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**Charity, Unity
Fraternity,
Patriotism**

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

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BROTHERS ALL, MUST HEAR
Tim Gelletly & Pablo Martinez
(both recent Knights of the Month)
Topics of discussion TBD at the next
KNIGHTS MEETING NOVEMBER 3RD
REMEMBER ALL VETERANS DAY
TRIBUTE TO: SIR KNIGHT & FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR
& PAST GRAND KNIGHT
BILL MCKEEVER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 07 NOV Outdoor OLS Christmas Lights
Memorial Mass Sacred Heart**
- 10 NOV Fourth Degree Meeting**
- 11 NOV Veterans Day**
- 25 NOV HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY**
- 26 NOV Keep Christ in Christmas
Banners OLS campus**



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Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights - Vivat Jesus!



Grand & Sir Knight Jim Filbert

I think we can officially declare that summer is gone as we now enter the month of October. If you were at our council meeting 6 months ago in April you'll remember that I had made a big deal about being halfway to October at the time. The highly recognized Respect Life Month by the Catholic Church.

This past year we've seen some monumental gains in the fight for life. Some setbacks, some disappointments, but a number of triumphs. I know sometimes it's often difficult to tell whether your side is winning or not on issues like this. You can look at polling data or landmark legislation and you'll often see mixed results and not be quite too sure which way the wind is blowing.

We often hear from people we know - many of them on the side of life - that, "I'm just one person.... what difference can just one person really make?"

I wanted to share with you again a short story that I read for the council at our October meeting two years ago when our Grand Knight Henry Testa asked me to run my first meeting as Deputy Grand Knight. Read closely and take in this powerful message, it's one of my all time favorites.

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2021 Tootsie Roll Drive Exemplification Award

For his continued dedication, his support of our Fraternal mission, and his devotedness to neighbors in need, the council bestows on **Bob Plocinik** a special Council Award of Dedication for his outstanding service in raising \$1,747 during this year's Tootsie Roll Drive. Thank you, Bob, for being an inspiration to Knights of Columbus Brothers everywhere and for your continued self-sacrifice for those in need.



4th DEGREE NEWS

St. Francis of Assisi Assembly #2136

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Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

IN EVERLASTING MEMORY

SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM DONALD MCKEEVER

December 24, 1968-September 06, 2021



Faithful Navigator, Past Grand Knight, District Deputy

Bill was born Christmas Eve, 1968, to the late Donald and Bernadette "Connie" (Conroy) McKeever. He was a 1987 Farmington High School graduate and went on to serve his country in the US Army from September 8, 1987, to September 7, 1989. He most recently was a Senior Escrow Officer at Devon Title Agency.

Bill was a devout Catholic, deeply rooted in his faith. He was raised in Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Community and was most recently a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Parish in Brighton. He was a life-long member of St. Francis Council Knights of Columbus in Farmington, having served as Past-Grand Knight from 2005-07, as well as the leadership position of District Deputy, and the current position as Faithful Navigator of the 4th Degree Assembly. Bill believed in the power of prayer, prayed the rosary frequently and proudly and generously supported numerous right to life pregnancy centers. He enjoyed golf, boating and Michigan Wolverine football. In addition to his faith, he was deeply devoted to his family, specifically his siblings and nieces.

Calendar of Events

St. Francis Council #4401

October 2021

- 1 Tootsie Roll Drive Weekend ALL DAY , Friday, Saturday & Sunday select store fronts
- 2 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 6 KofC Council Meeting 730 pm OLS church hall –rosary prayer 7pm in church
- 7 Another Way Pregnancy Centers Dinner Laurel Manor, Livonia 6pm
- 9 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 11 **Columbus Day Observed**
- 13 KofC Assembly Meeting Fourth Degree 730pm OLS church hall
- 16 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 20 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. church hall
- 23 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
PAST GRAND KNIGHT BALL AFTER 430 PM MASS, TAPESTRY HALL, Southfield-CANCELLED
- 30 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic

November 2021

- 3 KofC Council Meeting 730 pm OLS church hall –rosary prayer 7pm in church
- 6 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 7 Outdoor Light Trimming Church 2 pm parking lot garage
- 10 KofC Business Meeting Fourth Degree 730 pm OLS church hall
- 13 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 17 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. church hall
- 20 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 25 **Thanksgiving Day**
- 26 KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS BANNERS - OLS CAMPUS
- 27 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic

December 2021

- 1 KofC Council Meeting 730 pm OLS church hall –rosary prayer 7pm in church
- 4 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 8 KofC Business Meeting Fourth Degree 730 pm OLS church hall
- 11 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 15 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. church hall
- 18 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 25 **The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

The Sick:

SK Ed Waldecker Sr. Pablo Martinez Clifford Cox Johnna Weiss Thomas Weiss Karen Jewell Jack Strong Ed Dissmond Carole Whinnery	Mike Torakis Lady Ophelia Arganoza Karen Khoury Donna Lance Martha Burkmeyer Shannon, battling cancer Anuth Thakur	Joe Mallia Patricia Bailit John Carnaghi Kendra Smyth Chris Battersby Kendra Cowan Robert Kerberi	Theresa Nagy Mary Beth Wilkinson Donald Tyler Dalilah Tomlinson Max Distelrath Marie Walkie Bill Nhut Sr Patricia Balint
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The Departed:

SK William D McKeever Amanda Cavanaugh Joseph Brauer Ken Chiara Jose Martinez Chelsea Ross Christopher Marchant Emiliano Arreola Norman D'Angelo Marianne Deschaine	Rex Miller Kay Waldecker Mrs. Delong George Hamson David, Michelle & Dawson Compo Rosalia Loomis Fr Jack Child Dick Dwyer Gary Farhat MD	Charlie Haeger Patricia & William A. Dick, my good friend, fellow usher, forever in my heart, soul and mind Patrick Freely SK George S. Jagitsch PGK Paul Krutch Rosalie Hebler Elizabeth Edwards Jerry Stribell Cesare Maffezzoli Ron King
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Special Intentions:

For my daughter, Aurora The Jagitsch Family Eva DeLotto The Garon Family Tom Wilkins Frances Nablo	Wyatt & Logan Bransford James Plocinik James LeLond Kathy Sterbling	Students and teachers at Sacred Heart Warriors praying to end abortion Voters during these Local Elections	Caleb Rychlinski Pro Life Our Family Successful Job Search Fr Jim Livingston
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Grand Knights Report (continued from page 2)

A woman and her husband were walking along a beach one day when they came across a remarkable site. In front of their very eyes the tide washed ashore hundreds if not thousands of fish. The woman quickly went over to help the mountains of fish who were flapping and struggling to get back into the water. She knew that they had only moments to live. She began reaching down, picking up a fish at a time, and throwing it back into the water. Her husband soon came over to her and said, "why even bother trying to help? You'll never be able to save them all." The woman replied, "tell that to the dozen I threw back in."

If I told you that the lifelong effort you put in to protect life, the energy, the time, the dedication, would guarantee the life of just one child. One child you will never know, one child who's name you will never hear said, one child who's future you will never learn. Would you do it? Think about the lasting impact that you can make on the world in saving just one life. In convincing just one mother who is considering that sin of the alternative. Think about how different the world could be in saving just that 1 life. The people that would benefit from that one life. The people who would feel love and happiness because of that one life. Would it all have been worth it?

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**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS
BANNERS
BROTHERS & FAMILY WE NEED YOUR HELP
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 26
OLS CAMPUS
CONTACT HENRY TESTA OR ANAND THAKUR**

Annual “Tootsie Roll Drive”



THANK YOU!

