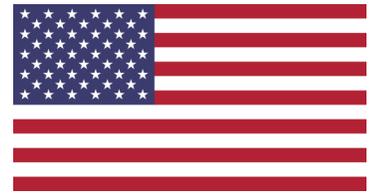




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VIVAT JESUS BROTHERS

IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A KNIGHT

1. PLEASE READ THE LEGAL NOTICE ON PAGES 2 & 3 INSIDE
2. SEE THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS
3. KNIGHTS RECOGNITION BIRTHDAYS AND YEARS OF SERVICE
4. SEE PAGES 6 & 7 FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT AND SELECT WEEKLY MESSAGES HE SENT VIA EMAIL
5. ALSO SEE THE OLS BULLETIN FOR WEEKLY KNIGHT NEWS
- 6. PLEASE SAVE THE DATES FOR THE TWO (2) LENTEN FRIDAY FISH FRY ON FEBRUARY 16 AND MARCH 22 FROM 4:30 PM—7:00 PM**
7. THANK YOU EVERYONE PARTICIPATING IN THE BABY BOTTLE DONATION INITIATIVE
8. ESSAY CONTEST PARTICIPATION HAD RECORD 31 ENTRIES
9. NOVENA IN PARTICIPATION WITH THE DIGNITY FOR LIFE
10. KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH: MIKE EVANGELISTA, JANUARY 2024; AARON DICK, DECEMBER 2023 & THE VERY REVEREND CANON WALTER J. PTAK NOVEMBER 2023; ALSO A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COUNCIL ADVOCATE, GEORGE & CHRISTINE CURRAN ON THEIR 50TH

God of goodness and mercy,

Hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you. Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from you. Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love. May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace. Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father. Give me the strength to commit myself to grow closer to you each day.

Amen.

LEGAL NOTICE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4401 FARMINGTON MICHIGAN
NOTICE TO VOTE
CHANGE OF BY-LAWS

St. Francis Council 4401

January 2, 2024 Resolution to Amend Council 4401 By-Laws

WHEREAS, in accordance with **Knights of Columbus Charter, Constitution Laws**, as amended on August 3-5, 2004, Chapter XIV, Laws Governing of Subordinate Councils, Sec 241 states in part:

SEC. 241 (a) Subordinate councils may promulgate for their own government such by-laws, rules and regulations as they may find necessary for the proper conduct of their affairs....”

And

WHEREAS, Council #4401 undertook the drafting and adoption of its original By-Laws in 1957 which were amended and adopted January 3, 1990,

And

WHEREAS Council #4401 undertook the revision and amendment of its By-Laws on September 7, 2022 to amend the regular meeting dates and times for its Monthly Membership and Officer Planning Meetings;

And

WHEREAS Council #4401 has now undertaken further revision and amendment of its By-Laws to codify and memorialize certain current day practices in conformance with the current By-Laws template format authorized and furnished through the Michigan State Advocate for By-Laws authorized by the State Council, for use by subordinate councils, including among others, initiation fees, annual dues payments, Financial Secretary compensation, annual election of officers, qualifications and eligibility of elective and appointive officers, chain of command, committees, Council finances, funerals, building corporation duties and obligations to the Council and other miscellaneous matters including, among others, procedures for future amendments to the By-Laws;

And

WHEREAS, a **By-Laws Committee** was appointed by the Grand Knight in conformance with **Knights of Columbus Charter, Constitution Laws Governing the Supreme, State and Subordinate Councils**, as amended on August 3-5, 2004, CHAPTER XV, Section 135,

And

WHEREAS, the **By-Laws Committee**, pursuant to the fully-authorized charge of the Grand Knight, undertook its review of the then current Council #4401 By-Laws from 1957, as amended in 1990, and again on September 7, 2022, and utilizing the current By-Laws template format furnished through the Michigan State Advocate for By-Laws authorized by the State Council for use by subordinate councils, has made recommendations for the adoption of By-Laws amendments based upon the State By-Laws template, which among other things principally:

Memorializes the procedures actually utilized by the Council for the efficient administration of Council elections, with particular attention to allow voting by Members attending meetings through remote or virtual means, but not by proxy, and the balloting procedures to be employed, consistent with current practice;

