



# THE LEADER



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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

# Happy Thanksgiving

# Merry Christmas

Dear Brother Knights, Families and Friends,

*By the time you read this maybe cooler fall temperatures will arrive. I do love the season of Fall as I enjoy being outdoors and seeing all of the beauty that God has created for us. The Knights are back and stronger than ever. Bingo is doing a great job giving us the needed money to support our causes. Our first big event was helping out the Help Pregnancy Center fundraising dinner event. We sponsored the guest speaker and sponsored two tables full of Knights. All those who went had a great time listening to the speaker and making the event a success in raising money for the center. A big thanks to Paula and John Veneklase for all their hard work with this organization.*

*Our Diaper Drive for the Help Pregnancy Center and the Blanket/Sleeping Bag Drive for the homeless by the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) is on Sunday October 31st from 12-2 at the hall. People will be there to take your goods. You should have received an email on this information. If you can help out, I greatly appreciate your generosity for those in need. That is one of our main goals as a knight is to better the lives of those less fortunate. Thanks to the Veneklases of Help Pregnancy Aid and Danny Stolcenberg with the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) program for running the event.*

*Now onto November as we celebrate Thanksgiving. I know we all should always be thankful as we are so blessed. How often do we realize we have so much. With that, what can you do to help those in need? I do challenge each and every Knight as we have programs set up to help others. Your involvement with our programs is critical to those in need. That is why you are a KNIGHT.*

*In December the Christmas season is approaching. Keep an eye out for billboards along the way. We will have 34 billboards that say Keep Christ in Christmas. The art work done this year is by a Catholic Central student. Many different councils and individuals purchased the billboards in which the program was set up by David Arbanas and John Veneklase from our council. I thank you two for your hard work on making this a huge success. We seem to be distracted by the commercialization of Christmas by what we see in the stores and these billboards are a nice reminder of the meaning of Christmas. Covid has taught us to slow down so maybe this Christmas season we can reflect more on the true meaning of Christmas with friends, family and church.*

*Many new things will be happening this winter so stay tuned to this newsletter and emails about Council Events. Maybe even a New Years resolution is to become a little more involved with making the lives of others who are less fortunate better. We are a great group of men who can making a big difference in our community*

*Take care and have a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas Season.*

*Vivat Jesus,*

*GK David Erdmans*



**NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS NOVEMBER 3 & DECEMBER 1 @ 7:00 PM**

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## NOVEMBER



## DECEMBER

Gregg E Larabel 2  
Thomas F Gabourie 3  
S.K. James E Kenzie PGK 3  
Vernon E Covell Jr 5  
S.K. Daniel P Weibel 6  
Eugene T O Connor 7  
S.K. Terrance M Priest 8  
Thomas C Suidinski 8  
Phil Klocke 9  
Thomas J Maguire 9  
Howard F Smith 10  
James T Murphy 13  
Reynolds W Leonard 14

Russell J Mc Dowell II 14  
Gregory S Liceraga 15  
S.K. Paul F Noel 16  
Ryan A Hopkins 17  
James M Mc Donald 19  
Daniel T Roberts 19  
Gerald L Snyder 21  
William P Ogiedo 23  
Rev Phong Q Pham 25  
Kevin L Mcvay 27  
Eugenio S Ramirez 27  
Theodore J King 29

Lewis M Mc Donald 1  
Paul Tomaszewski 1  
Kenneth S Smigiel 3  
Sam J Bravata 4  
Donald D Ferguson Jr 4  
Steven G Kurylowicz 5  
S.K. Reyes Guillen 9  
William D Norder 10  
Bob Uturo 10  
S.K. Dominic Deluca 13  
Robert L Chatlosh 14  
S.K. Dan Urbanowski PGK14  
Thomas J Nawrocki 15  
Glenn W Eckelkamp 16

Daniel E Wildey 17  
Eugene R Panozzo 18  
Ronald B Strauss 18  
S.K. Edward S Tusing PGK 18  
Gerard J Stanaway 20  
David M Van Houten 21  
S.K. David R Arbanas PGK 22  
S.K. Joseph M Arbanas 25  
Philip B Watkins 25  
Michael J Fiedorowicz 26  
Michael E Smigiel 27  
Robert E Schmiedicke 31  
David M Staeven 31



