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BROTHER KNIGHTS & OUR FAMILY!

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



**Next Business Meeting April 7th
At the American Legion, Farmington, MI
more to read on the inside...**

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Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights - Vivat Jesus!



Grand & Sir Knight Jim Filbert

I wish you all blessings during this season of Lent. Consider this verse that I'm sure many of you know too well: "knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, I thirst." Following, there was a jar of unclean sour wine which they soaked in a sponge and put it to his mouth. He drank saying, "it is finished."

Still today Jesus continues to cry out "I thirst." But for what? He thirsts for you and for all. Some believe that only those who are angelic can come to Jesus and satisfy his thirst. That Jesus is only satisfied of his thirst when we are free of sin. But this is false. Jesus suffered on the cross so that we could come to him as broken men and women. We come to the suffering Lord full of sin and despair. We are not fresh wine, we are the sour wine. But when we are courageous enough to go to Jesus as we are, his thirst is quenched.

Remember these words from our Saint Mother Teresa: *"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor -- He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."*

Brother Knights, we as Catholics are called not just to love our Lord but more importantly to allow him to love us no matter how sour we may be due to sin. This Lent I encourage all to think how we as a council can follow the example of Jesus. Not just showing that we love others, whether they be Our Family, friends, fellow parishioners, priests, or the unborn... but how we can open our arms and hearts to those in need who might be a little more on the sour side. I wish you all a Lent filled with the love and blessings of our Lord and a most holy and courageous fight forward as a Knight of Columbus.

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4th DEGREE NEWS

St. Francis of Assisi Assembly #2136

www.mikofc2136.org

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Faithful Navigator: William McKeever, PGK

CURRENT ASSEMBLY ACTION IS COLLECTING DRY GOOD, PERSONAL HYGIENE, ETC., ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR VETERAN RECEIPIENTS

PLEASE CONTACT

THE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR FOR MORE INFORMATION AND A LIST OF SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR OUR VETERANS FOR DAILY USE, THANK YOU!

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Pictured below, masked from left to right and distributing lunch, are Brother Sir Knights Gary Mallia & Henry Testa.

Recipients of the pizza salad, wings and cannoli are four current seminarians.

THANKS AGAIN EVERYONE

February 2021



Calendar of Events

St. Francis Council #4401

March 2021

- 3 KofC Degree Assembly Business meeting location TBD
- 6 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 10 KofC Business Meeting Fourth Degree 7:00 p.m. American Legion
- 13 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 17 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. TBD St. Patrick's Day
- 20 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 27 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic

April 2021

- 4 EASTER SUNDAY The Resurrection of the Lord
- 7 KofC Degree Assembly Business meeting location TBD
- 10 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 14 KofC Business Meeting Fourth Degree 7:00 p.m. American Legion
- 17 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 21 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. TBD
- 23 Retreat Weekend St Paul of the Cross , Detroit, 23-25APR
- 24 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic

May 2021

- 1 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 5 KofC Degree Assembly Business meeting location TBD
- 8 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 12 KofC Business Meeting Fourth Degree 7:00 p.m. American Legion
- 15 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 19 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. TBD
- 22 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 29 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 31 Memorial Day Parade—Farmington MI (meet to march Grand River & Mooney, 9 am)

JUNE 2021

- 2 KofC Degree Assembly Business meeting location TBD
- 5 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 9 KofC Business Meeting Fourth Degree 7:00 p.m. American Legion
- 12 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 14 FLAG DAY—American Legion flag retirement ceremony 6pm

The Sick:

Clifford Cox Johnna Weiss Thomas Weiss Karen Jewell Al Dompierre Kelly Elliot Eva Lamonte Josef & Kathy Dukaric Herman Wang	Mike Torakis Andy Caruso Lady Ophelia Arganoza Karen Khoury Donna Lance SK Joe Gromala Martha Burkmeyer Shannon, battling cancer Anuth Thakur	Joe Mallia Patricia Bailit John Carnaghi Kendra Smyth Chris Battersby Kathy Haywood Martha Burkmyre	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 Emiliano Arreola Norman D'Angelo	Rex Miller Kay Waldecker Mrs. Delong George Hamson David, Michelle & Dawson Compo Rosalia Loomis Del Scodellaro	Charlie Haeger Patricia Dick Patrick Freely Bill Dick, my good friend & fellow usher, forever in my heart, soul and mind SK George S. Jagitsch PGK Paul Krutch Wesley Wojtowicz
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Special Intentions:

