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Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

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MERRY CHRISTMAS BROTHER KNIGHTS & FAMILIES !



DATES TO REMEMBER

**JAN 06 BUSINESS MEETING ON LINE
or CALL-IN**

730 PM

**JAN 13 4th Degree Business meeting
On line 7 pm**

JAN 20 Officer Meeting on line 730pm

(Sorry: No Epiphany Party Celebration scheduled)

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Brother Knights - Vivat Jesus!



Grand Knight Jim Filbert

As many of you know, a few weeks ago our council was saddened to learn of the passing of Sir Knight George Jagitsch who passed away at the age of 92. George was a Past Grand Knight of the council, Past District Deputy, Past State Council member, beloved Husband and Father, and friend to many of our Knights. Born in Yugoslavia and eventually coming to the United States, George was a service member in the US Military and many who knew him knew he was a very proud American. Those of us who may not have known George very well personally knew him well from our Council meetings for one particular thing that many of us always appreciated. George was always adamant about being the loudest person in the room to utter three simple words following our Pledge of Allegiance... "God Bless America" ... which I must believe George always looked very much forward to saying every month. In remembrance of George and for his blessing into life everlasting please continue to keep George and the Jagitsch family close in your prayers.

Every time we've met these past few months I've kept saying that this year couldn't get any worse in terms of national events. And each time I'm always wrong. According to national reporting, we are now seeing the Covid pandemic reach back into its peak while a potential vaccine has not yet been released to the public. Many states are now imposing new lockdown restrictions including limited travel during the holidays, and I know many of you were not able to enjoy the traditional Thanksgiving with all of your loved ones. We've seen tighter lockdowns here in Michigan and some say the worst may be yet to come. I know these are difficult times Brothers, and I know we all are trying to find a way to balance our health and the health of our family versus trying to live life normally. I'd like to ask all Brother Knights to be extra vigilant of something happening that is often difficult to talk about. In addition to watching out for people's physical health, we are beginning to see this new normal take an emotional toll on some of our vulnerable family members and friends. Depression, substance abuse, and domestic violence are starting to show its face more and more among those we love.

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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 Loving Memory of

Our Brother

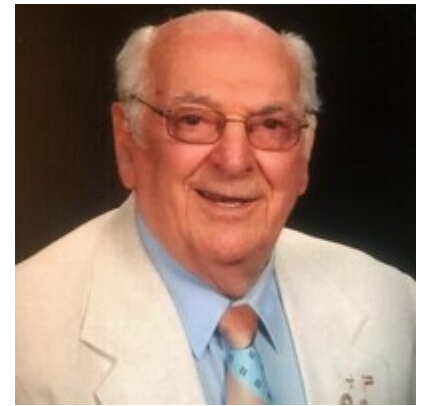
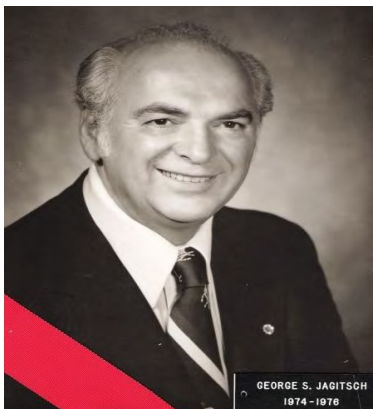
SIR KNIGHT

GEORGE S. JAGITSCH

PAST GRAND KNIGHT

October 20, 1928 - November 18, 2020

George, faithful father, grandfather, and **American patriot**, unexpectedly entered eternal life on Wednesday morning, November 18, 2020, in the Ascension Providence Hospital emergency room, Southfield. He was 92. George was born October 20, 1928, in Yugoslavia, to the



late Stefan and Helen (Terfaloga) Jagitsch. He married Anna J. (Sahl) on October 18, 1952, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Detroit. A veteran of the United States of America military, devote catholic gentleman, George was an active body at our St. Francis council and assembly, the International Order of Alhambra and a most vibrant disciple of Jesus Christ at the Church of the Transfiguration in Southfield. An honor, pleasure and privilege to meet the man or know him if you did. George embodied the four pillars of the Knights of Columbus. We salute you brother a job well done, always in our thoughts and prayers, a role model. In his lone, immortal words typically heard during a meeting after we recite our Pledge of Alliance to the flag...

"God Bless America", George Jagitsch.

