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**Charity, Unity
Fraternity,
Patriotism**

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

23815 Power Rd • Farmington • Michigan • 48336

VIVAT JESUS BROTHERS!

⇒ **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2020
7:30 PM**

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

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

**Tom Herrmann, Life Director orates “Current state of
the right to life in our country”**

Rev. Father Dave Tomaszewski, addresses the council

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

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

**NOV 08-Christmas Light Set-Up & Gathering OUTSIDE on the OLS campus,
meet at the garage 2:15PM with family & friends! See page 6.**

**NOV 27-Keep Christ in Christmas
banners, help on the OLS campus,
contact Anand Thakur, chair.**

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Grand Knight's Report

My Brother Knights - Vivat Jesus!



We are now just 2 months away from the end of the year and sometimes it feels like it can't come soon enough. As I write this newsletter, we are just a few days away from the national election. Regardless of the outcome, our country will be in a state of vulnerability and potential unrest. Already this year we've seen some of our neighbors engaged in civil turmoil and aggression toward one another. We must continue to do our part to pray for peace and a more united country as I fear things may continue to escalate. We as Catholics have a duty to our fellow countrymen to pray for their wellbeing and for the restoration of our country's sense of solidarity.

I hope many of you were as excited as I was about the recent addition of Amy Coney Barrett to the United States Supreme Court. Judge (now Justice) Barrett gave a remarkable defense of herself over the past few weeks during her confirmation hearings in the Senate. It was refreshing to see this confirming hearing remain relatively restrained compared to the previous hearings in 2018. As expected, there was much questioning toward Justice Barrett on the issue of Life and her stance on Roe v Wade. This should show you one important thing: the anti-life side is getting worried. As I said last month, it's still a long path forward but we are one step closer.

Our council is well into our Faith & Action plan for the year and I wanted to thank all those who have stepped up to the call of service. In October, our council delivered 48 new winter coats to needy students at Fischer Elementary School in Redford. We had the pleasure of hand delivering the coats to the school principal who was ecstatic and overly thankful for the donation. Making a real, concrete difference in the lives of those in need starts with you. Our council is helping to make that difference and it's all due to the activism and charity of our individual members. I salute and thank you for your continued involvement with our council and helping to collectively make that difference in our community.

As we continue to progress successfully with our Faith & Action plan, it will become a renewed focus to re-emphasize bringing more men into service in our council. Please continue to do what you can to meet new future Knights and show them the great benefits of membership in our council and the positive effects they can make in our church and on the world through Knighthood.

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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 & COUNCIL ...

Knights (l. to r. and masked) are Henry Testa, Mike Kandah & Tom Rancour along with Amy Davidson (3rd from left), Principal at Fisher Elementary South Redford School District display some of the “Coats for Kids” program provided by the St. Francis Council.

“Fisher Elementary was elated to accept delivery of the children’s coats from the Knights of Columbus”. We thank you again!”, Amy Davidson, Principal



Calendar of Events

St. Francis Council #4401

November 2020

- 4 KofC Degree Assembly Business meeting American Legion Farmington 730pm
- 8 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS OUTDOOR DISPLAY PREPERATION—gather at the OLS garage 2pm
- 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 DAY**
- 27 Keep Christ in Christmas banners go up on the OLS campus contact Anand Thakur

December 2020

- 2 KofC Degree Assembly Business meeting American Legion 730pm
- 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**

January 2021

- 1 **HAPPY NEW YEARS DAY**
- 6 KofC Degree Assembly Business meeting location TBD
- 13 KofC Business Meeting Fourth Degree 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall –North (tentative)
- 20 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:

Clifford Cox Johnna Weiss Karen Jewell Al Dompierre	Mike Torakis Andy Caruso Lady Ophelia Arganoza	Joe Mallia Patricia Bailit John Carnaghi Kendra Smyth	Theresa Nagy Mary Beth Wilkinson Donald Tyler L.J.
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The Departed:

Amanda Cavanaugh Joseph Brauer Ken Chiara Jose Martinez	Rex Miller Kay Waldecker Mrs.Delong	Charlie Haeger Patricia Dick
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Special Intentions:

Souls of the Faithful Departed & Families	Wyatt & Logan Bransford My daughter Aurora Boys without fathers James Plocinik	A fair and honest election Amy Barrett President Trump End of COVID19 A vaccine cure	Caleb Rychlinski
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Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Outside Christmas Lights Set-Up 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, (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 or call and leave a message at 313-334-4887.



A huge brother knight

THANK YOU AGAIN 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.

**CURTAIN
CALL, ENCORE,
ENCORE!!!**



Grand Knight Report (continued from page 2)

At our November meeting we will be hearing from two important presenters. The first will be from our council's Life Director, Tom Herrmann, who will speak to our Knights about the current state of the fight for Life in our country. I am looking forward to Tom's presentation and I encourage all of you fighting deeply for the cause of Life to join us.

I am also very excited and overjoyed to announce that our second presentation will be from Father Dave Tomaszynski of Our Lady of Sorrows. This will be the first time in the past few years that our council has been blessed with the presence of the pulpit at our council meeting. Please help me by attending if you're able and showing an overly welcoming sense of thanks for Father Dave. With any luck this could become a new regular addition to our council meetings.

With all of the abnormality and restrictions this year, I am deeply proud of our council and the zealous spirit of our members. If it's shown me anything it's that nothing can stop our mission led by God. Thank you for remaining involved with the continued self-sacrifice you make for those in need.

Fraternally,
Jim Filbert GK

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

DEAN	WOJTOWICZ	11-02
PATRICK	DWYER	11-03
PAUL	GRANEY	11-03
MICHAEL	KELLY	11-04
DALE	MONETTE	11-06
ALBERT	AGBAY	11-07
BENJAMIN	MC DERMOTT	11-08
EUGENE	LOOSER	11-09
MICHAEL	ORSINI	11-09
MIKE	MC KEEVER	11-10
EDWARD	GOOD	11-11
MICHAEL	HUZIAK	11-11
MICHAEL	HAUDAN	11-12
JON	JORDAN	11-14
ROBERT	DOBKOWSKI	11-21
HAXHI	RIZA	11-22
MICHAEL	BUDZISZ	III 11-25
KENT	MASON	11-27
VINCENT	SZCZEROWSKI	11-28
RICHARD	SHARPE	11-29
DONALD	BUDDE	11-30

YEARS OF SERVICE

UGO	ABATE	36
DANIEL	DE RYCKERE	35
MARK	ZIEGLER	30
JAMES	BUCKOWSKI	21
RALPH	KOCH	21
JAMES	JEAN	17
RAYMOND	PITERA	17
WILLIAM	MARTZ	14
MARIO	AMORE	12
MICHAEL	FOLLBAUM	11
TIMOTHY	DORWEILER	9
LAWRENCE	SMENTOWSKI	9
DEAN	WOJTOWICZ	9
ERNESTO	CARULLA	8
ROBERT	GOLDI	8
EUGENE	LOOSER	8
ARNEL	NABLO	8
CHRISTOPHER	PARNIN	8
THOMAS	ROCKWELL	8
MATT	SURELLA	8
THOMAS	WILKINS	8
TONY	DI PONIO	8
THOMAS	PEGLER	8
VINCENT	SZCZEROWSKI	5
JOHN	FITZSIMONS	4

OCTOBER 2020
Family of the Month

John Sule & Family

50/50 Drawing (information not available)

**Knight of the Month &
Special Dedication
OCTOBER 2020**

BOB PLOCINIK



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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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