## NOVEMBER

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

## DECEMBER

Michael J & Terry Conley 11-03-1984 (37)  
John F & Debra Grygiel 11-05-1988 (33)  
Richard T & Patrica Czarnopys 11-06-1965 (56)  
Russ J & Anne Armock 11-07-1987 (34)



Denis K & Jan Smith 12-06-1975 (46)  
Charles E & Mary Ellen Howe 12-07-1985 (36)  
Justin P & Samantha Veneklas 12-08-2018 (3)  
Kenneth J & Debbie Centilli PGK 12-15-1978 (43)  
Terry M & Karen Bocian 12-27-1970 (51)

OUR DEPARTED BROTHERS  
MAY GOD GRANT THEM  
ETERNAL REST

OUR COUNCIL 4362 PARISHES  
ST JOHN VIANNEY  
OUR LADY OF SORROWS  
ST DOMINIC



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*Membership is the blood of our order, in order to survive we need new members with fresh ideas.  
I encourage ALL members young and old to look around and ask Catholic men to join our ranks.  
If you know of any gentlemen that might be interested, please let me know.*

*Dan Weibel, Membership Director, PGK  
Phone: 616-617-8848*

**PLEASE REPORT CORRECTIONS AND OMISSIONS TO THE EDITOR**





*Bingo is off to a strong Autumn roll. Each week we see new players who haven't played in a long time and are having fun with their friends. We are seeing more and more players coming back who took time off due to Covid. They are happy to be back too. I still can't thank the wonderful crew working hard each Monday. The money we make goes to the council but the bingo workers get paid. We have many workers who are donating their money to various non profit organizations. That is a big tribute to those workers essentially volunteering their time for the good of their worthy cause. There is plenty of money to be made and we would love to see a Tuesday night bingo. We just need a new crew to establish a Tuesday night bingo. In November we are giving away turkeys on the 15th and the 22nd. So if you don't win at bingo you might win Thanksgiving dinner. In December, we will be giving out Gift Cards each night of play. So come on out and have some fun. I also appreciate all of the knights and their spouses who help out with Bingo. Your work is greatly appreciated.*

*Dave Erdmans & Denny Stolcenberg Chairpersons*

*Looking for a part time job? These are paid positions.  
Call Dave Erdmans for more info at 616-350-0757*

*Remember to check our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/bingo4362](https://www.facebook.com/bingo4362)*



## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

*The year continues to be more normal that it was in the past, and that is definitely helping our council getting more involved in various activities. Bingo on Monday nights continues to be a huge success. There will be a Steak Fry at our hall on Oct. 30th, so please support this event. Also, on Oct. 31st we will be working with the Police and Fire Dept. to collect blankets, sleeping bags for the homeless and a diaper drive for the Pregnancy Resource Center. We need a great turnout for this event as well.*

*We will be donating \$500 to each of 10 Seminarians as we have done in the past thanks to the income from Bingo. Also, watch for the "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboards that will be on display in the month of December. Dave Arbanas and John Veneklase have done a marvelous job of getting over 30 billboards that will have this Christmas message throughout the area. Next up are our Dues, Fish Fry, M.I. Drive and the Clergy Appreciation Dinner at our hall on June 20th. We have a lot of activity coming up, so please make an effort to help out so we can continue to donate to so many charitable causes.*

*Ron Pelka*

## **FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT**

*Dear Brother Knights, Why don't more of us Knights Volunteer? Are we embarrassed by our Order of Knights of Columbus? We as Knights took an oath to Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. We do many things in our Council to help make our community a better place to live. We do things for our church to help us further develop our Faith and the Churches needs. We have a School at St John Vianney we support . I guess what I'm trying to say is , We can't further our Duties as Knights if we don't show Unity , Fraternity, and Charity. I'm challenging each of you to reach out to a fellow Knight and ask how you can help. As your Financial Secretary my phone number and email address are on the back of your membership card. I know we have many men out there with plenty of untouched talents only because they haven't been asked. Well I'm Asking. Please help our Council and Community to grow in Faith and Unity and Charity. We only need a couple of hours a month of your time. Is that really asking too much?*

*Thank you and Vivat Jesus  
Tony Arbanas Financial Secretary  
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**BINGO EVERY MONDAY**

