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COUNCIL MEETING 2ND TUESDAY

FOURTH DEGREE 1ST THURSDAY

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He is Risen!

Greetings Brother Knights,

Lent is over and we are all embedded in the Easter season.

We had our Spring MI Drive (Tootsie Roll) at all the Flint Churches, Palm Sunday Weekend (March 22nd - 24th). Hopefully the collection was good so we can support the Mentally Impaired in the Flint area.

Here are some things happening in April:

- April is dedicated to Holy Eucharist.
- Our First Sunday Breakfast continues (April 7th). See below for more info!
- April 21st K of C 695 Corporate Communion at St John Vianney Church 11 am

The First Sunday Breakfast is continuing. We are gearing up for the next one on April 7th (and subsequent one is May 5th). We always need workers to assist for these events so we are not always relying on the same volunteers. Many hands make for light work.

The menu will vary month to month depending on patron participation. On the 7th we will serve: eggs, sausage, pancakes, French toast, biscuits and sausage gravy and fruit, along with juice, coffee and milk. Our goal is to draw those present for the 8 am Mass and invite the other Mass attendees, along with the St Mathews and St Mary's parishioners, to come a little early to participate before Mass. The serving will begin after Mass (about 8:50) and ending by 10:30 am (so 11 am Mass attendee's may receive communion). Look in the bulletins for announcements and information about the first Sunday Breakfast.

We have planned for the first financial

Benefits presentation to occur on April 2nd (Virtual) and the second one April 9th before the monthly meeting at St John Vianney Community Room. These presentations have lots of good information to be accessible that applies to all of our members, life stages and age groups.

Also, if you know of any young men that would be looking for a career as a field agent, there are several opportunities available throughout the diocese or State.

We are having Corporate Communion's at each of the Flint Churches for the next three Months:

- The First is April 21st at St John Vianney Church 11 am Mass,
- May 12th at St Mary's Church 9:30 am Mass
- June 2nd at St Matthews Church at 11 am Mass.

We are also still working on the merger of Council 8245 (St. Pius X) members into Council 695. If you know of someone, please have them contact me.

We are always looking for new members. They can still join for free! Go online to kofc.org/joinus and use the Promo Code BLESSED MCGIVNEY, in honor of the beatification of Blessed Michael J. McGivney. Please list 695 as the Council and I will contact them.

There are more State Raffle tickets available. I picked up additional tickets if you want more to sell or buy. Tickets are due to the State before April 11.

Please keep all victims in your prayers; pray for World Peace. Vivat Jesu!



Joe Goergen
Grand Knight
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April 2024

Calendar of Events

- 4 Fourth Degree Meeting, Holy Redeemer Family Life Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Parish Breakfast, St. John Vianney Social Hall
- 8 The Annunciation of the Lord
- 9 Council 695 Meeting, St. John Vianney, 7:30 p.m.
- 11 State Council Raffle - 8pm
- 22 Earth Day
- 25 Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist
- 29 Feast of St. Catherine of Siena

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Leading the Way to Growth

April is usually a rainy month, that's where the phrase, "April showers bring May flowers", originated. So here is something you can do, on a possibly rainy day, in April. On April 20th you can attend our 88th Annual Exemplification at St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Brighton. Better yet, ask a 3rd degree friend to attend and become a SIR KNIGHT. Keep in mind that we have an incentive. For the first five to sign up, our Assembly pays the fee. This way we will shower in more members and help you blossom into a better Catholic man. Let me know if I can help.

Activities scheduled for the remainder of this year include: Nominations for all officers will be made in April and election will follow in May. On June 14th, Flag Day, we will honorably retire our worn and torn U.S. Flags. Sunday, July 28th, we plan to have our Third Annual Golf Tournament at Flushing Valley Golf Club. If you are willing to help with our tournament or field a team, contact Lenny Accardo, chairperson of our committee. We will likely host a car-show in the Fall, with Jack Massimino as the chairperson, more details to come. I know it's early, but Veteran's Day Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, November 9th, so invite your fellow veterans early so they plan to attend.

St. Thomas, one of the apostles, was not there to witness Jesus appear to the other ten apostles. When Jesus reappeared to them, a second time, behind closed doors, his doubt about seeing Jesus in the flesh was vanquished. St. Thomas immediately professed his belief in Christ. Nineteen centuries later, Christ appeared to a Polish nun, St. Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, in a series of visions that took place over almost eight years. Among those visions, Christ revealed the Divine Mercy Novena. He asked St. Faustina to share with the world his desire for us to pray for nine days, beginning on Good Friday. Divine Mercy Sunday will be April 7th this year. I ask that everyone pray the Divine Mercy Novena for our country and this world.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, April 4th at 7:30 p.m. in the Holy Redeemer Family Life Center. We meet the first Thursday of every month; hope to see you there.

Blessed Michael J McGivney and Monsignor Patrick R Dunigan, pray for us!

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The Novena to the Divine Mercy *Jesus, I Trust in You!*

The prayers for St. Faustina's novena
can be found online at the link below.