For my daughter, Aurora All souls in purgatory The Dudek Family The Jagitsch Family Eva DeLotto RCIA candidates Those struggling to surrender to God's will Tom Wilkins	Wyatt & Logan Bransford Boys without fathers James Plocinik Ed & Justine Good James LeLond	President Trump End of COVID19 Students and teachers at Sacred Heart The Jobless Warriors praying to end abortion	Caleb Rychlinski Small Businesses in need The Holy Spirit descend upon Joe Biden & Nany Pelosi
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I'm sure many of you have seen the news by now that after 20 years Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has retired from his role and we now celebrate the tenure of our 14th Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly who took office on March 1st. I'd like to take a moment to share the following statement from our now Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson: *"The Knights of Columbus board has elected an extraordinarily well-qualified new Supreme Knight in Patrick Kelly. Patrick has dedicated his life in service to the Church, his country, and the Knights of Columbus. He has served as Deputy Supreme Knight for four years and is a well-rounded public servant with diplomatic and military experience. He is ideally suited to carry on the work of the Knights of Columbus as we enter a new era, faithful to our principles of charity, unity and fraternity, and in close collaboration with the Holy See and the bishops throughout the world. As Deputy Supreme Knight, Patrick has played a leading role in several major initiatives, including our international religious freedom efforts, our pro-life Ultrasound Initiative, and our new public initiation ceremony. He also served as Executive Director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, leading its transformation through the creation of its worship spaces and world-class exhibit on the life of St. John Paul II. Most recently, Patrick led the Knights' grassroots response to the COVID-19 pandemic titled "Leave No Neighbor Behind." Through this initiative, brother Knights around the world are serving those isolated and alone in quarantine, supporting food banks and blood centers in need of vital supplies, and providing other essential services. Patrick has the experience and strong faith necessary to lead the Knights into the future."*

I look forward to Supreme Knight Kelly's future at the helm of our order and I encourage all of you to visit kofc.org where you can watch his address to our members.

Thank you to those who were able to join us during our council meeting on March 3rd to make it such a momentous occasion for our Knights. We had a very strong turnout and were blessed with the moving words of Michael Kenny, a Brother Knight of our council and a warrior on the front lines of the pro-life movement. Michael's dedication proves to be a guiding light for us all and I was happy to see his presentation so well received by our council.

