



The Counselor

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Fraternity,
Patriotism**

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Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

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SAVE THESE DATES BROTHER KNIGHTS!

...and see more inside

FISH FRY FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 24

OLS SCHOOL CAFETERIA

5:00 P.M.

EXEMPLIFICATION TO THE 3RD DEGREE

**FEBRUARY 25 WITH MASS AT 430PM AND CEREMONY FOLOWING IN
THE CHURCH**

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS RETREAT WEEKEND

MARCH 31-APRIL 2

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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PAST GRAND KNIGHTS (PGK) BALL JANUARY 2023

On January 14, 2023 the council finally had the presence of about 100 attendees to honor the work of two Past Grand Knights recognizing their due for jobs well done over the last 5 years. A tribute for two fine practical Catholic gentlemen leading our council. We heard from our clergy that attended, previous PGK's that were present, and state officers, it was a long awaited program. Honored guests **PGK Henry Testa** and **PGK Jim Filbert** were delighted by the speakers. Guests, that included wives and friends listened to Master of Ceremony, Dan Wolocko DGK who eventually yielded the podium to a toast by Jim Filbert that entertained the crowd. St. Mary's Banquet Center in Livonia was a great venue for the event. Thank you isn't enough for the dedication and effort you guys do for this council (and assembly). Vivat Jesus Brothers! The following pictures are from the PGK Ball with a special thanks to the guys behind the scenes and there were more no doubt, but for now; Tom Rancour, Randy D'Amore & Joe Hejka, for all the toil and sweat getting this "Grand" event done!





Above former State Director Walter Winkle at the podium and directly to right is Fr Ptak, Gary and Nina Mallia, Jim Filbert and Henry Testa.

Below Gary Mallia addresses attendees



Calendar of Events

St. Francis Council #4401

March 2023

- 4 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 7 KofC Monthly Council Meeting 730pm OLS church hall (rosary in church 7pm)
- 11 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 15 KofC Monthly Assembly of the 4th Degree Meeting 730pm OLS church hall
- 18 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 21 KofC Officers Meeting 730pm OLS church hall
- 25 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 31 FISH FRY —OLS CAFETERIA 5PM

April 2023

- 1 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 4 KofC Monthly Council Meeting 730pm OLS church hall (rosary in church 7pm)
- 8 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 9 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
- 12 KofC Monthly Assembly of the 4th Degree Meeting 730pm OLS church hall
- 15 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 18 KofC Officers Meeting 730pm OLS church hall
- 22 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 29 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center

May 2023

- 2 KofC Monthly Council Meeting 730pm OLS church hall (rosary in church 7pm)
- 6 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 10 KofC Monthly Assembly of the 4th Degree Meeting 730pm OLS church hall
- 13 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 16 KofC Officers Meeting 730pm OLS church hall
- 20 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 27 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 29 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE— Grand River Ave thru Downtown Farmington 9 am fallout

The Sick:

Cyndy Shultz Grace DiPonio Edmond Thornton Karen Montford Bob Sayers Patricia Balint	James Plocinik Bob Plocinik Bev Jordan Sr Mary Beronica Zac Siedel George Bach Mark Plewka	Patrica filbert GK Pablo Martinez Tom Tjeoret Sjaron VanAsten Katie Connors Dave Nelson	Michail Aeschliman Arlene Grau Georgina Mallia Diane Stullock Tracy Testa Janis Rychlinski Betty Arndt Renee Dudek
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The Departed:

Walter Demattia Bonna Conroy Bill Conroy Sally Conroy Josephine Evangelista Guy Konke Pope Benedict XVI Wally Sites Lori Arndt Regina Kosinski	Kathy Kantarian Mark Smith Alice Cleland Lloyd Schuessler Ann Marie Mallia Al Dompierre Leah Branjeau Jack clement Edwin Martin Juliana Terese-James	Diane Raymond Pete Tangora Wilma Vasher Gilbert & Barbara Kohls Joseph Allguilla Ratzinger Colleen Batdorff Helen Childers Henry Peirpoint Lynn Joachim Nancy Lengyel
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Special Intentions:

End of gun violence Adrienne Martz The Unemployed Souls in purgatory Rachel & Jonathan Curran Doggett	Annie & Michael Rinckey and Family Those fighting cancer Those recovering from surgery	The Clergy and those preaching Jesus' message	End Abortion
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FAMILY OF THE MONTH

JANUARY

Greg Taffe

Wife, Claudia

Children, Maximilian, Leo, Chrissy, Mary,
Jack and William

Special Mention

At the last meeting a presentation was given, a motion was held and approved to send \$500 to SEEDLINGS BRAILLE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN in Livonia, MI. From contemporary literature to well-loved classics SBBC offers affordable books in braille for visually impaired children from infants to teens. Visit info@seedlings.org or www.seedlings.org for more information. Good job **SK Jerry and Lady Lucy Hayden** and thank you for bringing this wonderful gift of reading to the attention of council and the need it provides to our children!

KNIGHTS RECOGNITION
Knight of the Month
SK John Sule-February



Sir Knight John & Lady Fidelia Sule enjoy the PGK Ball January 2023

John is active in the 4th Degree Color Corp with St. Francis Assembly 2136 & Usher Ministry at OLS

Aaron Dick-January

Aaron is pictured left to DGK Dan Wolocko presenting the award. Aaron has lead the outdoor Christmas lights preparation/installation for several years on the OLS campus every November saving the parish “oodles” of \$\$\$ with his army of volunteers.



**THANK YOU ALL FOR EVERTHING YOU CONTRIBUTE
 FOR THE GLORY OF THE LORD!**



**LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 24
5:00 P.M.**

**OLS SCHOOL CAFETERIA
MENU TO INCLUDE; BAKED OR FRIED COD, SHRIMP,
BAKED OR FRENCH FRIED POTATO, PIZZA
AND MORE**

**VISIT THE OLS PARISH WEBSITE FOR MORE
INFORMATION AND SCAN CODE**

PRE-ORDERING IS AVAILABLE ON LINE

**AS ALWAYS WE ARE ACCEPTING VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS EVENT
AND A BIG THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR THE OLS PARENT
TEACHER GROUP FOR ALL THEIR SUPPORT
YUM YUM! SEE YOU THERE!**

**PLEASE CONTACT
CO-CHAIRS
HENRY TESTA OR DEAN WOJTOWICZ**

Knights of Columbus Spiritual Retreat
Friday, March 31ST – Sunday April 2nd
St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center
23333 Schoolcraft Road, Detroit, MI 48223

Come and join with your brothers as we gather for a very special weekend of prayer, relaxation, fellowship and spiritual renewal! Enjoy a weekend away from the stresses of everyday life and allow yourself time to listen to God and to what His will is in your life. Each retreatant is given their own private room with private bath/shower facilities. There are quiet areas for reading and reflection, an extraordinary chapel for private prayer as well as where Mass, morning prayer, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation are celebrated. There are several acres of grounds for walking, and great meals provide nourishment for the body!



This Year's Retreat Theme

Seeking Peace: Becoming Peacemakers

Suggested Donation: \$215 (a minimum **\$30 deposit** will be required to secure your reservation)

Registration

Please provide the following information to Retreat Captain, Gary Mallia at
gmallia@yahoo.com or 248-496-9838

Name, Address, Phone, e-mail address

This will allow Gary to follow up with Retreat Center to ensure they've received your deposit.

DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY TO GARY!

Location and telephone are below

St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center
 23333 Schoolcraft Road
 Detroit, MI 48223

-- (313) 535-9563

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
&
CONGRATULATIONS
FOR ANOTHER YEAR
AS A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS
For the month of January**

Please note that due to recent updates with the council membership roster and special thank you for our Financial Secretary, the birthday and anniversary notoriety and recognition will return in the very near future. Thank you for comments, the editorial staff is working on providing this information and apologize to all Knights for these omissions this month.



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FY 2020 Council Officers & Directors & Building Corp.

Chaplain	Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak	248-474-5720
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Program Director/Guard	Ryan Arndt	248-462-4619
Life Director/Guard	SK Tom Herrmann	248-661-0605
Faith Director	Tim Gelletly	313-595-8071
Guard	SK John Sule	248-924-0511
Guard	Don Arndt	248-231-3511
Nursing Visitation	Bill Martz	248-442-9783
Lecturer	TBD	
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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