"thank you George", the editor

Calendar of Events

St. Francis Council #4401

January 2021

- 1 **HAPPY NEW YEARS DAY**
- 6 KofC Degree Assembly Business meeting on line
- 13 KofC Business Meeting Fourth Degree 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall –on line
- 20 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall –on line

February 2021

- 3 KofC Degree Assembly Business meeting location TBD
- 10 KofC Business Meeting Fourth Degree 7:00 p.m. TBD
- 17 **ASH WEDNESDAY business meeting date to be determined**

March 2021

- 3 KofC Degree Assembly Business meeting location TBD
- 10 KofC Business Meeting Fourth Degree 7:00 p.m. TBD
- 17 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. TBD

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 Kelly Elliot Eva Lamonte	Mike Torakis Andy Caruso Lady Ophelia Arganoza Karen Khoury George Curran	Joe Mallia Patricia Bailit John Carnaghi Kendra Smyth Chris Battersby	Theresa Nagy Mary Beth Wilkinson Donald Tyler L.J. Joe Bruce
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The Departed:

Amanda Cavanaugh Joseph Brauer Ken Chiara Jose Martinez Chelsea Ross Christopher Marchant	Rex Miller Kay Waldecker Mrs. Delong George Hamson	Charlie Haeger Patricia Dick Patrick Freely Mark Dudek SK George S. Jagitsch PGK
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Special Intentions:

For my daughter, Aurora All souls in purgatory The Dudek Family The Jagitsch Family	Wyatt & Logan Bransford Boys without fathers James Plocinik	President Trump End of COVID19 A vaccine cure	Caleb Rychlinski
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Please do a favor to those who are important in your life by being cognizant to their emotional well-being. Take time to call a friend or family member you haven't heard from in awhile just to see how they're doing. I know it can be difficult sometimes to detect when something's not quite right, but sometimes just reaching out and sharing a heart-felt moment can make all the difference. Please continue to pray for an end to this pandemic, for those affected by it, and for our country to return to a sense of harmony and good feeling.

If you're one of those people who starts a countdown clock every December 26th to the next Christmas, you'll know that we are just a few weeks away. This is a good time to remind everyone of one of our order's most cherished initiatives this time of year.... which is "Keep Christ in Christmas". It's such a remarkable statement. Remarkable in the sense that it even needs to be said. Yes, it's always a positive thing to spread the light of Christ and the spirit of this most holy celebration with those around us. But it's also a reminder. A reminder that there are those who are afraid of our message of Christ and peace. Those who would not like to see people living a Christ-filled and religiously centered life. It is a reminder that religious liberty, every day, is constantly assaulted and in need of protectors. As some of you may have heard, last month the United States Supreme Court ruled 5 to 4 in the case of the Roman Catholic Dioceses of Brooklyn vs Governor of New York Andrew Cuomo, to effectively stop the state from setting capacity limits at houses of worship. In his opinion, Justice Neil Gorsuch wrote, "even if the constitution has taken a holiday during this pandemic, it cannot become a sabbatical. Who knew public health would so perfectly align with secular convenience?" While this does not immediately lift capacity limits nationwide it does potentially pave the way for that eventual ruling. While we always want to be cautious with this pandemic and not encourage those who are vulnerable to put themselves at risk, it is once again good to see that religious liberty is still taken seriously among those at the highest level... and that should give us hope and a reassurance that our fight for Christ here on earth as his Knights is always worth fighting.

As we reach the halfway point of this fraternal year we are making excellent progress on our Faith & Action plan. I wanted to personally thank all involved in making this a possibility and a shining beacon of pride for our council. Thank you to Henry Testa, Anand Thakur, and Mike Evangelista for their recent help in putting up the Keep Christ in Christmas banners.

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We also wanted to thank our Brother Knight Aaron Dick for leading the efforts behind the Christmas lights and a big shout out to all those involved. I'm also pleased to announce that Joe Gromala will be leading our committee this year for our annual council scholarship for the upcoming academic year. In addition, our Community Director Tom Rancour has taken the initiative to lead our Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for 8th graders at OLS. The essay contest asks students to write in response to the following prompt:

How has trusting in God during a difficult time helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it? Consider especially those times when it was a challenge to understand why something was happening. Consider also sharing any lessons about faith and hope you or someone you know may have learned from this experience.

Thank you Tom for spearheading this excellent project for Catholic youth. And thank you all, as I know I often say, for everyone's continued involvement in our cause and for their spirit of self-sacrifice and volunteerism for those who can benefit from our mission.

Going into 2021, we will be placing a renewed focus on membership recruitment into our council. I know it's been difficult to meet and connect with prospective members this year. I'd like everyone to take some time and think about why Catholic men should join the Knights. What is the benefit of Knighthood? What kind of man would make a strong Brother Knight? And how can we connect with prospective new Knights given the pandemic? Early in 2021 we will be hearing from our Membership Director George Curran during one of our council meetings who will lead us in a discussion on recruitment and I look forward to having a great second half of our fraternal year.

