



THE LEADER

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

It has been a busy past two months at the council. As you can read in the various articles with bingo, calendar raffle, religious dinner and the SJV breakfast and a degree we were quite busy. I appreciate everyone for their support with all of our events. The council only is strong with all the great work that many of you do for 4362. One guy who never gets mentioned much and is so important is Ron Pelka. Thanks for your exceptional work, Ron. But probably an equal thanks goes out to Tony Arbanas our Financial Secretary for all of his extra work for the council. These two guys don't get enough credit for all they do. Thanks Guys!

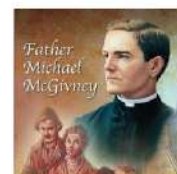
This has been a crazy two months for me personally as I was excited to attend the conference at Mackinaw Island at the end of May. I got Covid right before and could not attend. I am so fortunate I was vaccinated but it has taken me about a month to get over the effects. I am finally having some motivation to work. Like writing these articles

It's with a heavy heart I share the news of the passing of Lori Jacob. She was the spiritual music force behind the Saturday night praise band at SJV. It has been very hard to understand why an extremely talented women who works for the Lord, not only at SJV but also Assumption of our Blessed Virgin Mary church as well, is taken to heaven. She passed away in her sleep at the age of 59. She also taught music at SJV for 25 years. I know there are 5 knights who play and sing at the Saturday night Mass and 3 knight's spouses who sing too. This has been a very difficult time for many of us. My wife and I have been personal friend for over 25 years with her and Tom. Also, during that time my father was in the hospital for 7 days. So, times have not been easy for many of us. You stop to wonder about things in life and question why. Your strong faith helps and guides you along the way. If anything, I learned from these experiences so please tell everyone around you that you love them each day. Those three words, I love you, are so important.

What is happening next? We still have plenty of things to do at the council in helping other. We recently gave Father Peter of Montague 1500 dollars. He is from Nigeria and will go back there to help those in need. He is currently building a school there but also his foundation build wells for villages to have fresh water. Something we take for granted. If you want to help, stop on by Marges Donut Den. That is the center of this foundation. A very worthy cause.

Mark your calendar for the first weekend in October. We got a party for you since we been limited on social events. The 65th anniversary of our council, past Grand Knights, all volunteers and just a good time to come out to the hall to have a celebration. Food and drinks will be provided. More details to come.

*Vivat Jesus
Grand Knight
David Erdmans*



*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

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 3 @ 7:00 PM

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JULY



AUGUST

S.K. John M Hagen PGK 1
S.K. Thomas A Martin 4
S.K. Darrell E Schildroth 5
James E Mc Dowell 6
Stephen M Bloye 7
S.K. Devin R Ortega-Furgeson 9
James W Gallagher 11
William L Stewart 12
James P Gill 13
Gregory E Gatesy 14
Michael J Ward 15
Norbert B Moore 16
Davey L Morris 16
Justin P Veneklas 16

Richard T Czarnopys 17
Daniel T Bury 18
Ted M Cusack 18
S.K. Eugene N Wolf 20
Paul W Cooper 21
James A Dinan 22
Jack A Hale 25
Phillip R Martin 25
S.K. Nicholas J Bravata 27
Douglas M Ashbay 28
Gerald J Smith 28
Russ J Armock 31
Douglas D Benner 31

S.K. Paul R Arbanas 2
Tom J Vlaming 2
Phillip J Cook 8
S.K. Ruben Liceraga 8
Michael T Larabel 11
Doug A Haney 12
Harry C Werkema III 12
Mark E Vogl 14
Jack J Wisneski 15
Anthony W Kinzinger 16

Fr. Daniel R Orris Jr 16
James D Bluhm 17
Dominic W Storto 17
Phillip D Nguyen 20
S.K. Ronald E Pelka 23
James W Polmanteer 23
Louis S Switlik 25
Matthew J Krebill 27
Richard D O Donnell 27
Thomas P Soltys 29

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

JULY

Richard D & Janet O Donnell 7-05-1958 (64)
S.K. Reyes & Josie Guillen 7-07-1979 (43)
S.K. Terrance M & Kathy Priest 7-10-1965 (57)
Stephen M & Lorraine Bloye 7-14-1962 (60)
Thomas F & June Gabourie 7-18-1953 (69)
S.K. Keith P & Marie Woodrum 7-22-1989 (33)
S.K. Kenneth P & Debra Skonecki PGK 7-25-1998 (24)
Norbert B & Janice Moore 7-26-2003 (19)
Steve & Lisa Luczak 7-27-1996 (26)
Brian J & Delores Gallagher 7-29-1967 (55)
Phillip R & Laura Martin 7-30-1983 (39)