Reschedules the Monthly Membership Meetings to the First Tuesday of each month commencing at **7:00 PM** to make for more efficient use of time and allow more time for social interaction by Council members;

Provides more flexibility to the Officers to alter the scheduling of Monthly Membership meetings and Officer Planning meetings

Sets forth the description of qualifications and duties of appointive officers and Committees, and their relative responsibilities;

Sets forth the description of the responsibilities and duties of the Treasurer and Grand Knight pertaining to Council funds and finance, and may allow expenses below the amount of \$500.00 to be authorized by vote at a Council Membership Meeting or Officer Planning Meeting without prior notice;

Sets forth the description of the responsibilities and duties of the Building Corporation as custodians of Council funds designated for financial investment.

And

WHEREAS, the Council Officers have considered the benefits of amending the current By-Laws to enable the more efficient and effective use of Council Monthly Membership Meetings and Office Planning Meetings to enable the Council to better support the Knights of Columbus Principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, and that the amendments recommended by the **By-Laws Committee** are designed to enable the more efficient and effective use of Council Monthly Membership Meetings and Office Planning Meetings to enable the Council to better support the Knights of Columbus Principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

And

WHEREAS, in accordance with **Knights of Columbus By-Laws of the St. Francis Council No. 4401**, as Amended and Adopted January 3, 1990, Article IX, Miscellaneous: states in part:

ARTICLE IX-Miscellaneous: Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended by a two thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular Business meeting, held subsequent to a regular business meeting at which a resolution in writing providing for such amendment shall have been read and notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given to the members in writing or in the council publication at least five days prior to the second meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED, that at the **next Business Meeting of St. Francis Council, scheduled for February 6, 2024**, the members present at that meeting and eligible to vote, shall vote on whether ***the By-Laws of the St. Francis Council No. 4401 shall be amended to adopt the changes recommended by the By-Laws Committee, as described in this Resolution, including the rescheduling of the Council's regular monthly Membership meetings to commence at 7:00PM on the first Tuesday of each month beginning with the March 2024 regular Membership Meeting on March 5, 2024, and the Officer Planning Meetings commencing at 7:00PM on the Third Tuesday of each month beginning March 19, 2024.***

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that

In accordance with the current By-Laws of the St. Francis Council No. 4401, such amendment to the By-Laws shall be by a two-thirds vote of the members then present and eligible to vote.

Respectfully submitted by

George F. Curran III, Esq., CHMM
Advocate, St. Francis Council 4401

**Please remember we will be voting on Tuesday 06FEB2024
At the scheduled 730pm council meeting
In attendance in person or on line**

Calendar of Events

St. Francis Council #4401

February 2024

- 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
- 14 KofC Patriotic Order of the 4th Degree—Meeting 7:30 PM Church Hall North
- 16 FISH FRY OLS SHOOOL CAFETERIA 4-730PM
- 17 STIR Ministry 6 am, family ctr ++EXEMPLIFICATION W/CORP COMMUNION MASS 430PM++
- 22 KofC Officers Meet 7pm OLS church hall or designated location
- 24 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center

March 2024

- 2 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 5 KofC Monthly Council Meeting 730pm OLS church hall (rosary in church 7pm)
- 9 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 13 KofC Patriotic Order of the 4th Degree—Meeting 7:30 PM Church Hall North
- 16 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 19 KofC Officers Meet 7pm OLS church hall or designated location
- 22 FISH FRY OLS SHOOOL CAFETERIA 4-730PM
- 23 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 25 **HOLY WEEK**
- 30 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 31 EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRRECTION OF THE LORD

April 2024

- 2 KofC Monthly Council Meeting 730pm OLS church hall (rosary in church 7pm)
- 6 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 9 Right to Life Dinner table sponsor
- 10 KofC Patriotic Order of the 4th Degree—Meeting 7:30 PM Church Hall North
- 13 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 16 KofC Officers Meet 7pm OLS church hall or designated location
- 20 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center
- 27 STIR Ministry 6 am, family center

The Sick:

Patricia Balint Christine Burkhardt Maria Brylowski Ann Coyle Tim DeBelisio Cindy Dinco Grace DiPonio Renee Dudek Scott Elverum James Escott Will Evangelista Vicki Evangelista	Angela Fossi Navy Garrett Crystal Kzborski Georgine Mallia Joe Mallia Tina Marinucci Bill Martz Jean Martin PGK Pablo Martinez	Karn Montford Carla Oxender Jeff Paterson Bob Plcinik Judy Preslau Betty Quain Bridget Siemonsma Sue Siemiesz Jimmy Shahin Carol Snyder Theresa Spars Paula Stampfler	Dianne Stulock Alisia Testa Elizabeth Testa Tom Theoret Amie Van Ray Viet Doug Wagner
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The Departed:

Lucia Aratari Fred Arganoza, PGK Mat Bolin William Bowen Mary Briedan Mildred Beaubien Amanda Cavanaugh Alice Cleland Victoria Connor Gerald Crossmeyer	Joseph Dorweiler Paricia Dick Ed Dymon Josephine Evangelista Bob Everett Anne Finkowski Dennis Fraver Rosemary Hayden Deane Lee Hassenrik PGK Georg eJagitsch	Chuck Kandah, Julie Kehoe and baby, James McElroy, Bill McKeever PGK, Don McKeever, Patrick Mckeever, Fr. Loren O'Dea, Bill O'Dell, Dorothy Pino, Deacon Don Quigley, Levin Rushford, GildaScipione, Lloyd Schuessler, Sid Shahin, Clayton Spars, Margaret Stack Edmund Thornton, Robert Thornton, Marie Volkert Ryan & Jen Ambrosio
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Special Intentions:

Katherine Albrecht Matt Bachorski Joe Biden Cardinal Burke Allen Burke Susan Gilleran Larry Grabowski Bob Kohls Cody Kohls Jonathan Ligenza	Fr James Livingston Maria Maffezoli Mrs Marinucci Fr Derik Peterman James Plcinik Very Rev Canon Walter J. Ptak Steve Rancour Joyce Shriver Bishop Strickland George Stump	Margarete Thomson Joseph Raymond W Fr Radek Zablocki Alex Zerbo Gina Zerbo Lisa B All souls in purgatory End of abortion End of gun violence The unemployed	End of war in Ukraine Vocations to Priesthood The Ambrosio Family
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THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME EXCERPTS FROM RECENT WEEKLY EMAILS BY GRAND KNIGHT**SK MIKE KANDAH**

Dues are due!! Brothers see the instructions below on how to pay your 2024 dues

Baby Bottle Distribution, weekend of January 20-21

This weekend, we will hand out empty bottles after all Masses. Ask parishioners to please return their bottles the following weekend.

Bottle Collection, weekend of January 27-28

The following weekend, we will collect the bottles (hopefully filled with money) before all Masses.

The generosity of our Council, Parrish, family, friends and total strangers for the support of the Ambrosio children has been astounding. Their extended community has raised \$470,000 and the family is set for supper until July. The showering of love and so many being touched by the Holy Spirit has been inspiring and comforting during this sorrowful time.

Merry Christmas Brother Knights!

Tuesday was the last officers meeting of the calendar year, the by-law changes will be ready to present and ratified in the first quarter of 2024. The Past Grand Knights Ball will be held in early spring of next year, stay tuned for details. Allow me to publicly thank your officer team. This group of Catholic Gentlemen is so talented. Each topic is discussed and analyzed with love, respect and smiles, with the Holy Spirit as our ever guide. As Grand Knight I am so blessed and grateful for these men.

