Gromala	Margaret Thompson	Sue Larabell
Terry Vasher	Joseph Brauer	Kendra Smyth	Joseph Laura
Ed Waldecker	Carolyn Oblender	Patricia Bailif	Frank DiNardo
	Annu Thakur	Jim Wingett	Patricia Winkler
	Rosalie Hebler	P. Kotz	Bob Frangelletti
		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	Patricia McElmeel
Judith Keating	Al Kaline	Catherine Boettcher	Larry Rathgeb
Tim McMaster	Betty Gigliotti	SK Fred E. Powers	First Responders
Betty Giglimso			Fr. Francisco Espino
Lynn Galvin			
P McGamel			

Special Intentions:

The Nablo Family	The Parnin Family	RCIA Elect across the Globe
Dale Monette PGK	Joe Laura	For Those with Anxieties
The Maffezzoli Family	Therese Nagi	For Those with the Corona Virus
The Chiara Family		Victims of sex abuse
The Waldecker Family		Victims of Suicide
The DiPonio Family		Small Business Owners, their employees & family
The Powers Family		The elected Council & Assembly officers
		The end of racial injustice in America

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Life Director - will help our council keep its focus on promoting our ideals of the advancement of the pro-life movement and supporting those in our community with intellectual disabilities. *Our 2020 Life Director will be Tom Herrmann.*

Faith Director - will help our council in faith formation activities and strengthen our close relationship with the parish. He will also help our Knights expand and practice their faith. *We are seeking a 2020 Faith Director.*

Community Director - will help our council in planning and promoting service focused aid to the members of our community and keep our Brother Knights focused on our mission of giving back to those in need. *We are seeking a 2020 Community Director.*

If you are interested in serving the council as our new Faith Director or Community Director please let me know. I will be speaking more about this at our upcoming council meeting which I encourage you to also attend.

I am happy to report that one of the first administrative items on the agenda for the new fraternal year will be ready for our first council meeting. Our leadership team has been working over the past month to finalize this year's budget and have it ready to be presented for approval. I wanted to thank the work of the Brother Knights involved in having this ready for us and specifically thank Trustee Mike Evangelista for his efforts in supporting the council with this endeavor.

I look very forward to the new fraternal year and am exceptionally excited to see the great things our council has on the horizon. I call on all Brother Knights to stay involved where and when they can with upcoming council and charitable activities and to continue our aim of showing the world the true nature of the Knights and the greater impact we can have on our community. Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Jim Filbert

2020 Grand Knight



On behalf of the entire team at Scarlet's Smile I wanted to thank our council again for it's past financial support of Scarlet's Playground in Commerce Township.

The park is now open (which we are very excited about). Scarlet's Playground is now Michigan's largest playground designed to be all-inclusive for children with or without physical limitations and disabilities... even those confined to the use of a wheelchair.

Thank you again for your support of this incredible community effort and for the positive impact you have helped make on children everywhere.

The park is located at:

180 Commerce Rd, Commerce Township, MI 48382

Please stop by if you're ever in that area to check it out!

**Sincerely,
Jim Filbert**



ANNUAL CORN ROAST PICNIC

SUNDAY AUGUST 16, 2020

1:00 P.M. UNTIL LATER ON

ROTARY PARK LIVONIA, MI

6 MILE RD. BETWEEN MERRIMAN & FARMINGTON RDS.



The FOLLOWING is from the minutes of the Knights of Columbus Council #4401 Business Meeting dated June 3, 2020 held on-line via zoom format video regarding election of officers for the fraternal year 01JUL2020-30JUN2021:

<Election of Council Officers conducted by Faithful Navigator Gary Malia

Nominations:

Grand Knight	Jim Filbert	by acclamation
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Deputy Grand Knight	Alex Franz	by acclamation
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Chancellor	Anand Thakur	by acclamation
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Warden	Bob Plocinik	by acclamation
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Recorder	Pat Dwyer	by acclamation
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Advocate	George Curran	by acclamation
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Treasurer	Mark Rychlinski	by acclamation
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Trustee- 3 year	Dean Wojtowicz	by acclamation.
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Tom Rancour respectfully declined his nomination for the Trustee – 3 year position

