



# The Counselor

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Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

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## **VIVAT JESUS BROTHERS! WELCOME BACK ALL**

⇒ **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7, 2020 7:30 PM**

⇒ **LOCATION: American Legion, Farmington, MI**

⇒ **THIS MEETING SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS BY BROTHER SPEAKERS:**

**Tom Rancour, Community Director orates "How Can Knights Serve the Church Through Community Service?"**

**Ray Maffezzoli, Guest Lecturer orates "Eucharistic Miracles"**

⇒ **LOOK FOR UPCOMING TOPICS AND EVENTS AS THEY OCCUR UPDATED AT OUR WEBSITE:**

***[WWW.KNIGHTS4401.ORG](http://WWW.KNIGHTS4401.ORG)***

⇒ **ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO THE BROADCAST LIST OF BROTHERS AND RECEIVE COUNCIL NEWS AS IT RECEIVED, SEND REQUESTS TO:**

***[gk4401@mikofc.org](mailto:gk4401@mikofc.org)***

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

08OCT-Another Way Pregnancy-virtual  
08NOV-Christmas Lights outside OLS  
campus meet at the garage 2:15PM

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## Grand Knight's Report

My Brother Knights - Vivat Jesus!



I began my address to the Council at our September meeting by saying that 2020 couldn't possibly get any more unpredictable and unconventional. I was wrong.

On September 18th, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg passed away at the age of 87 from a long battle with pancreatic cancer after spending 27 years on the Supreme Court. Our prayers are with the family and friends of Justice Ginsburg who mourn the passing of a member of our nation's highest court.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was the second female Supreme Court Justice in our nation's history and now we may soon see the confirmation of the fifth. On September 26th, the President formally nominated Judge Amy Coney Barrett to join the Supreme Court, his 3rd nomination during his first term. Judge Barrett, age 48, is a self-proclaimed devout Catholic and mother of 7. She has served on the US Circuit Court since 2017 and graduated *summa cum laude* from Notre Dame Law School before serving as a judicial law clerk for Justice Antonin Scalia.

In the days to follow our nation will be following the confirmation hearings of Judge Barrett in the US Senate. We will hear the Judge speak about a number of issues including her judicial philosophy and belief in originalism when interpreting the Constitution. We will also hear senators and commentators bring up Judge Barrett's personal views on landmark Supreme Court rulings, most notably *Roe vs Wade*.

Those who know me personally know that I'm always a bit of a pragmatist and pessimist. It comes natural in my line of work and I don't often like to get too excited about things until I know it's a sure thing. I don't think overturning Roe is a guaranteed sure thing with the addition of Justice Barrett....but we are certainly getting closer. In Judge Barrett's acceptance speech, she spoke mainly of her family and judicial career. She spent much of her time discussing her joys of motherhood and the personal happiness she shares with her husband in raising their large family. She spoke little on judicial philosophy but there was one quote in particular I'd like to share. *"[Justice Antonin Scalia's] judicial philosophy is mine too, a judge must apply the law as written. Judges are not policymakers and they must be resolute and setting aside any policy views they might hold. The President has asked me to become the ninth justice. And as it happens, I'm used to being in a group of nine, my family."*

I'm sure we will all be following closely the forthcoming confirmation of Judge Barrett and the impact her addition to the Supreme Court may have for decades to come.

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## 4th DEGREE NEWS

### St. Francis of Assisi Assembly #2136

[www.mikofc2136.org](http://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 ...Knights, wives & friends gather in August 2020 for the annual corn roast picnic held at the Rotary Park, Livonia, MI.



## **Calendar of Events**

### **St. Francis Council #4401**

#### **October 2020**

- 7 KofC Degree Assembly Business meeting –location tbd 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Another Way Pregnancy Center virtual event
- 14 KofC Business Meeting Fourth Degree 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall –North (tentative)
- 21 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall –North (tentative)

#### **November 2020**

- 4 KofC Degree Assembly Business meeting in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m. (tentative)
- 11 KofC Business Meeting Fourth Degree 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall –North (tentative)
- 19 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall –North (tentative)
- 26 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

#### **December 2020**

- 2 KofC Degree Assembly Business meeting in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m. (tentative)
- 9 KofC Business Meeting Fourth Degree 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall –North (tentative)
- 16 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall –North (tentative)
- 25 **NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST –CHRISTMAS**

**BROTHERS ALL,**  
AS AN ONGOING ISSUE OF CALENDAR EVENTS  
PLEASE NOTE CHANGES OCCURING DAILY  
**>>>>>>>CHECK OUT THE UPDATED WEBSITE!**  
**[knights4401.org](http://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](mailto:gk4401@mikofc.org)**  
**—THANKS—**

