



# THE LEADER

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*As I write this report, Lent has started. I hope your Lenten season is a fulfilling one for you and your family. I always try to think about the ways I can live my life better. There are many things you will probably be doing too during this season. We all will try to do different things this Lent to help us grow closer to God. I hope your Lenten season is one that helps you achieve your goal of making a better life for you and the people you encounter.*

*With Spring right around the corner, we see and feel the warmth of the sun and spring time activities are starting to pop up in our heads. I look forward to all the new life that comes with spring. That is why I see Lent as a time of renewed life in the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter. All of these factors come into play as we Celebrate on Easter Sunday.*

*As you can see, our council is quite active. That's why many hands are needed. As you will read about the Super Bowl Week Food Drives, which were a very big success. We Thank once again all who supported or helped at the food drives. When you read this the Friday Fish Fry Dinners are happening and we thank you for your support. If you have not been out yet, please come and support the best fish in town voted several years ago before Covid. Come out to the hall for indoor dining and enjoy an evening with friends. You'll love seeing all the Knights and their wives helping run the fish fry. We have a great community of support. We are truly blessed with a great council of men who are always trying to make the lives of other people better and have fun too.*

*I hope all remain well with you and your family and I know every day is a good day.  
I hope you have a Blessed Lenten and Easter season.*

*Vivat Jesus*

*David Erdmans GK*



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**COUNCIL 4362 BINGO EVERY MONDAY**

**DOORS OPEN AT 4 BINGO AT 6**

**FISH FRY EVERY FRIDAY TILL APRIL 7**

**MARCH 1 COUNCIL MEETING 7:00**

**MARCH 30 BUILDING CORP MEETING 7:30**

**APRIL 5 COUNCIL MEETING 7:00**

**APRIL 7 GOOD FRIDAY**

**APRIL 9 EASTER SUNDAY**

**APRIL 27 BUILDING CORP MEETING 7:30**

**FIFTH DEGREE LOUNGE**

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

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**NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS MARCH 1 & APRIL 5 @ 7:00 PM**

**CHARITY \* UNITY \* FRATERNITY \* PATRIOTISM**



## BIRTHDAYS

### MARCH



### APRIL

John L Battaglio 1  
 Denis K Smith 1  
 Steve D Chwalek 2  
 Kenneth J Centilli PGK 3  
 William T Van Gessel 4  
 Peter J Noto Jr 6  
 S.K. Alvin L Matkovich 7  
 Phillip J Hood 8  
 John P Buckley 10  
 Michael A Bush 12  
 Robert J Kolasse 12  
 Father Theodore J Kozlowski 16  
 S.K. Thomas J Vitalis 16  
 Daniel J Weibel 03-16  
 Max Joseph Leonard II 18  
 Nickolas P Noto 21  
 S.K. Steve E Milanowski 23  
 Kevin P Stapleton 23  
 Joseph D Levan 25  
 S.K. David J Kozak PGK 26  
 Richard A Mc Donald 26  
 Matthew J Underhill 26  
 S.K. Thomas L Buettner 28  
 Jerry J Konwinski 28  
 Ronald J Arbanas 29  
 Albert P Martin 29

Gabriel Hudson 3  
 S.K. Richard J Stolcenberg 3  
 Jack L Zylstra 3  
 Todd Esteban 7  
 Gary Vanrooyan 10  
 Randy J Belliel 13  
 Thomas A Bertram 13  
 Ronald R Narlock 13  
 Kevin M Quinn 17  
 Benjamin P Hernandez 18  
 David Reatini 19  
 Jeffrey Martin 20  
 Michael L Kelly 23  
 S.K. Jeremy A Batcke 27  
 S.K. Timothy C Pelletier PGK 27  
 Timothy W Roberts 28

OUR DEPARTED BROTHERS  
 MAY GOD GRANT THEM  
 ETERNAL REST



## OUR CHAPLAIN'S 90th BIRTHDAY

Most Rev. Theodore J Kozlowski March 16



*Father Ted is turning 90 Years Young. The Family is planning a private party for him and his parish is also having a get together. Also on May 24 he will celebrate his 65th anniversary of priesthood. If you would like to send him a card here is his parish address:*  
**101 Hall St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507**



