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Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights – Vivat Jesus

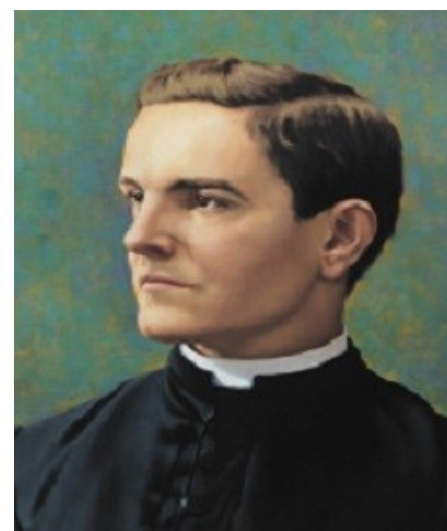
As Each of us remember Sept 11, 2001 and will never forget what our nation experienced when the terrorists attacked the Pentagon, the World Trade Center and almost the White House. Each of us, our children and some of our grandchildren will have experienced, how their Faith got them through the covid19 pandemic of 2020. I hope the experience have brought each of us closer in our relationship with God. We know firsthand, how special the celebration of the mass as a community is, as well as being able to witness first-hand the liturgy of the Eucharist and celebration of Holy Communion that means so much to each of us. As God led the Hebrews thru the desert, he is leading us through the end of this pandemic. Our faith has brought us this far, and now are able to get ready to return to Church with PPE and safe distancing standards.

This is my last month as your Grand Knight. The past 30 months have been a real pleasure for me to serve you, your families, and our church. Together, St. Francis Council has accomplished so many things. I feel the greatest gift we have, is each other. The friendships built within this group of men called Knights are forever lasting. Knowing what we can accomplish through works of charity as a team is incredible. I believe our greatest call as Knights of St. Francis Council is to help our Priests and Deacons by evangelizing in our homes, businesses, and communities about spreading the word of God. We are missionary disciples. Since Easter, we have witnessed daily, through the Acts of the Apostles how the disciples spread the news of Jesus after the resurrection.

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Founder
Rev. Father Michael McGivney (pictured above) Moves Closer to Saint-hood, go to mikofc.org for more...
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Grand Knight's Report (cont'd)

They were beaten, stoned, and crucified all because it was unpopular to challenge the world. What are we doing to challenge the world when we know something is wrong? Are we accepting certain situations because society tells us that we must accept everyone where they are at, regardless if they are living immorally or not?

The times call for men who put their faith in action. The times call for men who are proud of their heritage as Catholics, who see the value that their contributions have made in the history of their country and continue to make to their community today. The times call for men who are Knights! And so, we will strive as we always have, as leaders and patriots. We are men called to a mission, and we will take our brotherhood to new and unexpected places. Our mission is timeless. Our society needs more than ever, men of faith and fortitude – men willing to serve their families, community, church, and country.

The Knights of Columbus will continue to grow and impact as we continue to embrace our founding ideals in new and renewed ways. Our brotherhood will continue to flourish if we continue to embody the selflessness that defined our forefathers and still defines the best men of our day.

I want to congratulate our State Deputy William Chasse and State Membership Director Jim Kraus, on their accomplishment of Circle of Honor for the State of Michigan Knights of Columbus. Under Bill's leadership, the State of Michigan has seen an increase in membership. We see this at St Francis Council as under George Curran's direction, 46 men have joined our ranks since I have been the Grand Knight. What does this mean? Why is this important? It is important, because fathers, sons, brothers are wanting to get a better handle on their faith and get more involved with their churches. Its exciting to be a part of this group of men called St. Francis of Assisi Council. Our Most Worthy District Deputy, Sir Knight Don Garon, is (2) Knights away from having a Star District. Our Worthy Faithful Navigator Gary Mallia is to be congratulated, along with his team of Assembly officers for back to back Star Assembly honors. It means men want to get involved.

Our status for Star Council is we are (1) Knight short, not one short Knight, but (1) more Knight, and we will accomplish the Star Council, which was last accomplished by PGK Joe Hejka in 2015.

I want to also report that we submitted (2) service projects this year. The first project was the assignment from our friend and brother Knight Fr. Athanasius at St. Mary's of Detroit. Paul Ferrini and his father Mario took the time to convert a confessional that was used for storage to a functional state of the art confessional. Paul and his father spent over 150 hours on this project, and the confessional is now used for confidential repentance. Tom Rancour was involved with installing new ceiling fans in a structure that was rather challenging. We also did a lot of painting and other chores.

Our second service project has to do with the great work that our Dignity of Life Director Tom Herrmann has accomplished over the past 18 months. From the movie Unplanned, to the Baby Bottle Drives, to the support of 2 ultrasound machines, 2000 crosses, (3) Ban Late terms abortion petitions, Saturday morning Rosary at Northland planning as well as the support provided MAUBC, Another Way and Right to Life Michigan, this council has a Right to Life attitude that is second to none. Nice work Tom!

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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 find it hard to believe that this will be my last report to you as Faithful Navigator! It simply amazes me how quickly 2 years have gone by! I have always been proud to be a 4th degree member of the order, but I have been even more proud these last few years as Faithful Navigator!