The Sick:

Chris Burkhardt	Joe & Geraldine Ricci	Tom Wilkins	Kathi Koehler
Fr. Frank Canfield	Amanda Cavanaugh	Ruth Corte	Gloria Rzucidlo
Mary Cunningham	Josephine Evangelista	Margaret Thompson	Mike McElmeel
Bill Dick	Nina Mallia	Kendra Smyth	Fr. Francisco Espino
Rick Rinke	Stanley Gromala	Patricia Bailif	Sue Larabell
Oliver Schmidt	Carolyn Oblender	Jim Wingett	Joseph Laura
Terry Vasher	Annu Thakur	P. Kotz	Frank DiNardo
	Rosalie Hebler	Sue Gilleran	Patricia Winkler
	Eric Rychlinski	Dave Stolz	Bob Frangelletti
	Chris Battersby	Karen Hejka	Ward Varns
		Frances Nablo	Kay Jaissle
		Johnna Weiss	Theresa Nagy
		Lady Ophelia Arganoza	Sally Jeffries

The Departed:

The Nablo Family	The Parnin Family	Small Business Owners, their employees & family
Dale Monette PGK	Joe Laura	Ed & Justine Good Wedding Anniversary 68 years (11SEP)
The Maffezzoli Family	Lynette Mitani	Dale Monette PGK
The Chiara Family		Tom Escott
The Waldecker Family		Mike Borsenik
The DiPonio Family	SK George Jagitsch	Salvatore Tiseo
The Powers Family	FDD PGK	
	PFN	

Special Intentions:

Joanne Napierkowski	Fr. Loren O'Dea	William Power Jr.	Suad Husanyu
SK Frank Ross	Dustin Testa	Ron Wojcik	Bill Boskey
Mary Ann Senko	Kris Elaine Folske	Peggy Rinckney	Lady, Kay Waldecker
Angela Tiseo	Ken Chiara	Don & Connie	Giuseppe DiPonio
Thomas Parnin	Al Kaline	McKeever	Patricia McElmeel
Judith Keating	Betty Gigliotti	Arthur Lambke	Larry Rathgeb
Tim McMaster	Maureen Frisbie	Catherine Boettcher	Fr. Francisco Espino
Betty Giglimso	Patricia Dick	SK Fred E. Powers	Carol Marenko
Lynn Galvin	Jose Martinez	Glenn Heisse	Ed Skop
P McGamel		Lindsey Kuhr	Glenn Gardner
Kathy Wildern			Joseph A Brauer
Frank Stulock			



## Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Christmas Lights 2020

Sunday November 8th 2:15PM (after the 1PM Mass)  
Near the parish garage

We'll have all the supplies ready – we just need you.

Bring the family and dress for the weather.

This is a good opportunity for school students seeking a volunteer opportunity.

Contact Aaron Dick with any questions - [aarond234@icloud.com](mailto:aarond234@icloud.com), (248) 470-4953.





Special online event for Knights and any men or boys in their family starting October 19 and ending on November 21, Feast of the Presentation of Our Lady.



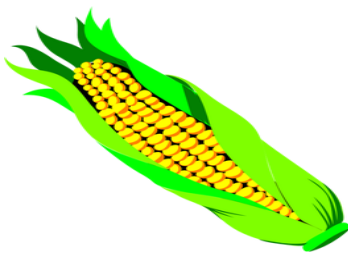
Have you been looking to get into spiritual shape? How does a Spiritual Boot Camp sound to you? Our Faith Director Max will be offering the famous de Montfort 33 day Consecration to Mary, with supplemental reading and recommended material from Father Michael Gaitley's "33 Days to Morning Glory," which requires some commitment.

The entire process takes a minimum of 30 minutes a day worth of prayer and reflection. You would meet nightly, if possible, with Max and the others going through the same 33 day boot camp, however, if you fall behind or can't make the assigned time, recorded material will be available to you.

Max has led numerous individuals through this consecration, which was given like a Boot Camp for men by Saint Maximilian Kolbe, which he used to form men into his famous Militia Immaculata. This consecration is endorsed by countless Popes. Permanent Indulgences and Apostolic Blessings are attached to this consecration. Saint John Paul the Great called his completion of this 33 day Consecration the happiest day of his life—not when he became priest, or Bishop, or even saw Poland liberated from Atheist Communism.

Have you been feeling spiritually adrift, suffering from lack of fire? Our Lady can help put the fire of faith back in you through this Total Consecration, which has changed countless lives. Do you have what it takes?

