



THE LEADER



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*Happy
Thanksgiving*

*Merry
Christmas*

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

I might have said in the last Leader that Fall was my favorite season. However November and December time is my favorite holiday season. The smells, the food, the music, and the excitement; there is no other time of the year quite like it.

Thanksgiving and its importance can get lost with the rush and excitement for the Christmas Season. It is important to get together with family and friends to celebrate and gather around a table to give Thanks. Let us not forget to whom we are saying Thank you. It is the same deity to which President Lincoln proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving holiday proclamation to heal our nations wounds ...observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. It was the same being that the pilgrims extended their eternal gratitude for a life preserving harvest. The same Supreme Being the Spanish venerated in the first mass of Thanksgiving on American soil in 1565 in St. Augustine. It was the same God we praise Thanksgiving in the holy meal of the Eucharist.

We do not need to wait until Thanksgiving Day. Let us do better. Lets try each morning to rise and thank the Lord for the day He made. When things are challenging, thank God for the opportunity to strengthen our faith. In good times, Thank Him for the blessings in our life.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, a fruitful Advent, and joyous Christmas.

Vivate Jesus

Nicholas Andersen



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COUNCIL 4362 BINGO EVERY MONDAY

DOORS OPEN AT 4 BINGO AT 6

**NOV 1 ALL SAINTS DAY SO COUNCIL MEETING WILL
BE ON NOV 8 7:00 DEGREE AT 6:00**

NOV 30 BUILDING CORP MEETING 7:30

DEC 6 COUNCIL MEETING 7:00

DEC 28 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 NOVEMBER 8 & DECEMBER 6 @ 7:00 PM

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BIRTHDAYS



NOVEMBER

Gregg E Larabel 2
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
Thomas J Maguire 9
Howard F Smith 10
James T Murphy 13
Reynolds W Leonard 14
Daniel T Roberts 19
Gerald L Snyder 21
William P Ogiego 23
Mr John Stobierski 23
Rev Phong Q Pham 25
Kevin L Mcvay 27
Eugenio S Ramirez 27
Theodore J King 29

DECEMBER

Armando D Meneses 1
David M Baarman 2
Donald D Ferguson Jr 4
Steven G Kurylowicz 5
Chris Carlson 6
S.K. Reyes Guillen 9
William D Norder 10
Bob Uturo 10
Robert L Chatlosh 14
S.K. Daniel Charles Urbanowski PGK 14
Thomas J Nawrocki 15
Glenn W Eckelkamp 16
Daniel E Wildey 17
Peter Xu 17
Eugene R Panozzo 18
Ronald B Strauss 18
S.K. Edward S Tusing PGK 18
David M Van Houten 21
S.K. Joseph M Arbanas 25
Robert E Schmiedicke 31

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER

Michael J Conley 11-03-1984 Terry (39)
John F Grygiel 11-05-1988 Debra (35)
Richard T Czarnopys 11-06-1965 Patricia (58)
Russ J Armock 11-07-1987 Anne (36)



DECEMBER

Denis K Smith 12-06-1975 Jan (48)
Charles E Howe 12-07-1985 Mary Ellen (38)
Kenneth J Centilli PGK 12-15-1978 Debbie (45)
Terry M Bocian 12-27-1970 Karen (53)



OUR DEPARTED BROTHERS



MAY GOD GRANT THEM



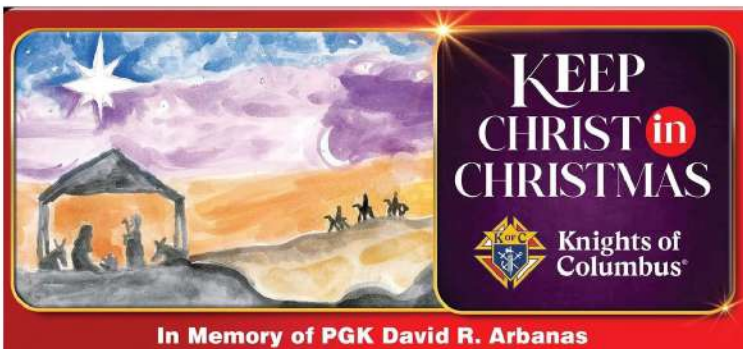
ETERNAL REST

MARK EDWARD VOGL 10-4-23

THOMAS BUETTNER 10-7-23

DAVID KOZAK PGK 10-12-23

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KNIGHT FAMILY OF THE MONTH

SEPT - KEITH and MARIE WOODRUM

OCT - STEVE and DEANNA CHWALEK

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

SEPT - DAN BURY / OCT - PATRICK FRANZOI



OUR COUNCIL IS A PROUD SPONSOR
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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