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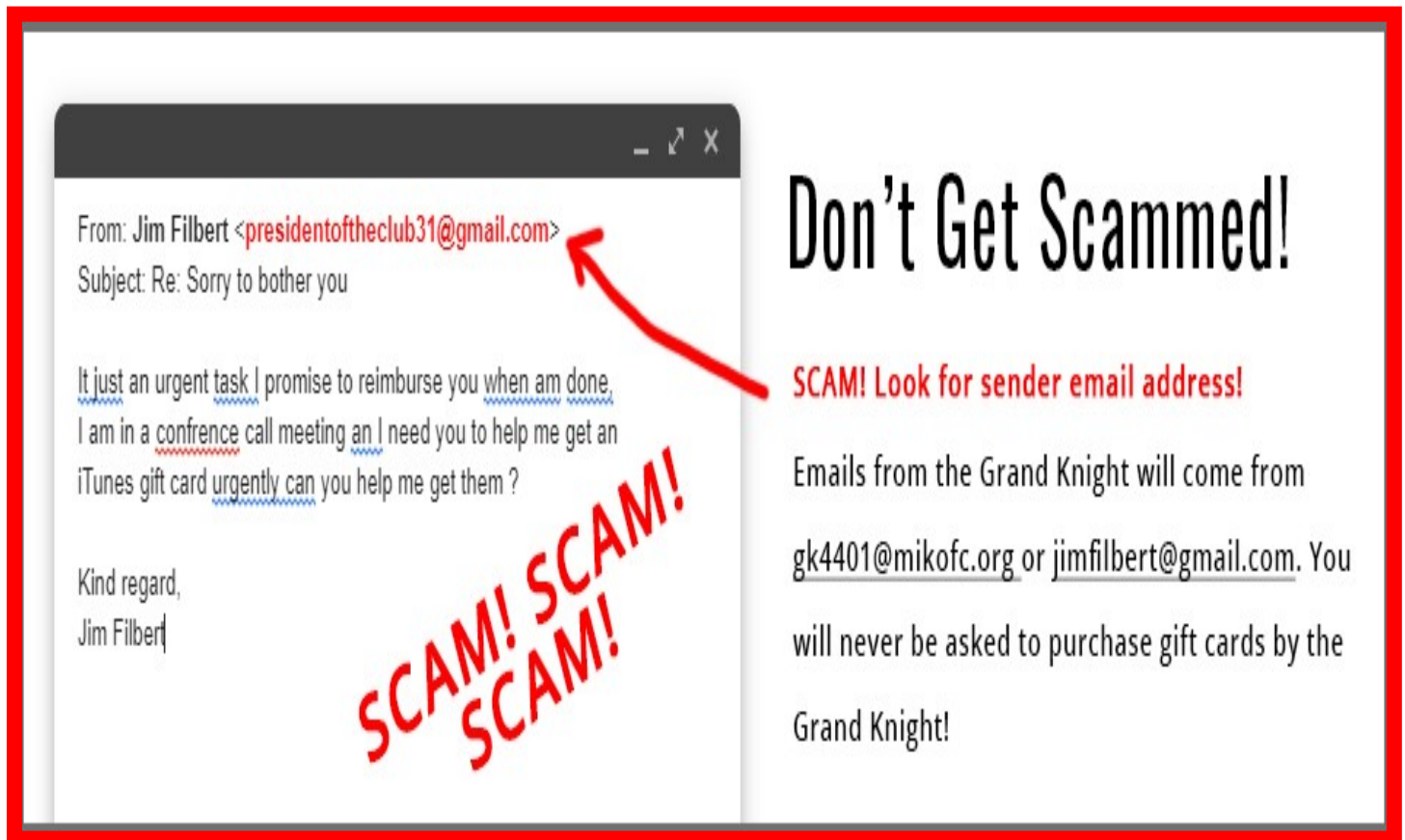
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I'm also pleased to announce that our first monthly charity drive was an overwhelming success! Our Brothers were able to donate 317 pairs of new socks for the Matchan Nutrition Center. Special congratulations to Alex Franz and George Curran for donating the most with 48 pairs each. I'm hoping that our future charity drives are just as successful. Please take a moment to read more about next month's drive further in the newsletter.

Thank you all again for your commitment to our council and for your work in aiding us to be successful in our various council programs. I am wishing the best for you and your families and I'm praying for a speedy end to the virus and the lockdowns so that we can get fully back to our Fight for Christ.

Vivat Jesus!

*****SCAM ALERT!*****



The graphic features a red border enclosing a white background. On the left, there is a screenshot of an email interface. The email header shows 'From: Jim Filbert <presidentoftheclub31@gmail.com>' and 'Subject: Re: Sorry to bother you'. The body of the email contains several lines of text with blue wavy underlines, indicating suspicious links: 'It just an urgent task I promise to reimburse you when am done.', 'I am in a confrence call meeting an I need you to help me get an', and 'iTunes gift card urgently can you help me get them?'. The email ends with 'Kind regard,' and 'Jim Filbert'. A large, bold, red diagonal stamp across the bottom of the email screenshot reads 'SCAM! SCAM! SCAM!'. A red arrow points from the 'presidentoftheclub31@gmail.com' email address to the right. To the right of the email screenshot, the text 'Don't Get Scammed!' is written in a large, bold, black font. Below this, in a smaller red font, it says 'SCAM! Look for sender email address!'. Further down, in a black font, it states: 'Emails from the Grand Knight will come from gk4401@mikofc.org or jimfilbert@gmail.com. You will never be asked to purchase gift cards by the Grand Knight!'.