I hope you each had a pleasant Thanksgiving and I'd like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Vivat Jesus!

YEARS OF SERVICE

DECEMBER

LAWRENCE	LAETHEM	50
GARY	BERLIN	30
GEORGE	KENDALL	30
JOHN	KRUSE	17
PATRICK	DWYER	14
GARY	MALLIA	13
RANDAL	D AMORE	13
JOSEPH	GROMALA	13
PAUL	BEDARD	12
JOSEPH	LESNEK	12
ROBERT	SAYERS	10
JOSEPH	SMITH	10
DAVID	DEREYNA	7
STEVEN	MURPHY	6
ANDREW	WILKINS	6
NATHAN	MC NULTY	5
CHRISTOPHER	O DONNELL	5
BRIAN	PASEK	5
ALAN	REDMOND	5
ANTONIO	STEPHEN	5
THEODORE	DEVINE	2
DOMINIC	NIETO	2
MARK	RYCHLINSKI	2



Veteran Wreath Laying Project
 DECEMBER 2020
 KNIGHTS IN ACTION
 Pictured from left to right, Color
 Corp member, Faithful Navigator Bill
 McKeever, Deputy Grand Knight
 Alex Franz and Program Director
 Henry Testa

YEARS OF SERVICE JANUARY

ANTHONY	BOLACH	57
JAMES	MC LAUGH- LIN	45
MICHAEL	HUZIAK	44
CHARLES	KIN	44
FRANCIS	TEBBE	43
FRANCIS	KENNEDY	38
DAVID	PEGG	17
RANDY	MAGEE	14
TOMASZ	BOLEY	13
MICHAEL	KRAMP	13
KENT	MASON	13
THOMAS	RANCOUR	13
JOSEPH	HEJKA	13
ROBERT	DOBKOWSKI	12
DANIEL	HAGEMANN	12
KEVIN	HAMMER	12
GEOFF	DOWNER	7
THOMAS	KYLE	2
MICHAEL	PHENEY	2

KNIGHTS IN ACTION (again)
Aaron Dick, outside OLS church Christmas
lighting coordinator standing far right with oth-
er Knights and parishioners
NOV2020



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**

December Birthdays

RICHARD	WALKER	12-01
BRUCE	SUPPELSA	12-04
RICHARD	MELDRUM	12-04
STEVEN	BAKER	12-04
MICHAEL	WILLIAMS	12-07
DONALD	RUSAS	12-08
WILLIAM	KOSS	12-10
WILLIAM	SWORDS	12-17
THOMAS	HERRMANN	12-18
RONALD	ACHO	12-18
JOHN	TOMEI	12-18
MARIO	FERRINI	12-23
TOMASZ	BOLEY	12-23
WILLIAM	MC KEEVER	12-24
CHRISTOPHER	CULLEN	12-26
MICHAEL	KENNEY	12-27
W	SCHMID	12-28

January Birthdays

ANTHONY	BOLACH	01-02
ANDREW	CARUSO	01-02
JOSEPH	GROSSI	01-02
THOMAS	SZYMKOWSKI	01-02
PAUL	JOHNSON JR	01-04
ROBERT	COLLINS	01-08
SCOTT	TEFFT JR	01-08
JOHN	BESSEN	01-08
WILLIAM	MOYLAN	01-10
NATHAN	MC NULTY	01-14
UGO	ABATE	01-15
EDWARD	WALDECKER JR	01-18
SHABAN	RIZA	01-18
GARY	MALLIA	01-21
WILLIAM	HANNEY	01-23
GEORGE	KENDALL	01-24
JOSEPH	LA VERDI	01-25
MICHAEL	MC ILRATH	01-26
GEORGE	CURRAN III	01-27
NICK	MERUCCI	01-30

NOVEMBER 2020
Family of the Month
The KANDAH's

Knight of the Month
NOVEMBER 2020
TOM RANCOUR

50/50 Drawing (information not available)



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FY 2020 Council Officers & Directors & Building Corp.

Chaplain	SK Rev. Mark Brauer	248-474-5720
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Faithful Navigator	SK Bill McKeever PGK	313-330-5282
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Chancellor/Family Director	Anand Thakur	248-943-2157
Warden	SK Bob Plocinik	734-812-2738
Recorder	Pat Dwyer	248-471-4088
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Trustee 3 Year/Newsletter Editor	SK Dean Wojtowicz	248-794-3582
Program Director	SK Henry Testa	248-770-7010
Life Director	SK Tom Herrmann	
Faith Director	Max Esmay	
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	SK Joe Hejka	248-789-2557
Building Corp	SK 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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