If you are interested, or have any questions, please email Brother Max at [max.maria@mi.rr.com](mailto:max.maria@mi.rr.com) or call and leave a message at 313-334-4887.



**A huge brother knight**  
**THANK YOU BOB & NANCY PLOCINIK**  
**Great job planning and producing the**  
**2020 annual corn roast picnic**



Pictured from top clockwise are Bob Plocinik, picnic chairman; family & friends; brother knight John Sule; more pictures on page 3.





## **Grand Knight Report (continued from page 2)**

At our monthly Council meetings we've been hearing from a rotating lineup of special presenters. At our October meeting we will be hearing two new special presentations. One will be from our Community Director, Tom Rancour, and the other from a special guest Lecturer. I am also opening the floor for any Brother Knight who may have a special topic or presentation they would like to share with our council. We are focused on the Faith & Action pillars of the Knights of Columbus (Faith, Family, Life, & Community) as well as scripture based sermons to help open the hearts of our Brother Knights to the teachings of Jesus. If you have a message that you would like to share please let me know.

By the time of this newsletter, our council will be wrapping up our efforts in this year's Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit those with intellectual disabilities. The dedication I've continued to see from our Brother Knights gives me much pride in our council. We have been well underway with our numerous Faith & Action activities and I would like to thank, as always, the commitment from Brother Knights who have helped contribute to our causes. We are changing many lives and are continuing to fulfill our mission of making a positive impact on the world around us. This year has been incredibly difficult for so many that now, more than ever, we are called upon. Please continue to stay involved with the miraculous good deeds of our Order and know that what may seem like a minor contribution of time from one individual can have a lasting impact on the lives of others.

I hope to see many of you soon and I invite all Brother Knights, especially those who may have drifted from involvement in the council, to join us on Wednesday, October 7th for our monthly council meeting.

God Bless & Vivat Jesus,

Jim

### **ETC...**

Soliciting for future publications...short features on a different Knight in our council, mixing biography and interview, exploring their faith as well as life outside the parish. The idea would be to help our members find out interesting facts and gain a greater appreciation for someone they sit next to at our monthly meetings...contact **Alex Franz, Deputy Grand Knight** at his email: **ajfranz11@gmail.com**

**BIRTHDAYS**

THOMAS	RANCOUR	10-01
MICHAEL	PHENEY	10-02
PERRY	HUELLMANTEL	10-04
KLINT	KESTO	10-04
ANDREW	MC KINNON	10-05
GEOFFREY	HOOL	10-07
ALEXANDER	FRANZ	10-07
FRANCIS	TEBBE	10-08
RAYMOND	PITERA	10-09
LEON	SERDYNski	10-10
DONALD	CHERIEZ	10-10
MICHAEL	FOLLBAUM	10-12
MICHAEL	KOPAY	10-12
MARK	YOUNGBLOOD	10-14
THOMAS	WILKINS	10-15
TIMOTHY	DORWEILER	10-16
JAVIER	HOYOS HUAMAN	10-16
LAWRENCE	SMENTOWSKI	10-17
GEORGE	JAGITSCH	10-20
LAWRENCE	LAETHEM	10-20
MIKE	KONKEL	10-22
MONISH	SHARMA	10-22
RUSSELL	LOOMIS	10-23
EDWARD	WALDECKER	JR 10-23
GERARD	HAYDEN	10-24
ALAN	REDMOND	10-26
DANA	WHINNERY	10-28

**YEARS OF SERVICE**

THOMAS	MC DONALD	61
WALTER	LEONARD	46
NORMAN	D ANGELO	45
DEWITT	MEADOWS	38
SHABAN	RIZA	28
RUSSELL	WALDECKER	24
MARIO	FERRINI	20
PATRICK	MC KEEVER	19
STEVEN	BAKER	18
MARK	BRAUER	18
JOHN	DILLON	11
JOHN	HOEFLEIN	11
MICHAEL	KOPAY	11
PAUL	GRANEY	8
BARTLOMIE	MACHNIK	6
RICHARD	MELDRUM	6
PAUL	TOTH	4
MICHAEL	VON ENDE	4
COLBY	MILLER	4
ROBERT	PLOCINIK	4
JOSEPH	GROSSI	4
JOHN	BESSEN	3
JAMES	FILBERT	3
PATRICK	FOLEY	3
MONISH	SHARMA	3
MICHAEL	WILLIAMS	3
JAMES	ACHO	1
JOHN	CUSCHIERI	1

**September 2020**  
**Family of the Month**

***The Steve English  
Family***

No 50/50 Drawing (maybe next time)

**Knight of the Month**  
**SEPTEMBER 2020**

**Max Esmay**



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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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