



# The Counselor

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Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

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## **Merry Christmas & Vivat Jesus!**

What a great time to be a Knight, see more of what is happening at 4401.

***For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is  
Messiah and Lord.***

Luke 2:11



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## Knights News & Highlights

- COATS FOR KIDS, Brothers gathered with students from the Redford School District at the...



...Fisher Elementary School on 13NOV where for the third year in a row we provided some 288 coats with contributions from the many corners of the Knights of Columbus that totaled about \$6400. Among the students pictured are (from L. to back R. Henry Testa, Mike Kandah, Mike Evangelista, Ryan Arndt & Deacon Michael Heard. Also pictured (back middle) is Christina Kus, Principal at Fisher Elementary and (far right) Jason Bobrovetski, Superintendent of South Redford Schools.

## *SPECIAL THANK YOU*

SK Tom Rancour, Community Director for #4401 once again has orchestrated a huge effort with the “Coats for Kids”. Not only was Tom able to coordinate charities from many different levels of the Knights from the state level to “pass the hat contributions” at the meetings, he managed to get it all conveyed and delivered in an incredibly narrow window of time. Tom also focuses charity efforts with the Right to Life, Essay Contests, Veteran Family’s and with his wife Nancy are deeply engaged with the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Thank you Brother Tom so much!

### **Recent Knight Charity Participation**

- **Donation to C.A.R.E.S.** of Farmington Hills during the month of October for \$500, CARES supports families with food needs, operates a pantry, is a hub for local food donations
- **Donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society** at Our Lady of Sorrows Church during the month of October for \$1000
- **Mothers and Unborn Babies Care (MAUBC)** Southfield purchased a table for the 17NOV fundraiser and attended by Knights and guests
- **Another Way Pregnancy Center** Farmington Hills 07OCT purchased a table for the fundraiser dinner
- **Donation to the Catholic Church in Iraq** \$500



### **SPECIAL THANK YOU**

Our Community Life Director, SK Tom Herrmann (pictured above with wife Ann) will be missed as Tom has decided to move closer to his family in Michigan. Tom's contributions to our community with Right to Life campaigns are unparalleled. Tom joined the Knights in 1971 and became active again in 2008. Tom will also be missed as a regular on Saturday mornings with the men's STIR prayer group. The Council & Assembly owe a great amount of gratitude for everything you embody as a Knight of Columbus, Mr. Herrmann. We look forward to you returning for a visit, soon and often. In the meantime Henry Testa will attempt to carry Tom's torch as well as he did. Thank you Brother Tom, is not enough.



## Calendar of Events

### St. Francis Council #4401

#### December 2022

- 3 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 6 KofC Monthly Council Meeting 730pm OLS church hall (rosary in church 7pm)
- 10 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 11 EXEMPLIFICATION 1-3 DEGREE IMMEDIATELY AFTER 1130 AM MASS IN THE CHURCH
- 14 KofC Monthly Assembly of the 4th Degree Meeting 730pm OLS church hall
- 17 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 20 KofC Officers Meeting 730pm OLS church hall
- 24 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 25 NATIVITY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
- 31 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center

#### January 2023

- 3 KofC Monthly Council Meeting 730pm OLS church hall (rosary in church 7pm)
- 7 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 11 KofC Monthly Assembly of the 4th Degree Meeting 730pm OLS church hall
- 14 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center Past Grand Knight Ball 430 pm Mass, Banquet at St Marys, Livonia following Mass
- 17 KofC Officers Meeting 730pm OLS church hall
- 21 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 28 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center

#### February 2023

- 4 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 7 KofC Monthly Council Meeting 730pm OLS church hall (rosary in church 7pm)
- 15 KofC Monthly Assembly of the 4th Degree Meeting 730pm OLS church hall
- 11 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 21 KofC Officers Meeting 730pm OLS church hall
- 18 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 25 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center

The Sick:

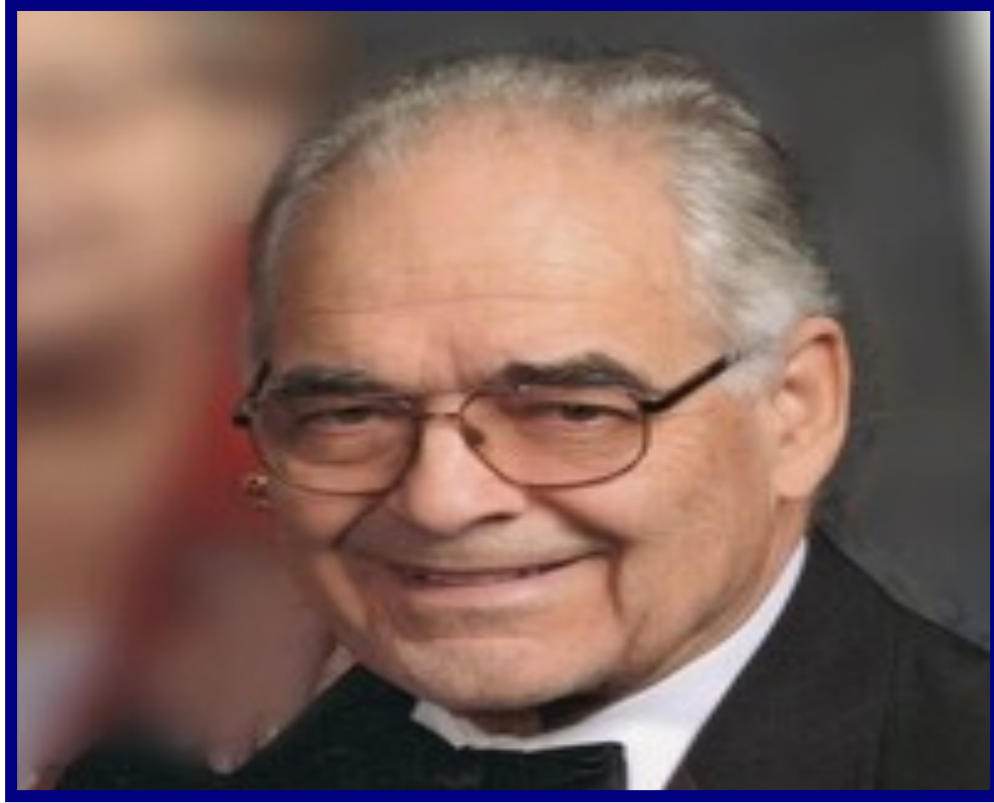
Georgina Mallia Grace De Ponio Maria DePonio Karen Montford Martha Loflin David Shoberg Steve Seery Margeret Harmon Julie Troyanek Clyde & Kathy Hartsuck Dorothy Hassernrik Rene Plante	Bob Sayers Dale Monet Zac Siedel Patricia Balint Linda Hull Doug Warner Brenda Grant Katie Kaveka Jennifer Boyle	Lynette Mitton Diane Stullock Wilma Vasher Nina Mallia Jack Smith Crystaz Kazbudski Martha Loflin Steve Rancour	Josephine Evangelista
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The Departed:

Ed & Justine Good Tom Wilkins Charles Archambeau Lori Arndt Dan Wood Bev Rubo Dustin Testa Jack Cummings Ken Harle Wesley Wojtowicz	Fr David Higgins SK Bill McKeever Joanne Plocinik Lucia Aratari Amanda Cavanaugh Gene Reeves Warren Major Scott Nason Jim Himmerly	Doug Evangelista Christina Kendra Lloyd Schuessk Alice Cleland George Cooney Mark Walsh Alex VanPoppel Ted Raney Dennis Dopke
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Special Intentions:

Newborn Madeline Marvaso & Family The Unemployed Cardinal Zen of China Joe & Kim Rancour Micheal & Annie Rinckey	Family of Scott Nason James Plocinik Alan Woods Victims of Abortion Danielle & Scott Gree-man	Pablo Martinez Family of Dan Wood Crystal Kuczborski Peace in the Ukraine The Arschliman Family	Fr. Ptak Renee Dudek & Family Our students, staff and teachers at OLS
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Forever in memory of **Sir Knight Edward Russell Waldecker**, (1942-2022), a prominent, active man with St. Francis of Assisi Council & Assembly, that held numerous positions throughout Knighthood. Ed served as Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, Treasurer, Trustee, Building Corporation President and Color Corp Commander. Mr. Waldecker was also active in the Order of Alhambra. A veteran. Ed joined his wife Kay in eternal life and is survived by numerous relatives including sons Ed & Russ who are also long time active Knight's. Ed joined the KofC over 35 years ago, was involved at St. Clare of Assisi Parish and instrumental bringing both the council and the assembly to Our Lady of Sorrow Parish where it is today. He was typically present at all Knight functions. A man of honor and integrity, an example for all Knights and deserving of the title Sir Knight! Ed leaves a legacy here at 4401 that anyone having the pleasure of knowing or just speaking with Ed would tell you how soft spoken he was as his devout commitment to our Blessed Mother —eternal rest grant upon him O Lord and let your perpetual light shine upon him, rest in peace Ed, amen— Truly you will missed but not forgotten.