AUGUST

Mark E & Linda Vogl 8-01-1981 (41)
Jeffrey & Janice Martin 8-06-1992 (30)
William F & Patricia Simon 8-07-1982 (40)
S.K. Donald R & Theresa Robinson PGK 8-10-1974 (48)
Lawrence S & Judith Narlock 8-12-1961 (61)
Ronald R & Karen Narlock 8-16-1980 (42)
Dan B & Judy Fitzgerald 8-21-1976 (46)
S.K. Thomas A & Margarita Martin 8-21-1976 (46)
James E & Phyllis Mc Dowell 8-22-1964 (58)
S.K. Ronnie L & Eleanor Hage PGK 8-26-1972 (50) *****

OUR DEPARTED BROTHERS
MAY GOD GRANT THEM
ETERNAL REST
MICHAEL ROBERT FIELDS



CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME TO OUR NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS

Chris Carlson - John Stobierski - James Gemmell
&
Jim Warmolts 2nd & 3rd Degree

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COUNCIL 4362 BINGO EVERY MONDAY
DOORS OPEN AT 4 BINGO AT 6

JULY 16 ROSARY @ St ANDREWS CATHEDRAL in
front of church 9:30 am

JULY 28 BUILDING CORP MEETING 7:30

AUGUST 3 COUNCIL MEETING 7:00

AUGUST 25 BUILDING CORP MEETING 7:30
FIFTH DEGREE LOUNGE

OPEN 5:00 - 10:00PM MONDAY - FRIDAY

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BINGO



It is unbelievable the love people have for bingo and enjoy spending money which ends up supporting the Knights charitable events. We had a very busy, to say the least, last 3 months. We were able to give the council \$8000 in April, \$16,000 in May and another \$8000 dollars in June. Folks thats \$32,000 dollars. I still can't say enough about the great crew working each Monday night. Thanks to Mary Bearss for joining our Team. I do believe the most important reason we make so much money is because of the Great work Dave Kozak and Dave VanHouten did over the last 18 years. We have so many regular who come back each week because of them. We just continued their success. But I think the biggest reason is having Clarice Kozak back in the kitchen cooking and baking. She is one incredible woman with a huge heart. There is a special place in heaven for her.

Thanks, Clarice, for all that you do for the Knights.

Denny Stolcenberg & Dave Erdmans Chairpersons

Looking for a part time job that's fun? These are paid positions.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

These final two months of our fiscal year have been very busy. There was the Calendar Raffle in May, which was a huge success, the M.I. Drive in April and the Priest Appreciation Dinner that was really a very nice event. We also approved our budget for 2022/2023, which includes \$53,780 for charity. This is probably the most that we have ever designated for charity and is due in large part to our Bingo on Mondays. You should be very proud of your council and the many very good things that we are involved in. Come to our meetings and hear first hand about all the things that we are involved in.

Pray that the draconian idea that abortion is perfectly okay and that Michigan shows the nation that a baby's life is worth nurturing.

Ron Pelka Treasurer

MAY CALENDAR RAFFLE RESULTS

We had an excellent May Raffle with 31 WINNERS. Thank you everyone for selling tickets. Your support was greatly appreciated. We gave away \$3600 dollars with many Knights and Families winning the daily drawing. We made over about \$3500 dollars for this simple but exciting fundraiser for charity. We will plan on doing this again next year so once again thanks for selling your tickets.

KEPHA - BUILDING A LEGACY

We are Catholic lay men who work to inspire other men to a greater love of God and their Faith, and equip them to become champions both in their families and in the public square.

KEPHAs name is taken from Jesus pronouncement to Peter, You are rock (kepha in Aramaic), and upon this rock I will build my church. We are proud to be built on that rock.

Our principal activity is organizing and hosting an annual Building a Legacy conference for Catholic men in West Michigan. We also encourage men to join small groups with other men trying to faithfully follow Christ.

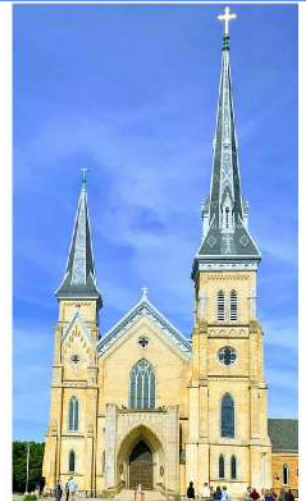
Public recitation of the Rosary

WHEN: 3rd Saturday of every month 9:30-10:00 AM

WHERE: Cathedral Square (plaza in front of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Grand Rapids, MI)

WHO: Families welcome.