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Supplies for New Babies

Charities of the Month:

Mother and Unborn Baby Care (MAUBC) and Another Way Pregnancy Center

During March, we want to help the two mother and baby care centers in our area. Both MAUBC and Another Way Pregnancy Center serve mothers and children in need and are strong Pro-Life agencies.

What is Needed:

MAUBC has a need for Pamper diapers, size 1. Examples and where to buy:

pampers size 1 diapers - Walmart.com \$11.94 for 32 count (other counts available)

Amazon.com: Diapers Newborn/Size 1 (8-14 lb), 32 Count - Pampers Pure Protection Disposable Baby Diapers, Hypoallergenic and Unscented Protection, Jumbo Pack (Packaging May Vary): Health & Personal Care \$9.99 for 32 count (other counts available)

Another Way Pregnancy Center has identified two items: baby bottles and books for babies up to 1 year old. Examples and where to buy:

Bulk Sesame Street Sesame Beginnings Plastic Baby Bottles, 5 oz. | Dollar Tree \$1 each (in store), \$12 per case (on line)

Bulk Nursery Rhyme Board Books for Kids, 6x6 in. | Dollar Tree \$1 each (in store), \$24 per case (on line)

Bright Baby Touch and Feel: Bright Baby Touch & Feel Baby Animals (Board book) - Walmart.com - Walmart.com \$3.50

Collection Date:

We will collect all items at the April 7th Meeting. If you cannot make the meeting, please drop off your donation ahead of time with **Tom Rancour (248) 346-4410** or **Henry Testa (248) 770-7010**. If you prefer to make a financial donation, you can send a check to Tony DiPonio (Calhoun & DiPonio PLC, 29828 Telegraph Rd, Southfield, MI, 48034-1338, please note "supplies for new babies" on the memo line of your check).

Blue Moon with Bob Collins

By Alex Franz

“Good humored,” “very religious,” “led by example;” those are the characteristics Bob Collins remembers most in his father. To anyone who knows our brother Knight, they are also good ways to describe Bob. A few weeks after celebrating his 90th birthday, Mr. Collins sat down for an interview to share his story with our fellow Knights. He also taught me how to mix a new drink.

Bob was born on January 8th, 1931 in Buffalo, New York. His grandfather built a community outside the city on the shores of Lake Erie, and he was blessed with a happy childhood that was spared from much of the Great Depression. His father was an electrician, working for the signal service of the local police force. Bob’s father made Catholicism a cornerstone of his children’s upbringing and set Bob on a path for a lifetime of service to others.

In the 1950’s, Bob graduated from Canisius College in Buffalo with a degree in history, and then was drafted into the U.S. Army. He served for two years in Europe as a division map distributor, supporting maneuvers across the continent in the early days of the cold war. Bob remembers one intelligence report above all others: “They warned us about the strength of German beer, and they were right.”

In 1960, Bob and his wife Elizabeth moved to Detroit for a sales job with the National Gypsum Company. He would make West Bloomfield his home for 55 years, alongside a career that made him Vice President of Business Development and Marketing for Contract Interiors, an office furniture company. More than the competition, Bob really enjoyed the friendships he made throughout his career, and still gets together with his former coworkers (as quarantine allows).

The work that Bob is most proud of, aside from being a husband, father of six, grandfather of 22, and great-grandfather of 13, is his service to the pro-life movement. To Bob, they are in fact closely related: “Elizabeth was the real sparkplug on right to life,” becoming an early leader in Michigan and earning recognition from Phyllis Schlafly. Bob became the executive director of Mother and Unborn Baby Care (MAUBC), and cofounded Defenders of the Unborn, for which he raised \$20,000. “When you think of all the people in my family now, if I had never been born, none of them would have, either. That’s a huge difference, from just one life.”

It was through his fundraising work that Bob met Don McKeever of the St. Francis council, and Bob was soon initiated as a third degree Knight of Columbus. Bob has served our council as pro-life director, membership director, chancellor, and deputy grand knight. He loves volunteering for our council’s service projects, and believes that action keeps the council healthy: “It’s good to have men involved in the council to keep their interest.” Putting his faith into action, Bob has led weekly prayers outside of abortion clinics for 30 years. He proudly wears his crucifix necklace – a gift from a Chaldean subdeacon – over his shirt every day. “We need to show support for the Church and remind ourselves to be good Christians.”