Our Assembly has achieved a great things in the last 2 years including:

- Elevated 15 brothers in the 4th degree of the order!
- Revised our Assembly by-laws!
- Helped to raise the spirits of active military troops by sending supplies overseas!
- Helped 7 veteran families at Christmas by providing gifts for each family member!
- Honored the fallen through the laying of wreaths on their gravestones!
- Honored our flag by taking part in flag retirement ceremonies!
- Supported countless masses, parades and other event with our Honor Guard!
- Stood strong through the change of the traditional regalia, to our new uniform!
- Edified our Assembly through outstanding presentations during the Good of the Order!
- Brought joy to the lives of hundreds of mentally impaired adults at Christmas!
- For the 2nd year in a row, we have achieved our goals to earn the Star Assembly award!

None of this could have been achieved without an outstanding officer team! To all my fellow SK officers that served with me during the last 2 years, I thank you for your dedication to our order! Through our efforts, we have seen St Francis Assembly rise to become one of the best Assemblies within Michigan District 1!

As I prepare to step down, I am confident and excited about the new leadership coming in! I have been privileged to work with our Faithful Navigator elect while he served as Faithful Captain, when he was Grand Knight, and again while he was District Deputy! I have also served alongside our Faithful Captain elect for many years while he served as Grand Knight! Under their leadership, I am confident that the Assembly will grow stronger and reach additional heights!

In closing, if I could sum up into a few sentences what I had hoped and prayed to convey to all members while I have been Navigator, it would be this:

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Calendar of Events

St. Francis Council #4401

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)

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 p.m.
- 19 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	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	
	Annu Thakur	Jim Wingett	
	Larry Larabell	P. Kotz	
	Nina Mallia	Sue Gilleran	
	Rosalie Hebler	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	Paul Graney Sr.	First Responders
Betty Giglimso			
Lynn Galvin			
P McGamel			

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
Frank DiNardo		

Grand Knight Report (continued from page 2)

Our Council will also receive our 3rd Public Relations award for the great work that Joe Gromola does on the OLS bulletin and Dean Wojtowicz does with the monthly newsletter.

I am very excited about the future of St. Francis Council. Jim Fillbert, Alex Franz, and Anand Thakur will be the core of the leadership team. Their vision is to take this council to new levels. They will help us to continue our part to be Catholic and Proud while being the Best Version of Ourselves that we can be as Knights of Columbus.

Lord God, eternal shepherd, you so tend the vineyard you planted that now it extends its branches to the farthest coast. Look down on your Church and come to us. Help us remain in your Son as branches of the vine, that, planted firmly in your love, we may testify before the whole world to your great power working everywhere.

Yours in Christ, Henry G Testa, Grand Knight

Faithful Navigator Report (continued from page 3)

To be a Sir Knight of Columbus is an honor and a privilege for any Knight that is willing to take on this calling! Not all brother Knights have the desire to take their Knighthood to its fulfillment. But for those who dare to say to the world **“I am a proud son of the Catholic Church”, “I am a proud citizen of my Country”, I am a proud Sir Knight of Columbus”!** I believe that to those men, will come the fruits of the Holy Spirit, and the rewards given by our Lord for a life well spent in His service!

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Faithful Navigator of St. Francis of Assisi Assembly! I encourage all my brother Knights to live your Knighthood to its fulfillment!

Gary Mallia, Faithful Navigator

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, 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.



Into the Breach is a call to battle for Catholic men which urges them to embrace wholeheartedly masculine virtues in a world in crisis. Watch all episodes below and sign up to receive more like this.

Into the Breach Official Trailer:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>