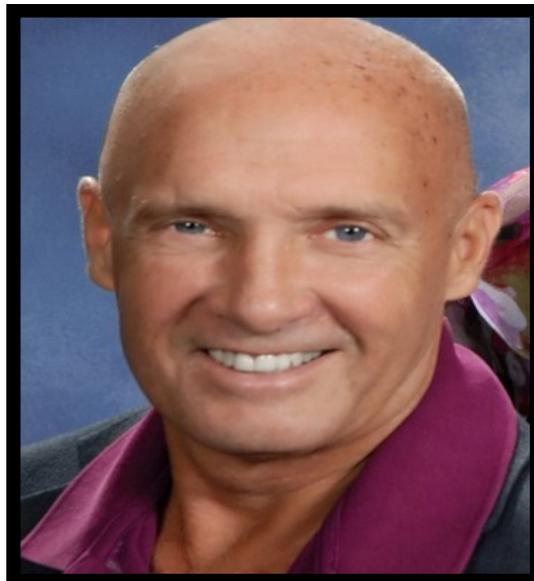
I wanted to talk about the announcement that Fr. Peterman is moving to Our Lady of Refuge next month. As much as Fr. Peterman will be missed, and my goodness he will be missed, I am excited for him to take this next step in his priestly journey. Fr. Peterman has had a tremendous impact on my family. My wife Stefanie, was not Catholic until this year. Fr. Peterman asking if she was ready to become Catholic was what she needed to ultimately join our Church. My daughter Mallory will miss him terribly as well. As a kindergarten student in 2019 Fr. Peterman visited her classroom, he asked if there were any questions. One hand went up and Mallory raised her hand and asked, "what are the floors in Heaven made out of?" He researched the question and shared the answer with her class. For over a year Fr. Peterman has worked to help me on my faith journey from the Byzantine Rite to the Roman Rite. God Bless you Fr. Peterman and thank you for all you have done for the Kandah Family, The Knights of Columbus and the entire Our Lady of Sorrows Community.

(Thanks Mike for the weekly information and practical catholic gentlemen reading this please let us know how to get you on the email list as there is other information sent to keep you in the know.)

I would like to start out by congratulating our Past Grand Knight Pablo Martinez and Past Acting Grand Knight Dan Woloko for all they did to lead our Council to becoming a Star Council! In a very unconventional year their grace and leadership shined. I also want to congratulate our District Director Gary Malia on being achieving Star District! Be sure to congratulate Pablo, Dan and Gary when you see them. As we are in The Advent Season my heart is full as we move towards a great time of celebration and the greatest gift of all eternal salvation! If I do not see you over the next few weeks Merry Christmas Brothers and have great New Year and holiday!

We will have guest speakers during the 2nd quarter focusing on life. We look forward to promotion of our anti-abortion and pro-life values! Life Director Mark Rahrig has been active securing speakers and promoting Catholic Pro-Life values.

Sir Knight and Deacon Don Quigley, member of St. Francis of Assisi Council and Assembly, passed away November 11. Don was the Deacon under Fr. Marc Brauer for many years at Our Lady of Sorrows. A number of years ago, while on vacation in the Philippines, Don ran into some health problems. Don was a true patriot. He ran a VA Outpost where he counseled and supported many veterans. He also served as a social worker in Wayne County and various hospitals making a lasting impact on the lives he touched. Don's funeral service was earlier today, and I apologize as I have just learned this information within the past hour. He will be interred at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. You can find his obituary at the O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home. www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Donald-Quigley-4/#!/Obituary The Fourth Degree will be adding his name to a future Chalice that will be donated in his honor. Eternal rest grant unto your servant Donald, O' Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen. Please keep his family in your prayers



ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

JOSEPH	GROSSI	01-02
THOMAS	SZYMKOWSKI	01-02
PAUL	JOHNSON	01-04
ROBERT	COLLINS	01-08
JOHN	BESSEN	01-08
UGO	ABATE	01-15
THOMAS	ARBOGAST	01-20
GARY	MALLIA	01-21
GEORGE	KENDALL	01-24
MICHAEL	MC ILRATH	01-26
GEORGE	CURRAN	01-27
LEO	DEL BEL	01-27
ROB	SMIGIELSKI	01-27
ARNEL	NABLO	02-02
STEVEN	MURPHY	02-03
RINALDO	MAFFEZZOLI	02-04
GILBERT	ACOSTA	02-06
ADAM	BONAREK	02-06
WALTER	LEONARD	02-08
ANTHONY	ANGELOSANTO	02-08-
BENJAMIN	DI PONIO	02-08
MATT	SURELLA	02-12
WILLIAM	MONSON	02-12
DON	ARNDT	02-26
RUSSELL	WALDECKER	02-21
DAVID	GAWLOWSKI	02-27
JOSEPH	GROMALA	03-03
EMIL	BENOIT	03-05
NATE	KUSHNER	03-08
ROBERT	SWINGER	03-09
MEL	GRIESHABER	03-10
MICHAEL	EVANGELISTA	03-12
REGINALD	KAKOS	03-12
MICHAEL	KUSINA	03-13
JOSEPH	WINGETT	03-13
PABLO	MARTINEZ	03-15
PAUL	LIGENZA	03-16
JOSEPH	SMITH	03-19
KEVIN	HAMMER	03-19
DANIEL	LENDI	03-21
MICHAEL	KANDAH	03-23
IAN	O'DONNELL	03-24
JAMES	MC LAUGHLIN	03-25
CARL	CADIEUX	03-25
GEORGE	CURRAN	03-26