**OCT 30 STEAK DINNER 5:00 - 7:00 FOLLOWED BY  
HALLOWEEN DANCE 7:00-11:00**  
**NOV 3 COUNCIL MEETING 7:00**  
**NOV 18 BUILDING CORP MEETING 7:30**  
**DEC 1 COUNCIL MEETING 7:00**  
**DEC 30 BUILDING CORP MEETING 7:30**  
**FIFTH DEGREE LOUNGE**  
**OPEN 5:00 - 10:00PM MONDAY - FRIDAY**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
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As you can tell we all had a great time during the Knights on-air hour to help raise funds for Holy Family Radio on Fri. Sept. 10, 21



Lft. to rt, Tony Arbanas F.S. 4362, Gary Merritt State PR Dir., Vince Gale HFR Ex. Dir., Dcn. Jim Thorndill HFR Development Dir., Ron Carlotti PGK 8117, Nate Bartel DD 309

*The amount raised during the hour we were on the air during the Holy Family Radio Pledge Drive. A whopping \$19,000.00! One of the best hours ever. Great work guys! Sets quite a bar for the next time.*

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*We are only doing an Email Version of the Newsletter if you know someone that doesn't have access to the Internet please make them a copy.*  
**Joe Arbanas Editor**



## **Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church 101 Hall Street**

*Our Lady of Sorrows is back to holding Mass without any restrictions. All are welcomed back to Mass. The only fund raising this year is the ongoing 2000 Club raffle. \$20 per ticket. Drawing is the last Sunday of every month until the end of the year. All winner tickets go back into the hopper. Call the church office for tickets 616-243-0222.*



## **St. John Vianney Catholic Church 4101 Clyde Park SW**

*Each and every time the principal Linda Olejnik needs work done at school, the Knights are there to respond. Linda knows she can get help with the knights by calling school parent and past Grand Knight Dan Weibel. Dan puts out a call to Knights who also have school children and the crew is ready to do whatever is asked of them for the school. Here are some of the jobs completed by our Knights. Deep clean of the outdoor concession stand (it had been 3 years- mice/ dirt/ gross), athletic garage and bathrooms in early August. (Dan Weibel, Harry Werkema, Jim Warmolts)*

*Putting the school library back together. (Dan Weibel, Steve Chwalek, Dave Milanowski, Phil Klocke, Dan Bury)*

*Moving old desks from 1st and 2nd grade rooms to the storage barn in mid-August. (Dan Weibel, Steve Chwalek, Dave Milanowski, Phil Klocke, Dan Bury)*

*Staffing the morning and afternoon drop off lines for safety at school. (Dan Weibel, Dave and Ali Milanowski, Dan Bury, Tricia Andersen)*

*Fixing/ dragging the overgrown softball field in early-September. (Dan Weibel and Keith Lickley)*

*Moving the bleachers from storage out to the sidelines for fall sports. (Dan Weibel, Dave Erdmans, Steve Chwalek)*

*Essay Contest, 2021. (Nick Andersen)*

*Traffic coordination for the lot re-sealing work in Sept. (Dan Weibel, Dan Bury, Steve Chwalek, Dave Milanowski)*

*On going grotto maintenance and leadership. (Dan and Alexis Weibel, Dan Weibel Sr. and Colleen Weibel, Mary and Denny Stolcenberg, Dave and Kathy Erdmans, Keith Lickley, Jerry Rose, John Veneklase)*

*As you can see the knights are very active with SJV school. The Knights are always there to help. Thanks SJV Knights.*



## **FOURTH DEGREE**

*On October 22 at KC Banquet Center (home of Council 4362) we held the First Exemplification since the start of covid. 19 New Sir Knights took the next step in Knighthood! In attendance was State Deputy Walter Winkle Jr. Dinner followed the ceremony. If you are interested in joining our ranks please contact me.*



*Keith P Woodrum Master, Michigan Dist. 4*  
*k.woodrum@mikofc.org 616-827-1197 (h) 616-446-3330 (c)*





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*If you have special needs or any questions  
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# **HALLOWEEN DANCE and STEAK DINNER OCTOBER 30, 2021**

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616-534-3089**



*The "Keep Christ in Christmas" Billboard Program is back. This poster was done by Art students at West Catholic. This year 2021 Catholic Central Art students will submit entries. When the Design is set we will send an email with picture. We have 34 Billboards this year with several Councils and private individuals spreading the word to remember why we celebrate CHRISTMAS!*

*Dave Arbanas and John Veneklase are chairing*

**40 DAYS  
FOR LIFE**

*Thank You to ALL that  
took time out to pray. We  
are making a difference*