(pictured is a younger Ed on the right with the late SK Bill McKeever)

## **KNIGHTS RECOGNITION**

### **Knights of the Month**

**Steve English-September**

**Kyle Redding-October**

**Jim Filbert-November**

### **Families of the Month**

**The Kandah's-September**

**The Mallia's-October**

**The Barron's-November**

*THANK YOU ALL FOR EVERYTHING YOU CONTRIBUTE*

*TO THE GLORY OF THE LORD!...and beyond*

*(pictured below is Grand Knight Pablo Martinez awarding the KOM to Kyle, left and Jim, right)*



A note read by Deputy Grand Knight Dan Wolocko at the December Council Meeting that was sent to him from our **Grand Knight Pablo Martinez** and here are some excerpts from that letter, we also pray for Pablo's full recovery as it is important to give the council an update regarding Pablo as we look to his return and leadership:

Dear Brothers, Vivat Jesus!

I would like to inform our Council about my leave of absence as Grand Knight...you might be aware last year I went through surgery...my recovery is doing well, I am feeling stronger physically, mentally and spiritually...I have followed three key points...have a good attitude...trust your doctors...have faith in God...

Matthew 8:23-26 Jesus Calms a Storm, "He got into a boat and his disciples followed him. Suddenly a violent storm came up on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by waves; but he was asleep. They came and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" He said to them, "Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?" Then he got up, rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was great calm.

...These storms come and go, they are part of our humanity, and no one is to blame for them to happen; but if we confront them with good attitude, listen and follow good and reliable advises, and most important having Faith and acknowledgement that Jesus has never abandoned us, we will be able to navigate through these storms and become better people.

I conclude my report saying that I can't wait to return to the Council and continue the mission of the Knights of Columbus. For now, I will focus in my full recovery knowing the Council is in great hands. Thank you for your prayers. Vivat Jesus!



Future events to look for, attend or champion and other stuff...

- Sunday, December 11, Exemplification for the 1st –3rd Degree, **BECOME A KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS**, after the 11:30 am Mass **IN THE CHURCH**. The council has obtained the privilege to hold the ceremony directly after mass, families and friends of the applicants are welcome and a light refreshment to be served afterward downstairs in the church. Contact George Curran III.
- Essay Contest Scholarship Award Contest sponsored by 4401, looking for submittals through December. Contact Joe Gromola.
- Past Grand Knight Ball, January 14 to honor Henry Testa and Jim Filbert, 4:30 p.m. Mass, dinner banquet at St. Mary's Cultural Center, Livonia. Contact Tom Rancour.
- March for Life, January 23, Washington D.C., we continue to pray for the hardened hearts of our society with a peaceful walk supporting the Right to Life efforts. If you attend please share your experience at the next meeting.
- Brothers are encouraged to attend every Saturday morning at 6 a.m. (yes 6 a.m.!) the STIR ministry worship, prayer and discussion of the readings for Sunday in the Family Center. Discussion is typically in between sips of coffee and a sweet treat.
- Reminder: Due's are due. Contact Henry Testa.
- Keep Christ in Christmas Banners going up on the OLS campus this month, contact Henry if you can help
- Remember; meetings are now on Tuesdays

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

MARIO		FERRINI	12-23
BRUCE	H	SUPPELSA	12-04
DONALD	R	RUSAS	12-08
W	JOHN	SCHMID	12-28
THOMAS	G	HERRMANN	12-18
RONALD	G	ACHO	12-18
GREGORY	O	DAVIS	12-05
MARK	A	RAHRIG	12-09
MICHAEL	C	WILLIAMS	12-07
JOHN	A	TOMEI	12-18
RICHARD	J	WALKER	12-01
STEVE		ENGLISH	12-04
WILLIAM	A	KOSS	12-10
MICHAEL	O	KENNEY	12-27
STEVEN	J	BAKER	12-04
RYAN		KELLY	12-11

## DECEMBER DATE OF KNIGHT- HOOD

LAWRENCE	C	LAETHEM	52
PAUL	W	HERBERHOLZ	0
GARY	C	BERLIN	33
GEORGE	A	KENDALL	33
PATRICK	J	DWYER	17
GARY	T	MALLIA	16
JOSEPH	G	GROMALA	16
RANDAL	L	D AMORE	16
JOSEPH	C	LESNEK	15
GREGORY	O	DAVIS	14
ROBERT	V	SAYERS	13
JOSEPH	M	SMITH	13
STEVEN	H	MURPHY	9
ANDREW	F	WILKINS	9
MICHAEL	T	ROMETTY	8
CHRISTOPHER	J	O DONNELL	8
ANTONIO	D	STEPHEN	8
NATE	R	KUSHNER	1
MARK		RYCHLINSKI	4
THEODORE		DEVINE	4
STEVE		ENGLISH	3
BRYAN		ALTOWN	3
ADAM	N	SMITH	3
ZACHARY	M	FLINT	3

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
&  
CONGRATULATIONS  
FOR ANOTHER YEAR  
AS A KNIGHT**



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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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