*Metal Drive,*

*The Mensgroup at St. Mary Magdalen Church in Kentwood is holding a Scrap Metal Drive on Saturday, May 6th, 2023. The time is 9am to 1pm. It will be in the parking lot by the bus garage at 1253 52nd Street SE. Please bring your scrap metal.*

*Thank You.*

*Tim Pelletier*

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

### MARCH

Daniel T & Joyce Roberts 3-2-1973 (50)  
 S.K. Devin R & Betty Ortega-Furgeson 03-21-1992

### APRIL

Steven G Kurylowicz 04-01-1989 Jessica  
 Reynolds W Leonard 04-08-1972 Pat  
 Ted M Cusack 04-19-2008 Amanda  
 S.K. Patrick W Franzoi 04-19-2008 Dana  
 Perry L Kubizna 04-20-1963 Gelorus  
 Howard F Smith 04-22-1972 Virginia  
 Gregg E Larabel 04-23-1965 Pam  
 James D Bluhm 04-27-1974 Ella  
 Gerald R Hoogterp 04-27-1974 Linda  
 David C Dzierzyc 04-29-1991 Sandra  
 James M Krebill 04-29-1972 Kathy

## Knight Family of the Month

*January*

*Tom & Mary Bearss*

*February*

*Don & Theresa Robinson*

**St John Vianney Men**  
**NEW KNIGHTS ARE ALWAYS**  
**WELCOMED**



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



# MONDAY KNIGHT BINGO



*With winter upon us, people like to play bingo on Monday nights. We have a warm and fun atmosphere for players to enjoy the night at the KC Banquet Center playing bingo. We have been keeping steady progress for raising money for the council. We were able to generate \$12,000 for January and February. The crew at bingo is growing. Lori Wood has joined the team and plays a vital role for us by performing many different jobs. Thank you, Lori. Also helping out are Knights Ed Milanowski and Dan Fitzgerald who are also on the Building Corporation. Thanks, guys, for your help in making bingo so successful. A big shout out to Bob Battle who turned 80 during bingo (see pic). A cake was made for him by the famous chef Clarice Kozak. Also, Lynne McKenna turned 82 while working bingo. Thanks to both of you for your service to bingo and our council. During April we again will be doing our Easter Give a Way. Come join us!*

*Denny Stolcenberg & Dave Erdmans Chairpersons  
Looking for a part time job that's fun? These are paid positions.  
Call DaveErdmans 616-350-0757 for more info about joining our TEAM!*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

*Our M.I. Drive will take place on March 31, April 1 & 2 at the Big Top. Thanks in advance to everyone for their help. The Fish Fry will also be happening at our hall during Lent. Hope to see you all there, whether you are working or enjoying the labors of those who are. We are also doing a May Raffle, so buy your tickets with a chance to win. All in all, the council is doing fine financially. Bingo workers are such a blessing to our council. Please get involved in one of the above activities so we can continue to do good works in our community.*

*Ron Pelka Treasurer*



## FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

*Brother Knights,*

*It's time to pay dues. Notices were emailed, if you didn't see this please check your JUNK or SPAM Folder. If you provided an email when you joined and since changed, please send me an email to change your information. Also any family status change is important too. My emails are tonyarbanas@att.net or tmarby@msn.com, put in Subject line changed email. If you didn't provide one and would like to, now is the time. We only send out emails for Events and Special Announcements and also our newsletter, The Leader. We save printing and mailing cost by using Email and it makes it easy to save in your computer to remind you of Events. Also if you haven't attended a meeting lately why not show up. It's only an hour and we have Fun at the same time. First Wednesday of the Month at 7:00pm in the North Hall.*

*Thank you,  
Tony Arbanas, Financial Secretary*



*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  
Here is link for more information: <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>*