Hi everyone, like we have said over the years, bingo is a fun way to spend an evening. Gathering with friends and relaxing and potential winning bingo games or the progressive jackpot that keeps growing until someone wins the big prize pot. Usually over \$2000 and up and over \$4000. It is fun to watch all the various groups of friends who come out to play on Monday nights.

Bingo is the lifeline that supports our council for all of its charitable needs. Without bingo the council could not do what it does now by giving away over 70,000 dollars a year to various organizations.

September was a slow month as we only had 3 nights of bingo so we were only able to raise 5000 dollars. October was really busy as we have 5 nights of bingo and we raised 8000 dollars for the council. I still cant thank all the workers who help out each week. Thanks, Thanks and Thanks for your dedication to bingo and our council.

November is when we give away Turkeys for two weeks and in December, we give away gift cards for several weeks to help with the holidays. We hope to see you out with your friends and having a good time.

It does bring me sad news with the passing away of a GREAT KNIGHT, Dave Kozak.

Dave ran bingo for 18 years Monday-Wednesday nights. Along with his partner Dave VanHouten they raised well over \$1.5 Million Dollars. An incredible service they performed for our council. Dave Kozak expertise really help Denny and I run the bingo for the council. Dave passed away on October 12 on his 60th Wedding Anniversary with his wife Clairice and children by his side. Thanks a million Dave Kozak, you are the best!!!

Here is a link to his obituary

<https://obits.mlive.com/us/obituaries/grandrapids/name/david-kozak-obituary?id=53373437>



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 well financially. We were able to donate \$5,850 to HELP Pregnancy Aid and \$2,000 to the Holy Family Fall Pledge Drive. We are also very pleased to have Fr. John as our new chaplain. Fr. John will also receive one of the West Catholic Falcon awards. In November, we will be sending \$500 to 10 seminarians to help them with their vocations. Come to our meeting on November 8th to hear first hand all the good works that our council is doing.

Ron Pelka Treasurer

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Brother Knights,

October was a tough month for our council. We Lost 3 members. These men however planned ahead for their families and they all had policies with the Knights of Columbus Insurance. Those policies turned into financial security for their loved ones. Have you thought about what if something might happen to you? Please call Doug our insurance agent and see what he can do for you.

His Information is on the back of the Leader.

Tony Arbanas Financial Secretary

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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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHAPLAIN FATHER JOHN VALLIER

West Catholic presented the St. John Paul II Award to Fr. John Vallier, who has been a priest for 36 years but has been a sports enthusiast his entire life. As soon as he received his first assignment as Associate Pastor at Holy Spirit Parish in 1987, he became involved with sports at West Catholic. He assumed the role of spiritual guide for girls basketball the year of the State title run and served as chaplain and assistant coach for the ice hockey program. Fr. Vallier has also left a lasting impact on the lives of many young men over his 16 years working with the football team as a coach and mentor. He is currently is Pastor at St John Vianney. Last but not least he's Chaplain of our Council 4362.



Officer Installation and Family Rosary

We had our officer installation this past month.

It was the perfect weather and perfect location in the grotto outside at St. John Vianney.

The only thing we battled was the mosquitoes.

For October, you cannot expect better weather.

Afterwards, our members lead us in the holy rosary in front of the statue of Bernadette praying before the Virgin Mary. I want to thank everyone that helped to make it happen.

Thank you to Keith Likely and Dan Weibel

for setting up the sound. Thank you to Tom Bearss, Tony Arbanas, Jerry Rose, and Paul Cooper for leading a decade of the rosary. Thank you to District Deputy John Veneklasé for leading the installment. Lastly, gratitude to Father John for blessing each jewel and allowing us to have the Office Installation and rosary at the grotto.



