



THE LEADER

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Soon the green trees and hot days of summer will transition to fiery colors and cool nights. We will witness the beauty and bounty of Gods creation. Fall is probably my favorite season in Michigan.

We have some changes at our council too. Fr. John Vallier (pastor of St. John Vianney) has been appointed to be our Chaplain. We welcome Fr. John into his new role for our council. Likewise, we say Thank you to Fr. Ted for his years of service and spiritual guidance. Fr. Ted is not going away. We are happy to announce that he will continue to serve our council as our Pastor Emeritus.

In the last Leader, I asked us to be visible witnesses of our faith through Charity, Unity, and fraternity within our church and family.

Just this morning several knights attended the St. John Vianney all school mass for the first day of school. The Knights as visible gentlemen of Faith actively participated in the Eucharistic procession. Our knights carried the canopy to honor and protect the Body of Christ as Fr. John carried the monstrance from the Grotto back to church. The entire school processed with us for a final blessing outside of the church. It was special to be a part of it.

In October, we will welcome our new officers through a formal public installation ceremony in the Grotto. In place of our October council meeting, we will have Officer Installation October 4th at 7PM in the Grotto behind St. John Vianney. Families are highly encouraged to attend. We will have a family rosary immediately after the ceremony. In case of inclement weather, both events will be held in the St. John Vianney church.

Fall is also the traditional time for parish festivals. We are happy to hear that the St. John Vianney parish festival is coming back, Sept 9th and 10th. Our PGK Dan Weibel and several other knights from our council (Steve Chwalek and Jim Warmolts) have worked hard to bring it back.

We are also hosting an Ice Cream Social at the Festival. Come be visible, support the parish, recruit new friends, and have fun! No one joined the Knights of Columbus to just go to meetings. Lets get involved, serve, and have fun doing it. We are having a Membership Drive October 21 & 22 after All Masses. Please send me your nominations for Knight and Family of the Month.

Vivat Jesus,

Nick Andersen



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COUNCIL 4362 BINGO EVERY MONDAY

DOORS OPEN AT 4 BINGO AT 6

SEPT 6 COUNCIL MEETING 7:00

SEPT 28 BUILDING CORP MEETING 7:30

OCTOBER 4 COUNCIL MEETING 7:00

OCTOBER 26 BUILDING CORP MEETING 7:30

FIFTH DEGREE LOUNGE - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

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NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS SEPTEMBER 6 & OCTOBER 4 @ 7:00 PM

CHARITY * UNITY * FRATERNITY * PATRIOTISM

BIRTHDAYS



SEPTEMBER

Frank J Eves 1
Timothy L Jackson 1
S.K. Michael Faluso 2
Kevin P Gruszka 6
Jeffrey D Rohen 8
Wilfred G Viviano 9
David M Lefere 10
Mark Backing 11
S.K. Daniel A Stolcenberg 12
Michael R Deyman 15
S.K. Ronnie L Hage PGK 15
William J Terrell 15
Thomas R Doyle 16
Daniel D Jones 16
Martin R Beatty 18
Rev John F Vallier 18
Bernard R Gervais 20
Charles E Howe 22
Steve Luczak 23
James D Rohen 25
S.K. Patrick W Franzoi 27
Perry L Kubizna 28
Wallace J Pitsch 29
Thomas M Bearss 30

OCTOBER

William F Simon 1
S.K. David B Erdmans PGK 4
Daniel B Pouba 4
Thomas D Wiltjer 4
Gerald E Rose 5
S.K. Dennis A Stolcenberg 5
Timothy K Henning 7
Gerald R Hoogterp 12
S.K. Keith P Woodrum 12
Mr Hillary K Maiyo 13
Nelson F Pelletier 13
John D Lamothe 15
S.K. Scott C Urbanowski PGK 21
Robert L Stein 23
Dennis S Schichtel 24
Chester J Slaktoski 25
Robert J Ethen 27
James E Warmolts 28
S.K. Edward J Milanowski 29