# KC BANQUET CENTER

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*We have hosted a variety of events including the following:*

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**BRIDAL SHOWERS - ADULT BIRTHDAYS - FAMILY REUNIONS - CHRISTMAS PARTY**

*We can customize your event to the way you want it.*

*We also offer some SPECIAL Pricing Programs.*

*For more information contact Paul Arbanas 616-534-3089 or 616-885-2502*

## FIFTH DEGREE LOUNGE

**MONDAY - FRIDAY 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm**

*Did you know we are open to the Public and can accommodate up to 50 people  
Why not have your next get together in a cozy atmosphere where prices for drinks are the lowest  
in town. You can even bring in your own food or have it delivered to the lounge. We have a Big  
Screen TV, Music, Pool Table and Nudgemaster Video Games*

*If you have special needs or any questions  
call Paul Arbanas.*

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## FISH FRY

**STARTS ON MARCH 3, 2023**



**EVERY FRIDAY TO APRIL 7 SERVING 5:00 TO 7:00**

**A GENEROUS SERVING OF FRIED POLLOCK, FRENCH FRIES, COLESLAW**

**NON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE**

**MAC & CHEESE AVAILABLE FOR KIDS**

**ADULTS \$12.00**

**CHILDREN AGE 5 THRU 10 \$8.00**

**4 & UNDER FREE**





## DISTRICT DEPUTYS THOUGHTS

*My Brothers in Christ,*

*January was a busy Month to start out the New Year. We had both a Tri-District meeting and our winter Diocesan Meeting, thank you to all who took the time to attend. This years Winter Diocesan meetings format was different than past years. Our State Deputy Chris Kolomjec made the decision to forgo having various State Officers give a presentation and instead allowed the Bishop to talk to the Knights of Columbus representing his Diocese. All Seven Bishops took advantage of the State Deputies offer. Bishop Walkowiak spoke eloquently about how our relationship with each other is vital, as well as our relationship with God. He stated that the Knights of Columbus is a great vehicle to empower Catholic men to live their faith and grow their relationship with God. He challenged us to be a good example for our children by going to Mass, and commit to daily prayer with joy and gratitude. He went on to say that "Communion is Food for our Journey" and to invite Family and Friends to Mass. He also encouraged us "Never to Settle for Maintenance Mode" and to continue to grow in our rich Catholic Faith and to stay engaged and active in our Councils and Parishes. He closed by saying "Go Make a Difference, with God's Grace" and asked us what we can do to make a difference. The Gospel reading for the First Sunday in Lent is an account of temptations of Jesus in the desert. Jesus fasted for 40 Days and 40 Nights and asks us to do the same during Lent. Fasting and prayer and ( giving of our time, talent and treasure ) can be a time of deep inner peace and joy as we seek the help of the Holy Spirit. I pray that you find Jesus' peace this Lent and ask that you pray me!*

*Vivat Jesus! John Veneklas DD306*

**MICHIGAN DISTRICT 4 is having an 4th Degree Exempt on Saturday April 29at St Stanislaus Kostka Parish Center 1503 Kosciuszko Avenue, Bay City, MI.**

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# ST JOHN VIANNEY & KNIGHTS ESSAY CONTEST

*This fall, our council joined with St. John Vianney school for the Knights of Columbus Citizenship Essay Contest. This years them was "Catholics can evangelize our faith to families and friends who have turned away from religion and encourage them to return to the Church and embrace the sacraments."*

*Each grade submitted age appropriate pictures or essays. Third place for each grade received \$10 gift certificate; Second place received a \$15 gift certificate; and First place received a \$25 gift certificate. If we had two first place, there was no second place. If we had two second place, there was no third place. and 8th grade had a three way tie for third.*

*Winners were honored after all school mass during Catholic Schools Week. The eighth grade essays were then submitted to the state competition.*

Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade
1. Lucy Carlson	1. Anna Govenal	1. John Nguyen	1. Maxwell Wedberg	1. Lydia Sutton
1. Evelyn Franzoi	2. Waylon Szumski	2. Elizabeth Finkler	2. Andrew Burns	2. Evan Nicholson
3rd. Emily Mysliwiec	3. EJ Rubritius	3. Noah Nicholson	3. Emma Giang	3. Calvin Nguyen
Polly Reeber				
Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade	Seventh Grade	Eight Grade	
1. Lincoln Lefere	1. Maddie Milligan	1. Isaac Myers	1. Gregory Andersen	
2. Ada Rubritius	2. Sophie Nguyen	2. Piper Carlson	2. Aidan Lai	
3. Maggie VanderLaan	3. Matty McConnon	2. Benjamin Warmolts	3. Dominic Hurst, Marcelo Perez and Lillian Vorel	



SK Nicholas Andersen DGK

## Work Camp - We Need Houses to Fix Up



*Harry Werkema, a Knight, has been involved with many activities for young people. He is currently on his 2nd stint as AD for SJV School. Currently he goes into schools and give talks called, "Its In Your Hands " helping young kids deal with tough situations. Before Covid he spent 15 years going into schools and giving talks on OK2Say. Another program to help kids with tough situations they may be facing. I have known Harry for over 30 years and he is always putting in the time to help our middle and high school kids. Now Harry has been running Work Camps in the summer. We are sponsoring this work camp where over 400 students will be housed at West Catholic this July. What does mean for us? Harry is in need of 60 houses in the Greater Grand Rapids area that these kids with adult supervision will come in and renovate a home. They will paint inside or outside, and/or rebuild decks, porches, and steps. If a fellow Knight is in need of any repairs, it will get done free of charge. If you know of anyone who needs these repairs and can't afford the work, PLEASE let us know because these are the people we are looking for. Past Grand Knight Tim Pelletier was a recipient of their services a few years ago. He is very appreciative of what they did for him and it was FREE. You can reach Harry Werkema at 269-397-0949 or myself David Erdmans at 616-350-0757 and let us know if you need help.*



## May Calendar Raffle

*Once again, we will be having our May Calendar Raffle in May!! Tickets will be arriving in your mail box soon. Tickets are still 5 dollars apiece. We give away \$100 each day and \$200 on Sunday. We had many Knights win last year. If you win, your ticket goes right back in the raffle drum. We have had multiple winners before. This was a big success last year and we appreciate your support. Ticket money can be mailed back to Tony Arbanas or dropped off at a fish fry or the hall.*





## Super Bowl Week Food Drives

*With 6 planned food drive scheduled the week of Super Bowl, the supporters of the Knights food drive came out in full support. The first food drive was Mondays night bingo and the bingo players donated one truck load of food. Unbelievable!!! Next on Friday the SJV children donated 1 and ½ truck load of food, way to go SJV school. Saturday morning food drive for the Knights netted a ½ truck load. Saturday the all girl band "The 6 Pak" played their 60's music and the Cover charge was Food for the drive, this gained another truck load. Thanks, Joe Arbanas, for your work on the dance and that food drive. Last but not least, the 3 masses at SJV came away with 2 truck loads of food. Thank you, Father John, for letting the Knights have the food drive at your masses. Thanks to Tom Bearrs, Nic Andersen and Dan Weibel for helping out at the Masses collecting the food and placing them into my truck Jim Warmolts two sons were very helpful in loading up a truck on Saturday night, Future young Knights at work. Overall the food drives were a huge success for two area food pantries, UCOMM and Green Apple. We estimated 2500 pounds were donated. The manager at Green Apple said they were wondering how to fill their shelves and then we showed up and her prayers were answered.*

*Thanks Everyone*

*Dave Erdmans GK*



## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS WINNER

*Pictured below is Molly, a 10 year old student from St Alphonsus. Molly's drawing was selected as the winning artwork for the 2022 Billboard. Thanks to Tony Arbanas (on left) & John Veneklase (on right) for the many hours of working with other Councils and Businesses to make this Program a huge success with 40 billboards in the area. If you are interested in purchasing one for next season please let them know.*