Masculinity 11:13

Leadership 10:36

Fatherhood 10:52

Family 13:00

Life 12:10

Prayer 12:55

Suffering 12:22

Sacramental Life 12:04

Spiritual Warfare 11:51





**Nomination of Officers held on May
6th. The election of officers will
take place on June 3rd.**

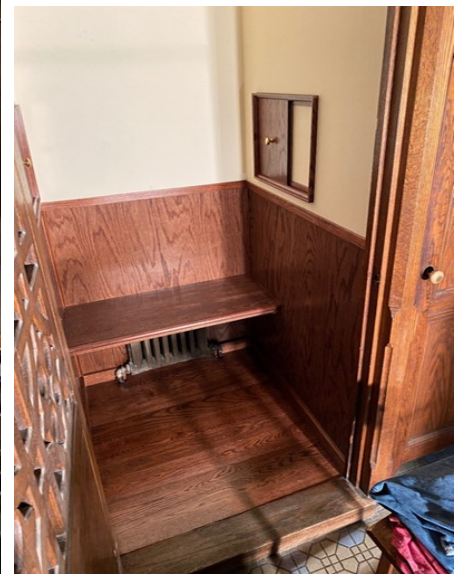
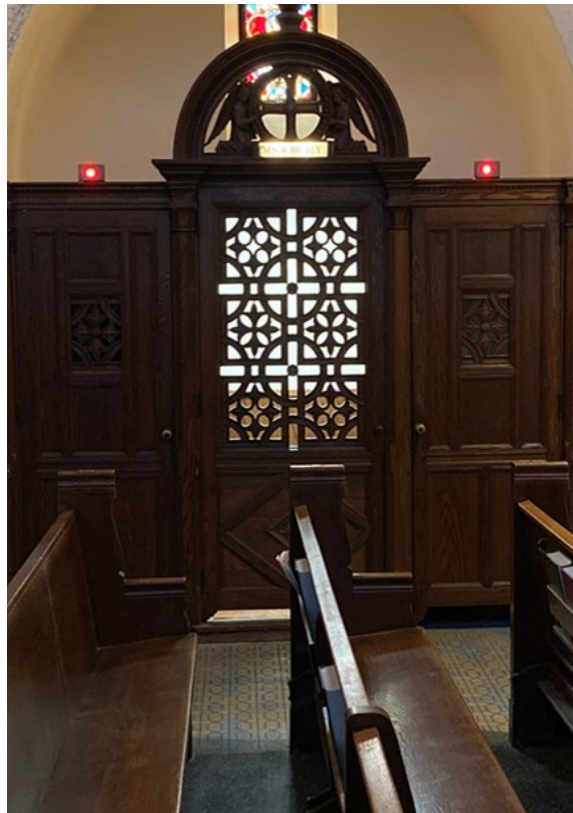
<u>Position</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Status</u>
Grand Knight	Jim Fillbert	accepted nomination
Deputy Grand Knight	Alexander Franz	accepted nomination
Chancellor	Anand Thakur	accepted nomination
Warden	Bob Policink	accepted nomination
Recorder	Pat Dwyer	accepted nomination (proxy)
Advocate	George Curran	accepted nomination
Treasurer	Mark Rychlinski	accepted nomination
Trustee 1	Mike Evangelista	accepted nomination
Trustee 2	Tom Rancour	accepted nomination
Trustee 3	Dean Wojtowicz	accepted nomination
Guard inside	Randy D'Amore	accepted nomination
Guard inside	Mike Kandah	accepted nomination
Guard Outside	David Trumpy	accepted nomination
Guard Outside	Pablo Martinez	accepted nomination
Building Corp	PGK Joe Hejka	accepted nomination
Building Corp	Tom Herrmann	accepted nomination
Building Corp	Joe Gromola	accepted nomination

St. Mary of Redford

Rebuild Confessional Project

Thanks, and appreciation to **Paul and Mario Ferrini**, (2) of our brother Knights that spent well over 100 hours providing much needed repairs to the main confessional at St. Mary's of Redford Church in Detroit. Rev. Athanasius reached out to the Knights to get help on a few projects and the most challenging project was converting a confessional that was used as a storage closet to a functional confessional. Paul and Mario took on the project and repaired the inside walls and rebuilt the confessional to its healing potential and forgiving capabilities. Paul enjoyed the quality time spent with his dad on the project. Fr. Athanasius was very pleased with the quality of the Italian craftsmanship. **Tom Rancour** was also very helpful on several other projects at St. Mary's. Thank you to all who participated.

KNIGHTS IN ACTION



BIRTHDAYS

LEON	NOEL	06-01
DAVE	OBLENDER	06-01
ROBERT	PLOCINIK	06-03
NORMAN	PETERS JR	06-04
MICHAEL	VON ENDE	06-06
TERRY	LOBSINGER	06-06
CHRISTOPHER	PARNIN	06-06
DONALD	ZALEK	06-07
JOSEPH	WING	06-07
CHRIS	MELDRUM	06-08
NORMAN	PRANGER	06-09
JAMES	GRESEHOVER	06-13
DOMINIC	NIETO	06-13
THOMAS	ROCKWELL	06-14
MARK	DUMONT	06-14
DONALD	SLUSSER	06-14-
ANTONIO	STEPHEN	06-16
JOHN	FLECK	06-17
JOHN	URIBE	06-17
MARC	WILKINS	06-18
TERRY	HIRSCH	06-19
SCOTT	TERZICH	06-22
JAMES	JEAN	06-22
PAUL	FERRINI	06-23
JOHN	GIROUX	06-26
MARK	BRAUER	06-28
DANIEL	DE RYCKERE	06-30

YEARS OF SERVICE

JOHN	FLECK	59
LAWRENCE	CURCIO	38
DAVID	ANDREE	35
BRUCE	SUPPELSA	30
EDWARD	WALDECKER	17
JOSEPH	WING	17
KEVIN	DE VORE	14
JOSEPH	RICCI	11
MICHAEL	KELLY	6
MICHAEL	JACK	6
REGINALD	KAKOS	5
ALEXANDER	TESTA	5
RYAN	BURKHARDT	4
ANGELO	DI PONIO	4
CHRISTOPHER	BATTERSBY	2
MICHAEL	KUSINA	2
PABLO	MARTINEZ	1
JOSEPH	REZAK	1
DENNIS	PHENEY	1

MAY 2020
Family of the Month

The Anand Thakur
Family

Knights of the Month
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Jim Filbert

No 50/50 Drawing



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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
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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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