<https://www.ewtn.com/img/catholicism/downloads/divine-mercy-novena-pandemic.pdf>



April Birthdays

- 1 Michael J McCarthy
- 11 Paul J Drevon
- 11 Douglas M Proconier
- 12 Robert C Johnson
- 13 Kenneth J Pelletier
- 14 Patrick J Goodall
- 14 Justin D Rohner
- 21 Matthew M George
- 24 Gordon Harman
- 25 Laurence E Macdonald
- 27 Randall A Josey
- 27 Thomas D Rathsack
- 29 Mark A Plunkey

Anniversaries

- 5 Donald & Karon Thibedeau
- 11 William & Marlene Krebs
- 19 Matthew & Maryanne George

Council News from March Meeting

Grand Knight Joe Goergen called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm in the Community Room at St. John Vianney. Seven council members were in attendance. Grand Knight Report: Members are reminded that the State Raffle will take place on April 11. Be sure to get your sold tickets in by then. Contact GK Goergen if you need additional tickets. Summer lawncare at Heartbeat will be starting soon. Volunteers are needed for lawn mowing. The fundraising committee will meet on Monday 3/18 after 10:30 Mass to plan for the April 7 First Sunday breakfast. A Fraternal Benefit Seminar is available online on April 2. Insurance Agent Randy Laue will meet with council members at 7pm April 9, prior to the April council meeting. Corporate Communion are scheduled 4/21 11:00 at St. John Vianney, 5/12 9:30 at St. Mary, and 6/2 11:00 at St. Matthew. Treasurer Greg Frixen gave the Treasurer's report. Financial Secretary Mike McCarthy reported progress on dues collection and announced that a 2nd notice would be going out in a couple of weeks.

Assembly 510, 4th degree, made a donation to Tunnels for Towers. Thirty Wrap-a-Vet coats have been donated to My Brothers Keeper for veterans. The Admiral's Ball was a success. The Exemplification will happen 4/20 in Brighton.

Please let Jack Tylus know if you would like to participate. Sacred Heart Village was announced as a new development to provide housing for veterans.

Jim Lusty talked about The Singing Knights chorus, which is seeking additional members. Practices are Wednesday, 6:30-9:00 pm at St. John Davison. Heartbeat is bringing back the annual fundraiser dinner on March 16 at St. Roberts.

Committee Reports: Breakfast committee reported about 35 attendees at the March breakfast. We have made money through the first two breakfasts. More workers are needed. Memorial Day Mass will be held at Old Calvary Cemetery again this year. Tom Henthorn has begun coordinating with the cemetery staff. Mass will be at noon, as in 2023. 695 is providing refreshments after the Mission at SJV on March 19.

Business: A full-page ad will be purchased in the 4th degree Exemplification Program for \$100. We will congratulate 695 member Hans Gorke who is joining Assembly 510. Two \$500 RSVP donations were approved to support seminarians. ASAP donations to pregnancy help centers was tabled until next meeting, pending budget review. Ukraine relief was also tabled pending budget review.

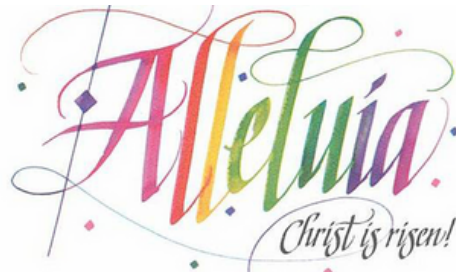
After Prayer for Vocations the meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

First Sunday of the Month BREAKFAST April 7th

St. John Vianney Social Hall
8:50 am - 10:30 am

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Member Dues Update

Thank you to members who have paid their 2024 dues and made donations to the voluntary assessments. 70% of members are now current. 76% of Honorary Life members have paid voluntary assessments.

The 2nd notice will be going out by mid-April to members who are not current with dues. Payments allow council to pay its State and Supreme assessments. and support local charities.

No Neighbor Left Behind Serves County Residents

As people were isolated from one another in the early and middle days of the Covid-19 shutdowns, the Knights of Columbus introduced the idea of No Brother Left Behind. It was a focused approach to ensure that Brother Knights and families remained engaged in a social support structure. The program evolved to a broader purpose and was taken up by councils as No Neighbor Left Behind.

Recently, Genesee County VIEW newspaper published an article "Knights need help so they can keep helping those in need" which described the No Neighbor Left Behind (NNLB) efforts of Council 6742 of Holy Family, Grand Blanc, and St. Mark, Goodrich. The Columbus Crusader has obtained permission to use excerpts and quotes from the March 14, 2024 story by Lania Rocha.

The mission of NNLB is best summed up by Joe Buffa, project leader from Council 6742. "We used to help another organization deliver bedroom furniture," Buffa said. "They only

wanted do that. We saw a bigger need. When we'd deliver a bed, we'd see that the people didn't have a table, or a refrigerator, or a couch. So, we made the decision that we wanted to get anything for anybody that they needed in their house if we could find it." The program provides aid throughout Genesee County.

NNLB is led and staffed entirely by volunteers. As volunteer Desiree Londrigan said, "It is important to note that no one is charged for the NNLB services ... and there is no paid staff to run this operation." Buffa added, "We try to be very frugal. Everything we do is donation based. Whether it's a Knight donating, or someone supplying it."

Council 6742 is raising money to purchase, store, and maintain a newer used high-roof cargo van to transport furniture. The current van was purchased used in 2021 when NNLB began. Buffa said it is "just worn out" and doesn't have enough cargo space. "It serves a great purpose, but we cannot move a queen bed. It's not big enough." The high-roof

van will allow the volunteers to transport any size furniture "without making multiple trips or waiting because it's raining or snowing." The fundraising goal is to raise \$100,000. To date, about \$42,000 has been raised

Council 695 has interacted with NNLB in recent years. Calls to our council phone have led to referrals of people looking to donate furniture and for those in need of furniture or appliances. In 2021, NNLB delivered 640 items to 95 families. In 2022, those numbers rose to 2,900 items and 230 families. "In 2023, the number of families ... and the number of items delivered nearly doubled over 2022," Londrigan said.

Anyone wishing to help or donate may call Buffa at 313-718-0714, Londrigan at 810-625-0860, or Al Gaulin at 586-899-5060. Checks can be mailed to Knights of Columbus Council 6742 (memo "No Neighbor Left Behind") to K of C Council 6742, 11804 S. Saginaw St., Grand Blanc 48439.

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