Trustee – 2 year	Tom Rancour	by acclamation
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Guards (4)	Dave Trumpy	by acclamation
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Mike Kandah	by acclamation
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Pablo Martinez	by acclamation
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Randy D'Amore	by acclamation
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Building Corp. (2)	Joe Hejka PGK	by acclamation
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Joe Gromala	by acclamation.
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Tom Herrmann respectfully declined his nomination for a Building Corporation position. >

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR DEDICATION GENTLEMEN
MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT FILL AND GUIDE YOU WITH THE
KNOWLEDGE AND LEADERSHIP ENTRUSTED TO YOU BY
THE COUNCIL

BIRTHDAYS

DEWITT	MEADOWS	07-01
ROBERT	GOLDI	07-01
JIM	SAUCEDO	07-01
EDWARD	SMITH	07-03
BARTLOMIE	MACHNIK	07-03
ANDREW	WILKINS	07-04
JEREMY	CAMPBELL	07-06
DAVID	TRUMPY	07-08
ERNESTO	CARULLA	07-08
GREGORY	BENNETT	07-08
ROBERT	LYMAN	07-08
CHARLES	KIN	07-09
RICHARD	DAVID	07-09
PAUL	TOTH	07-09
JAMES	BUCKOWSKI	07-09
DAVID	PRANGER	07-11
MARK	ZIEGLER	07-12
DAVID	PEGG JR	07-12
JOSEPH	RUHLMAN	07-14
MICHAEL	MITCHELL	07-14
RANDAL	D AMORE	07-15
RON	STROPOLI	07-15
DANIEL	HAGEMANN	07-18
MICHAEL	MITHEN	07-20
KENNETH	CHIARA	07-22
ROBERT	SAYERS	07-25
THOMAS	KYLE	07-25
JOSEPH	POWER	07-27
BRIAN	PASEK	07-28
DANIEL	PROGAR	07-30

YEARS OF SERVICE

DANIEL	WOOD	71
JOHN	URIBE	43
RUSSELL	LOOMIS	40
DANIEL	BYWALEC	26
RINALDO	MAFFEZZOLI	6

St. Francis Council
Family of the Year 2019-2020

Paul Ligenza, wife Carol,
 children Jonathan and Amber

St. Francis Council
Knights of the Year 2019-2020

Paul Ferrini-St. Mary's confessional
 Tom Herrmann-Dignity of Life
 Bob Plocinik-Tootsie Roll Drive

JUNE 2020
Family of the Month

***The Szymkowski's
 Tom, Julia, Tyler &
 Courtney***

Knight of the Month
JUNE 2020

Anand Thakur

No 50/50 Drawing (maybe next time)



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The Knights
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#4401

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	Jim Filbert	248-877-4604
Deputy Grand Knight	SK Alex Franz	248-971-5893
Faithful Navigator	SK Bill McKeever PGK	313-330-5282
Building Corp. President	Tom Pegler	248-207-1225
Chancellor	Anand Thakur	248-943-2157
Warden	Bob Plocinik	734-812-2738
Recorder	Pat Dwyer	248-471-4088
Treasurer	Mark Rychlinski	248-302-8016
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	Mike Evangelista	248-912-8113
Trustee 2 year	Tom Rancour	248-346-4410
Trustee 3 Year/Newsletter Editor	SK Dean Wojtowicz	248-794-3582
Program Director	Henry Testa	248-770-7010
Guard/Building Corp Treas.	SK David Trumpy	248-477-5680
Guard	Randy D'Amore	248-943-1848
Guard	Mike Kandah	
Guard	Pablo Martinez	423-612-8287
Building Corp	Joe Hejka	248-789-2557
Building Corp	Joe Gromala	248-474-9775
Nursing Visitation	Bill Martz	248-442-9783
Lecturer	Tom Kyle	248-987-2223
Insurance Field Agent	SK Greg Bennett	248-884-4095

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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