EMIL	BENOIT	01-01	18
RUSSELL	LOOMIS	01-01	43
JAMES	MC LAUGHLIN	01-01	48
MICHAEL	HUZIAK	01-01	47
CHARLES	KIN	01-01	47
FRANCIS	TEBBE	01-01	46
FRANCIS	KENNEDY	01-01	41
MICHAEL	KRAMP	01-02	16
KENT	MASON	01-02	16
THOMAS	RANCOUR	01-02	16
JOSEPH	HEJKA	01-18	16
ROBERT	DOBKOWSKI	01-18	15
KEVIN	HAMMER	01-18	15
THOMAS	HERRMANN	02-01	15
DONALD	COUTURIER	02-01	35
JOHN	GIROUX	02-01	34
GREGORY	COLLINS	02-01	13
IMOKHAI	SULE	02-01	7
EUGENE	GRABINSKI	02-03	8
GERARD	HAYDEN	02-08	71
JAVIER	HOYOS HUAMAN	02-10	16
GEORGE	CURRAN	02-10	
MICHAEL	DEEGAN	02-19	10
PAUL	FLANAGAN	02-19	10
KLINT	KESTO	02-19	10
GREGORY	TOKARSKI	02-23	16
WOLODYMIR	DUDUN	02-25	2
JAMES	LIVINGSTON	02-25	1
BRANT	ROUSSEAU	02-25	1
NORMAN	PETERS	03-01	27
J	SCHADEN	03-01	61
LEON	SERDYNKI	03-01-	58
ANTHONY	ANGELOSANTO	03-01	55
PAUL	JOHNSON	03-01	15
RUSSELL	JAGER	03-01	41
ROBERT	COLLINS	03-01	37
MEL	GRIESHABER	03-01	34
NORMAN	PRANGER	03-01	34
JOSEPH	WINGETT	03-04	4
DANIEL	WOLOCKO	03-04	4
PAUL	FERRINI	03-06	10
VICTOR	FERRINI	03-06	10
JONATHAN	LIGENZA	03-09	2
MICHAEL	KANDAH	03-15	6
EDWARD	SMITH	03-15	6
MICHAEL	O'DEA	03-18	4
MICHAEL	EVANGELISTA	03-24	6
KYLE	ZIEGLER	03-23	1
DURAI	MAKHAY	03-30	3



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District Deputy	SK Gary Mallia	248-496-9838
Grand Knight	SK Michael Kandah	248-637-1166
Deputy Grand Knight	SK Kyle Redding	408-476-0674
Faithful Navigator	SK Henry Testa	248-770-7010
Building Corp. President	SK Tom Pegler	248-615-9500
Chancellor	SK Ray Maffezzoli	248-
Warden	SK Pat Dwyer	408-471-4088
Recorder	Aaron Dick	248-470-4953
Treasurer	Mark Rychlinski	248-302-8016
Vocations Director	TBD	
Advocate & Membership	SK George Curran	248-477-7940
Financial Secretary	SK Henry Testa	248-770-7010
Building Corp Trustee		
Trustee 2 year/Build Corp. Trustee	SK Jim Filbert	248-877-4604
Trustee 1 year	SK Dean Wojtowicz	248-794-3582
Trustee 3 Year	Don Arndt	248-231-3511
Program Director/Guard	Ryan Arndt	248-462-4619
Guard	Jerry Hayden	
Faith Director	Tim Gelletly	313-595-8071
Guard	SK John Sule	248-924-0511
Guard	Bob Kohle	
Nursing Visitation	Bill Martz	248-442-9783
Lecturer	TBD	
Insurance Field Agent	T J McCully	734-717-1466

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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