Nicholas Andersen - Grand Knight, Bishop Haas Council #4362



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St. John Vianney Catholic Church & School



The annual St. John Vianney auction is the school's largest fundraiser. Last year we raised funds for student tuition and student STEAM Lab (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) which is up and running! Proceeds from the fundraiser this year are going to tuition and additional STEAM curriculum. We appreciate the continuous generous support from the 4362 Council in helping our school reach our goals and increase student learning experience!

Come join us at the KC Event Center on Saturday, November 11th to sip from the bar, eat delicious food, and learn about the STEAM program at SJV. Play some raffle games, compete against your friends and win prizes from our silent and live auctions! More info: S.K. David Milanowski (Council & Building Corp. Member) an email and he can provide a link! If you have questions, would like to donate goods or services or would like to be an event sponsor, please reach out to David Milanowski at (Call/Text: 616-821-7126 or email dpmilanowski@gmail.com)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church Santa Breakfast at SJV Sunday December 17th

Come and join us for the Great Breakfast at Saint John Vianney after both 8:30 and 10:30 masses. Eggs, pancakes, Sausage, ham, fresh fruit, drink, dessert and visit with SANTA!



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

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

DISTRICT DEPUTY THOUGHTS



My Brothers in Christ,

*As we are now approaching the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays I wanted to share a few events and some thoughts with you. **November 8th is March for Life at the State Capital.** The rally begins at 11am at the Statehouse Steps and the March begins at noon. If you are interested in attending, the March for Life group asks that you pre-register at no cost. Visit www.MI.MarchforLife.org. This is an opportunity to share your support for Life from conception to natural death. Nefarious forces are strong and our State Legislators are pushing through bills that take away parental rights, safety regulations and eliminating the legal barrier which prevents taxpayer dollars from funding elective abortions. Often these votes are along party lines. All human life, including the life of a woman seeking an abortion has inherent value and is worthy of government protection and regulation. No other industry regulates itself! Please pray that our legislatures protect all life.*

*Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus is hosting a Fraternal Night at Van Andel Arena when the Grand Rapids Griffins take on the Milwaukee Admirals on **December 1st at 7pm.** Tickets are \$30 each and must be purchased by **November 10th.** There will be a group picture on center ice after the game. Last year over 250 attended, this is not only open to Knights but family and friends as well. In addition to the game there are raffle tickets available for \$30 each. The prize for the raffle includes: Hockey Jersey and autographed Hockey Stick, 4 tickets to a future Griffins Game and a Ride on the Zamboni!! If you are interested in attending and raffle tickets please see the attached flier or feel free to contact me. DD306@mikofc.org, cell: 616-560-4430*

Upcoming important dates in the Catholic Church:

***November 1** is a Holy Day of Obligation, Solemnity of All Saints.*

***December 8** is a Holy Day of Obligation, Immaculate Conception Blessed Virgin Mary*

***December 3** is the first Sunday in Advent*

***December 25** Christmas*

***January 1** is a Holy Day of Obligation, Mary, the Holy Mother of God*



In closing, as I reflect back on this year, I am very proud to be a member of this Council! We are actively involved in helping each other, our Parishes and Priests and our Community. We come together to talk about and find ways to accomplish all of these great works. We welcome all members no matter your status to join us for a meeting or an event we are working on. Many hands save many backs!

I was reading scripture the other day that tells of who we are and wanted to share it with you:

Matthew 25: 34-40 "Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world". "For I was hungry and you gave me food,

I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me". Then the righteous

will answer him and say, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you? or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and

welcome you or naked and clothed you? When did we see you ill and in prison, and visit you? And the King will say to them in reply. Amen, I say to you,

whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me".

When we care and provide for those in need or suffering we are ministering to the Lord himself. These are the Corporal Works of mercy and that is who we are as Knights!

We participate in Food Drives, Coats for Kids, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, emergency preparedness for Ukraine, Family of the Month,

Family Prayer Night, Keep Christ in Christmas Billboard Drive, Eucharistic procession, Support for pregnancy centers, March for Life, we visit the sick and bury the dead....just to name a few. Please consider joining us in our Corporal works and invite Catholic men over the age of 18 to join our Council.

Happy Thanksgiving! Merry Christmas!

Vivat Jesus!

District Deputy John Veneklase

*God Bless You
at Christmas*

2024

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4362

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

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Lansing, MI

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12:00 pm – Michigan March for Life

MORE INFORMATION: <https://marchforlife.org/michigan-march-for-life>