OUR DEPARTED BROTHERS
MAY GOD GRANT THEM
ETERNAL REST



R Jay Wagner 4-27-21
Phillip J Hood 5-23-23
James D Rohen 5-18-23



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



SEPTEMBER

Frank J Eves 09-01-1979 Kathleen (44)
Louis S Switlik 09-04-1971 Ann (52)
S.K. Henry J Swientonowski 09-08-1967 Nancy (56)
Thomas J Nawrocki 09-09-1961 Barb (62)
Daniel B Pouba 09-09-1988 Susan (35)
S.K. Thomas J Vitalis 09-10-1982 Tammy (41)
Ronald B Strauss 09-15-1978 Linda (45)
Jack A Hale 09-19-1970 Diane (53)
Jim Orłowski 09-21-1985 Lori (38)
Peter J Noto Jr 09-25-1976 Sandy (47)
Thomas G Heitz 09-26-1980 Pamela (43)
Thomas C Suidinski 09-27-1997 Theresa (26)
Michael A Bush 09-28-1968 Margie (55)
Timothy K Henning 09-29-1978 Idell (45)

OCTOBER

S.K. Anthony M Arbanas 10-03-1998 Mary Lynn (25) *
David M Lefere 10-04-1984 Kathryn (38)
Chad M Gross 10-11-2003 Melissa (20)
S.K. David B Erdmans 10-12-1985 Kathy (38)
S.K. David J Kozak PGK 10-12-1963 Clairice (60)
John D Lamothe 10-12-1991 Dawn (32)
S.K. John K Veneklase 10-16-1981 Paula (42)
S.K. Edward S Tusing PGK 10-18-1958 Susan (65)
Randy J Belliel 10-23-1976 Maureen (47)
Robert C Ringenberg 10-25-1975 Gloria (48)
Timothy L Jackson 10-26-1996 Lisa (27)

St John Vianney Men
NEW KNIGHTS ARE ALWAYS
WELCOMED

*You can do so much more for SJV
by your involvement, just ask!*

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
Dave Erdmans

KNIGHT FAMILY OF THE MONTH
Chris Carlson Family



OUR COUNCIL IS A PROUD SPONSOR
OF CATHOLIC RADIO
TUNE IN TO SEE WHAT YOUR MISSING IN
YOUR FAITH



*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>

PLEASE REPORT CORRECTIONS AND OMISSIONS TO THE EDITOR

MONDAY "KNIGHT" BINGO



The last two months have been steady. Another bingo was added on Tuesday night so now there are 4 bingos from the people to choose from and that has hurt us a little. We were able to bring in \$5000 dollars for July and \$6000 for August. In the Fall, the bingo business usually picks up a little more as the cooler weather helps bring people back to the hall.

I still can't not say enough great appreciation for our ALL-STARS workers but especially for John Hagen and Bob Battle. They find they can help out each Monday for the council Thanks you two very much. I also must give a shout out to Lil Bellgraph who is in her mid 90's and still comes out to work. She told me the story of how they were illegally running bingo back in the 60's at the hall and were raided by the police. Thank you Lil and also to Lynne McKenna another rather young looking lady who has been retired for the past 20 years and is extremely helpful each week. Thank you so much for everything.

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 Council continues to do great things for charity. In July, we contributed \$250 to Holy Family Radio, \$5,000 to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital (in memory of Brian Bush), \$500 for Haiti Relief, \$500 to Michigan State Council/Charities, \$800 for a Mass Kit, and \$2,000 for Coats for Kids.

Thanks to Bingo for making this possible.

Ron Pelka Treasurer

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Brother Knights,

We still have 10 members who have not paid their Dues for 2023. If you think you might be one of these please give me a call and we can look it up. The Knights do many things including Insurance. You insure your Car and Home but what about your Family? The Knights provide many ways of doing this. See the website at <https://www.kofc.org> or call the Agent whose ad is on the back page.

tonyarbanas@att.net or call 616-299-4879

Tony Arbanas Financial Secretary Council 4362

SUMMER WORK CAMP REPORT

It is with great honor that I thank the, Bishop Haas Council of the Knight of Columbus.

The council made a genius donation of \$5,000 to "Group Mission Trips of Grand Rapids 2023".

Your donation help provided materials for the week long camp which was housed at West Catholic High School.

More than 400 youths and adult volunteers from 16 churches and 9 states. They made up 64 crews, that worked on 45 residences in the Grand Rapids Area. For a total of 11,490 of service hours for the volunteers. Again this was all with the help of your genius donation. Thank You

Blessings

Brother Knight, Harry Werkema

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We have hosted a variety of events including the following:

WEDDINGS - FUNDRAISERS - TRADE SHOWS - RETIREMENT DINNERS - COMPANY PARTIES

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

Halloween Dance with Music by The 6 Pak - All Girl Band

Saturday October 28 from 7:00 - 11:00

Costumes are Optional but alway FUN

Cover Charge \$5 All your favorite beverages are available for purchase. Feel free to bring your own snacks

but no beverages are allowed.