As a young nonagenarian (someone between the ages of 90 and 99), Bob’s life has crossed paths with many moments and figures from history. He can recall the day in early December, 1941, watching his father listen to radio reports of the attack on Pearl Harbor, and remembers going with his grandfather to see FDR drive by in the presidential motorcade. During his time in Europe, Bob visited the Vatican and saw Pope Pius XII at St. Peter’s Basilica. Back home, he attended speeches by John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson, and through his pro-life work met Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, and George W. Bush.

For the last five years, Bob has lived in Farmington Hills. His home is adorned with family photos (a lot of family photos), pictures from his trips to Ireland, and a bookcase filled with works on history, a passion he has kept since college. That love of history also informs his faith: “I’m fascinated by all of the foreshadowing of Jesus in the Old Testament. And when Jesus made Peter the rock, that carries forward to today.” Atop the bookcase is a Viking helmet, which he received from some friends after his 23 and Me results showed some surprising Scandinavian blood in his ancestry. Bob remains predominantly and proudly Irish.

After talking with Bob for a couple hours, and sharing a couple bottles of Blue Moon, it is easy to forget he’s 90. While the last year has made social connections harder for all of us to maintain, Bob stays in touch with his family and friends, and enjoys the service he can provide to Our Lady of Sorrows and the St. Francis Council. “An awful lot of life is attitude.” That’s when Bob taught me how to make his favorite cocktail, a SoCo Manhattan. The recipe is two parts Southern Comfort, one part vermouth, a couple maraschino cherries, and a splash of cherry juice. Mix one up, and make a toast to our brother Knight and friend, Bob Collins.

{ENCORE FROM LAST MONTH DUE TO POPULAR SENTIMENT, REQUESTS & BECAUSE BOB IS JUST A GREAT GUY!}

MARCH Birthdays

JOSEPH	GROMALA		03-03-
JOHN	HOPKINS	JR	03-03-
EMIL	BENOIT		03-05-
DANIEL	LEMAY		03-06-
ROBERT	SWINGER		03-09-
MEL	GRIESHABER		03-10-
JEFFREY	BARRON		03-10-
MICHAEL	EVANGELISTA		03-12-
REGINALD	KAKOS		03-12-
PATRICK	BRENNAN		03-13-
MICHAEL	KUSINA		03-13-
CHRISTOPHER	STEVENS		03-14-
PABLO	MARTINEZ		03-15-
PAUL	LIGENZA		03-16-
JOSEPH	SMITH		03-19-
KEVIN	HAMMER		03-19-
JOSEPH	RICCI		03-21-
MICHAEL	KANDAH		03-23-
JAMES	MC LAUGHLIN		03-25-
CARL	CADIEUX		03-25-
PAUL	BEDARD		03-31-
ARTURO	KLISOWSKI		03-31-

April Birthdays

NORMAN	GOERS		04-01-
BOB	LAFONTAINE		04-01-
JEFFERSON	ISAACKS		04-01-
VICTOR	FERRINI		04-02-
ANTONINO	ABATE		04-04-
JAMES	FILBERT		04-05-
THOMAS	MC DONALD		04-06-
JOHN	FITZSIMONS		04-07-
ALEXANDER	TESTA		04-09-
MARIO	AMORE		04-10-
ANGELO	DI PONIO		04-11-
JOSEPH	HEJKA		04-12-
MICHAEL	LOGAN		04-13-
MARK	RESCONICH		04-17-
DAVID	DEHN	JR	04-19-
JOSEPH	PLAWECKI		04-20-
TOMS	MATHEW		04-22-
MICHAEL	JACK		04-24-
DENNIS	PHENEY		04-25-
BEN	SPISAK		04-26-
GEOFF	DOWNER		04-28-
MICHAEL	GARRY		04-29-
BRUCE	LILLEY		04-29-

Family of the Month of February 2021
The Ligenza's
Paul, Carole, Jonathan & Amber

Knight of the Month
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Gary Mallia



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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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