**ALL DONATIONS OF TIME, FINANCIAL SUPPORT
& ESPECIALLY ALL THE PRAYERS**

...and of for that extra go the distance of appreciation to our

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

SK BOB PLOCINIK

HONORED BELOW LEFT AT THE OCTOBER MEETING

MOST DONATIONS COLLECTED...AGAIN! JOB WELL DONE, BOB!



The picture below right is Bill sworn in a second term as
Faithful Navigator
By District Deputy Mark Brezenski
American Legion Farmington



William Donald McKeever



Bill passed to eternal life at Ascension Hospital in Novi. His life was celebrated with a funeral mass, Color Corp Guard and military honors at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. He is laid to rest at the cemetery on the grounds of The Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Hamburg, MI. Ironically, Bill can be ever remembered as to recite his prayers in awe of The Holy Spirit, we will still hear him lament the words he prayed and to always acknowledge, "The Holy Ghost".

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let Your perpetual light shine upon him. And may he rest in peace, amen.

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY GHOST
We will meet you again and soon brother!**

Newsworthy Items around The Council

- **Past Grand Knight Ball (PGKB) was POSTPONED**

Determined by many involved and not without a concern of many brothers and attendees regarding current health conditions or potential risk. The Honoree, Henry Testa, deserving a double dose of gratitude for his service will patiently remain in waiting for a truly grand evening in the near future to be determined. The GK sent the following and here is part of that message:

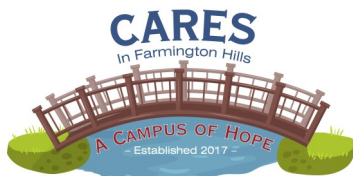
It pains me to be the one to tell you that after a few weeks of discussion and debate among several key individuals involved, we will be postponing the Past Grand Knights Ball due to the recent rise in cases of Covid-19 and its affect on our council.

I know that many will be disappointed by this unfortunate news. I promise you that it was not decided hastily or without a wide range of strong opinions from several people involved including that of our honoree. When the officers meet later this month I will have more information to share about future arrangements for the event.

I would like to thank those involved with the planning and execution of this event - especially our chairman Tom Rancour for the many many hours he has invested into this.

Jim Filbert
GK

- **Charity of the Month November at the next Council meeting will be for the Farmington C.A.R.E.S. (Community Action Resources Empowerment Services) Farmington Hills**



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MORE MEMORIES OF BILL MCKEEVER...



FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR OF THE 4TH DEGREE



BILL PICTURED 6TH FROM THE LEFT C.2019 GATHERED AT THE AMERICAN
LEGION, FARMINGTON
SEE ANYONE ELSE YOU MAY KNOW?

...AND MORE BILL



EVER THE PATRIOT, UNMASKED. WREATH TRIBUTE TO VETERANS
OAKWOOD CEMETARY, FARMINGTON



BROTHERS, MIKE & BILL MCKEEVER
C. 2017 OLS SCHOOL CAFETERIA

...AND YES, MORE BILL



TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE 2017...TYPICAL BILL WITH ANOTHER CHARITY PUSH. ANY GUESSES AS TO WHERE THE INTERSECTION IS LOCATED? IT DIDN'T MATTER. BILL WAS AS DRIVEN TO THE KNIGHTS AS THE CARS IN THE PICTURE.

IF THERE WAS EVER A PRACTICAL CATHOLIC GENTLEMAN THAT CHERISHED PRAYING THE ROSARY, DEVOTED COUNTLESS HOURS TO CHARITY, ALWAYS SAW THE NEED AS HE WAS DEVOTED WITH RIGHT TO LIFE EFFORTS, PROMOTED PATIOTIC VETERAN'S WELLBEING AND BEYOND, THEN LET IT BE KNOWN OUR BROTHER KNIGHT, WILLIAM DONALD MCKEEVER, SURE EMBODIES THE MEANING AND LIVED THE LIFE HERE WITH US AS A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS. FAREWELL FOR NOW DEAR BROTHER AS YOU ENJOY THE LIGHT OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST FOREVER, AMEN.