More info: <https://www.buildingalegacy.org>



St. John Vianney Catholic Church 4101 Clyde Park SW

A very success breakfast was held on Sunday May 15 after both masses. We had a bigger turnout than the 1st breakfast this past January. A big thanks to Nick Andersen and his two kids, Paul Cooper, Dan Weibel, David Milanowski, Rock Poterack (who is not a knight yet), Harry Werkema, Kevin McVoy and myself who worked and slaved (Ha Ha) over the hot stoves cooking a great breakfast for everyone. I appreciated all the Knights who came out to support this event too.



This event was even better with donations made by fellow knights toward the STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) program, a much better way of teaching science for kids. David Milanowski, Tom Bearrs, myself and another anonymous knight each donated 250 dollars. Joe Arbanas gave 500 dollars. Wow Thanks Joe. Marge Wilson of 'Marges Donut Den' gave 600 dollars. So, with Knights matching the profits we were able to give 3000 dollars to SJV STEAM program. It was a Great Day for our council. Next breakfast in September.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH 101 HALL ST

How about helping out with the biggest Fundraiser they have by purchasing a RAFFLE 2022 TICKET 12 Drawings a year with 8 Winners each month. Prize Each month 1- \$500, 3 - \$100, 4 - \$50 Cost \$20 per ticket. Call the Parish Office 616-243-0222 to purchase

Priest, Sisters, Deacons and Seminaries Religious Appreciation Dinner

Another great event was held in support of these wonderful people on June 21 at KC Banquet Center. It has been absent over the past few years and I am extremely indebted to Tony Arbanas for taking over this event and organizing with great precision. His brother Dave handled it in the past and Tony took over the reins after Dave passed away. We had over 40 religious men and women come and appreciated our support. 185 people attended the event. Many councils also were their to support and also financially support the event. The State Deputy Walter Winkle drove across the state to be here for his support. A big thanks to Ken Skonecki for being the emcee of the night. He did a great job with all the titles of our guest. Our bishop unfortunately couldn't attend but we let him know Council 4362 supports him with a check for \$5000 dollars to his charity of choice. Many other people also helped make this a great event. Dave Arbanas wife Roselyn, Mary Lynn Arbanas, Don & Theresa Robinson, Joe Arbanas and Kathy Doyle. A big thanks as always to Paul Arbanas for organizing and cooking the great food.



GK Dave Erdmans - Msgr Duncan - Tony Arbanas FS

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LETTER FROM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUPREME KNIGHT

After nearly 50 years, the wrong decision that was made in Roe v. Wade has been set right. The Supreme Courts historic decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women Health Organization overturning both Roe and Planned Parenthood v. Casey, is a watershed moment in the movement that generations of Knights of Columbus have worked and prayed for. Indeed, it is one of the most significant advancements in human rights in our nations history.

We are grateful and encouraged by the Courts finding that abortion is not a constitutional right. But we must not think that today is a day to declare victory. Instead, I call upon every member of the Knights of Columbus to redouble their personal efforts to build up the Culture of Life that St. John Paul II described in his prophetic encyclical letter Evangelium Vitae.

With Roe reversed, federal advocacy to protect unborn life is still necessary, but the decision opens wide the doors for states to consider their own abortion laws as well. Many states have laws that immediately protect unborn human life. Others have taken regrettable steps to make themselves sanctuaries for abortion-on-demand. Pregnancy resources centers will become even more vital as they reach out to serve pregnant women, new mothers and their children.

In the months and years ahead, Knights should work to support or start marches for life in every state. Another critical action we can all take is to increase our support for pregnancy resource centers in our communities. To that end, the Supreme Council has announced a \$5 million campaign to support new mothers and their children through a new program: ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy). These pregnancy centers and maternity homes are now the front lines of the pro-life movement, and Knights should continue to stand and serve with them. You can support this effort by making a donation today.

Even before the Dobbs decision was officially released, we saw numerous instances of violence and vandalism targeted at pregnancy resource centers and Catholic churches across the country. Let us find our response in the words Pope Francis addressed to the 2021 Supreme Convention, which called on us to be men committed to building up rather than tearing down, promoting healing and reconciliation in place of hatred and recrimination, and inviting all to undertake the journey of fraternity that can lead to a world ever more in accord with Gods saving plan for our human family.

Finally, we must continue to pray and fast for the end of abortion. How fitting it is that the Dobbs decision arrived on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let us pray in thanksgiving for this decision, and continue to implore the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe as we work to build a Culture of Life in which every human life, made in the image and likeness of God, is welcomed in life and protected in law.

Fraternally,

Patrick E. Kelly

Supreme Knight

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