Tickets will also be available for our

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY 2024



Mass at the Grotto with students of St John Vianney with Blessing of Backpacks and Procession back to the Church
The Canopy was purchased for SJV by our Council to help celebrate the Church's Parish Eucharistic Revival from June 11, 2023 to July 17, 2024.



**NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival**

"My flesh for the life of the world"
"Meu corpo para a vida do mundo" - John 6:51



Parishes will coordinate events for deeper encounters with Christ through Adoration, Mass and Enrichment.

St. John Vianney Catholic Church & School



Our council, once again, will partner with St. John Vianney school to participate in the Knights of Columbus Citizenship Essay contest.

The topic of this year is How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?

Also, Principal Olejnik gave the council a table at the St. John Vianney school open house. It was a great way to be visible and meet and recruit new dads.



St. John Vianney Festival September 9 & 10

More info www.facebook.com/SJVFestival

*St. John Vianney Breakfast Sept 17
after both Masses*



Our Lady of Sorrows Spaghetti Dinner October 8

Details to be announced soon



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**WHERE: Cathedral Square (plaza in front of St.
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More info: <https://www.buildingalegacy.org>

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DISTRICT DEPUTY THOUGHTS

My Brothers in Christ,

I hope that you had a fun, relaxing and safe summer! As summer events are winding down and we are entering the fall season I wanted to point out a few things from Supreme and from the State of Michigan Knights of Columbus. Aug 1-3 In Orlando Florida Knights from around the world gathered for the 141st Supreme Convention. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly gave a powerful opening speech. He spoke of how urgent our mission is as Knights. He went on to say that the culture is growing more hostile to our Faith. And the two institutions that are most essential to human flourishing, the Family and the Church, are under mounting threats. He continued. Our religious liberty is under threat, and our deepest beliefs are being labeled as 'hate speech'. Let me be clear: There is nothing hateful about the sanctity of marriage, the reality of biological sex, or the humanity of the unborn child. And the Knights of Columbus will never apologize for defending the truth." Forming Catholic Men is our Priority! As I listened to him speak, John 8:32 came to mind, And the truth will set you free! Let us put our petty differences aside and work together on what we have in common, Our Catholic Faith! If you would like to see his whole speech it can be found at mikofc.org and click on statewide news.

Also, at the Supreme Convention it was announced Michigan won 1st place in the Life Category. Over 150 Michigan Councils donated more than \$400,000 to more than 75 Pregnancy Resource Centers and Maternity Homes throughout the State. Additionally, we are now at 90 ultrasound Machines Placed including a \$170,000 Mobil Medical Unit that will travel between U of M and MSU to assist women facing difficult decisions. We should be proud of the emphasis Supreme, the State of Michigan Knights of Columbus and certainly Council 4362 put on supporting Life

Council 4362 is sponsoring a fundraiser throughout the Diocese of Grand Rapids for a second Ultrasound Machine for HELP Pregnancy Aid at the completion of their expansion, which is well underway. If you would like to make a personal donation you can send a check to: Bishop Haas Council 4362 and in the memo line, write ultrasound

Michigan Knights of Columbus is having a March for Life event at the State Capital on Nov. 8 beginning at 11 am. And a K of C Lions game Sept. 24 against the Atlanta Falcons.

For more information on these events and more please refer to mikofc.org or reach out to me.

Lastly, I wanted to share a quick story from Greg Brunson, Greg is the State Cor Program Director. While attending a recent baseball game at Jimmy Johns Field in Utica, Tom Parsch & I were minding our own business, sipping our suds and enjoying some hot dogs, when we were approached by a woman who was attending the game with her husband. The Knights of Columbus logos on our shirts drew her over and she began to tell us: I had to come over and tell you men how proud I am of what the Knights of Columbus do! She told us that she is not Catholic, but a member of one of those feel good churches. She expressed to us how frustrated she is with her church, and others, for NOT standing up for LIFE and for being too willing to bury their heads in the sand when it comes to defending the unborn. She went on to say that she sees the Knights of Columbus as a powerful force for good and that the Knights seem to be the only religious organization standing alone against the evil of the world.

We may not see it, but we are a powerful force when we are doing Gods work! I encourage you to wear your Knights of Columbus shirt or hat when you are at a K of C function to show you are proud to be part of the world's largest fraternal and charitable organization!

Vivat Jesus!

District Deputy John Veneklas

ANNUAL FALL DINNER THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 21

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Dinner & Speakers 7:00-9:00

Speakers Claire Culwell & Bishop David Walkowiak

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