MAY GOD BLESS BILL MCKEEVER

Love you man, the editor.

Grand Knight Report (continued from page 6)

At the beginning of the month we held our annual Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit those with intellectual disabilities. For the second straight year, in spite of COVID, our council was successful in raising even more money than we did in the previous year. Last year we raised a total of \$5,944 which was just over \$500 from the previous year. This year, our council managed to raise a whopping grand total of \$7,124 just over \$1,100 from last year. I wanted to thank each of our Brother Knights who stood outside of the stores and helped in the office:

BOB PLOCINIK, JOE HEJKA, HENRY TESTA, PAUL TOTH, DAVID TRUMPY, DEAN WOJTOWICZ, DANA WHINNERY, JIM ACHO, RYAN ARNDT, BOB COLLINS, PAUL LIGENZA, JOE LESNEK, DAN WOLOCKO, PAT DWYER, BILL MARTZ, AARON DICK, TONY DIPONIO, CHRIS READING, MIKE MITHEN, CHRIS MEDRUM, NORM PRANGER, MIKE EVANGELISTA, GARY MALLIA, MARK RYCHLINSKI, ROBER SWINGER, PABLO MARTINEZ

On October 31st, Knights of Columbus are invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the first anniversary of the beatification of our founder Father Michael J McGivney. The Mass will be celebrated by our Worthy State Chaplain at The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Woodward Avenue in Detroit. All Knights and spouses are invited. Again that's on Sunday, October 31st at 2pm. Halloween costumes are discouraged. Although you may get points if you dress up as Father McGivney.

In addition, Knights were asked to pray a special 10 day novena for the Blessed Father McGivney starting on October 22nd which was sent out to the council.

I wish you all had a very happy Columbus Day and look forward to seeing you again soon.

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Filbert, Grand Knight

ANNIVERSARIES

THOMAS	MC DONALD	10-26-1958	61
WALTER	LEONARD	10-01-1951	46
NORMAN	D ANGELO	10-01-1974	45
DEWITT	MEADOWS	10-01-1981	38
SHABAN	RIZA	10-01-1991	28
RUSSELL	WALDECKER	10-15-1995	24
MARIO	FERRINI	10-10-1999	20
PATRICK	MC KEEVER	10-10-2000	19
STEVEN	BAKER	10-20-2001	18
MARK	BRAUER	10-20-2001	18
JOHN	DILLON	10-01-2008	11
JOHN	HOEFLEIN	10-15-2008	11
MICHAEL	KOPAY	10-15-2008	11
PAUL	GRANEY	10-15-2011	8
BARTLOMIE	MACHNIK	10-16-2013	6
RICHARD	MELDRUM	10-16-2013	6
PAUL	TOTH	10-07-2015	4
MICHAEL	VON ENDE	10-07-2015	4
COLBY	MILLER	10-08-2015	4
ROBERT	PLOCINIK	10-08-2015	4
JOSEPH	GROSSI	10-13-2015	4
JOHN	BESSEN	10-02-2016	3
JAMES	FILBERT	10-02-2016	3
PATRICK	FOLEY	10-02-2016	3
MONISH	SHARMA	10-02-2016	3
MICHAEL	WILLIAMS	10-02-2016	3
JAMES	ACHO	10-17-2018	1
JOHN	CUSCHIERI	10-17-2018	1

October 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
ROBERT	ROUGEAU	10-28
BENJAMIN	VOSS	10-28
JOHN	COLLINS	10-31
THEODORE	DEVINE	10-31

KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH - TRIPLE PLAY**OCTOBER 2021*****Bob Plocinik & Norm Pranger & Ryan Arndt*****CONGRATULATIONS !!!**



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Guard	John Sule	
Building Corp	SK Joe Hejka	248-789-2557
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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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