

The Columbus Crusader

Msgr. Patrick R. Dunigan Council No. 695, Knights of Columbus



ONE NATION UNDER GOD



COUNCIL MEETING 2ND TUESDAY

FOURTH DEGREE 1ST THURSDAY

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New Grand Knight Sets Direction

Greetings Brother Knights,

I want to first express how excited and grateful I am to be the new Grand Knight for Council #695! Though I have been a member of this council for two years, my experience with the Knights goes back a long time. When I was in elementary school, I participated in the various spelling bees and essay contests that the Knights put on, and I still have a plaque from the K of C Poster Contest in 2015. To be a part of the organization that shaped my education is truly an honor.

As Grand Knight, my focus for our council will be twofold: to reinvigorate the parish community and to increase our involvement with St. John Vianney school. In the United States, we are facing a great loss of church community. For many Catholics, church is merely a place where they go to receive the sacraments: it is not a place to socialize, meet other Christians, or receive help when needed.

I believe that community is a necessary part of Christian living (something many of our Protestant brothers understand very well) and as such I choose to view this present situation as a great opportunity for the Knights. We are in a unique position to bring life back into our pews through outreach and fraternity, and as Grand Knight I will look for whatever opportunities present themselves to do so, and I encourage all Knights to reach out in love.

In the words of our Lord, "let the children come to me!" St. John Vianney School serves as a pillar within the local Catholic community and provides a necessary step

in religious formation for many young people. As with many schools today, however, its resources are finite and many students come from less-than-ideal backgrounds. Due to our proximity to the school and my own role within it—I currently work as a Teacher's Aide—we can certainly do something about this. I will use my positions as both Grand Knight and as a school employee to reintroduce our youth-oriented programs at the school and offer whatever help we can to keep this bulwark of Christian formation alive. Many of these students have yet to hear the Good News, and we can help deliver it!

Throughout the month of August, we have many events to mark on your calendars! On August 1st we have our Vocations Night with the Lansing Lugnuts. On August 2nd and 3rd, we have a hotdog and bratwurst fundraiser at St. John Vianney Church after the 4:00 PM and 11:00 AM Masses. The 2nd is the St. Mary's Golf Outing. On the 9th, we are having our Tigers Family night. We are planning to have an Officer's Induction at SJV on August 21st at 6:00 pm. Stay tuned for more!

I wish everyone a restful and pleasant August, and if you have any questions, please reach out. I look forward to the coming years, brothers!

In Christ,

Ronan Streby
Grand Knight
(810) 444-6458



August 2025

Calendar of Events

- 1 Vocations Night at Lugnuts
- 2 Cookout - SJV after 4pm Mass
- 2 St. Mary Mission - Golf Outing
- 2 Assembly 510 Picnic
- 3 Cookout - SJV after 11am Mass
- 3 Hot dog cookout - St. Matthew - after 10am/Noon Masses
- 4 Feast of St. John Vianney
- 7 Assembly 510 Meeting, Holy Redeemer Family Life Center, 7:30 pm
- 9 K of C Tiger Day - 6:00 pm
- 10 St. John Vianney/St. Mary Parish Picnic, 2:00 p.m.
- 12 Msgr. Dunigan Council 695 Meeting, St John Vianney 7:30 p.m.
- 15 The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
- 21 Feast of St. Pius X
- 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist

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*Please remember
in your daily prayers*

August Grilling to Celebrate Summer

A report from the Faithful Admiral for Fourth Degree Assembly #510

Where's the meat? The meat will be grilled at our annual Flushing Township Park Picnic on Saturday August 9th. All Knights (3rd and 4th Degree) and their wives or girlfriends are invited to attend. You may bring a food item to pass, but our meat will be furnished. Fun and fellowship with us. RSVP would be preferred. Notify any of the following: Lenny, Chuck, Keith or Jack with a quick text or phone call that you are coming. Thank you!

Did you know? What do you call a group of 4th Degree Knights of Columbus? Answer: a shining example of patriotism. So please join the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree and become a shining example at our 91st exemplification on September 27th at Our Lady of Fatima in Michigan Center, MI. If you are interested in joining us for the final step of your Knighthood, you have an open invitation to join us. Contact Jack at 810-938-2778 for further information.

In November we have our annual Assembly 510 Veterans Dinner to show our appreciation for those who served. It will be at the Family Life Center, 1227 E Bristol Rd, Burton, MI 48529. The event usually starts with Mass at Holy Redeemer Church at 4:00. A social hour will begin roughly at 5:30 p.m., followed by a catered dinner at 6:30 p.m. Veterans are free of charge to attend. We have a keynote speaker, a 50/50 raffle and possibly other fundraising events during this event. Based on their military record, leadership, and achievements we will name a Veteran of the Year. If you haven't come, it is rewarding to attend, and you are invited.

Our next meeting is on Thursday August 7th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Holy Redeemer Life Center. We meet the first Thursday of every month. Come and visit our meeting.

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

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An Invitation to Come SOAR with Us

Service - What Life is About
Optimism - The Faith that Leads to Achievement
Aspire - To Accomplish Great Deeds
Responsibility - To do Your Duty

Updates Requested

Please send changes to phone, email, or address to fs695@mikofc.org

Birthdays, anniversaries, and additions or removals to the prayer list are welcome.

Rest in Peace

David Hutchins
Born: 11/09/1942
Died: 03/13/2025
Member since March 1968

August Birthdays

1 Edward Flynn
5 Lawrance Morrison
7 Stafen (Mark) Davidek
11 Scott Kubacki
12 Arthur Carter
14 Deacon Anthony Verdun, Sr.
19 Deacon Sean Costello
19 David McAuliffe
22 James Jackson, III
24 Craig Damon
27 Thomas Skellett
28 Lawrence Wyczalek
30 Philip Satkowiak
31 Felix Sab
31 Thomas Smela

August Anniversaries

8 Daniel & Jennifer Campbell
8 David & Diane Gagne
12 Stephen & Linda Tesler
15 Brian & Sarah Johnson
16 Lawrence and Sharon Wyczalek
27 Joseph & Christine Crimi
28 Matthew & Kristi Kerperien
30 Fred & Mary Lee Kay

Fr. Tom Firestone
Dcn. Tony Verdun
Fr. Tim MacDonald
Linda Reynolds
Tim Davidek
Rose Gorke
Peter Goergen
Gloria Accardo
Joel Cuttitta
Maryanne George
Mandy Borsenik
Carol Goergen
Santino Jamison
Diane Gagne
Dan Bishop
Tom Argus
Lawrance Morrison
Mary George
Stan Blood
Rachel Pavone
Fr. Bill Giroux
Duane Whitney
PGK Tom Edelen
John Sperla, Jr.
George Plunkey
Shane Church
Philip & Cecilia Satkowiak
Ray Rust
Tom George
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Dean Haywood
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Larry Starnes
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Jonathan Smith
Jim Jackson
Robert Smith
Carolyn Anderson
Bob Johnson
Roselynn Serra
Charles Johnson
Paul Zuwala
Lucas Allen
Vincent Pangori
Marge Conley
Ferris Williams
PFN Neal & Claudia Roche
Barbara Johnson
Cathy Huber
Duane Walters
Family of Bob Lobakivich
Jim Bonner
Don O'Brien
Doug McManus
Don LaRochele
Sam Yanta
John Koszegi
Chuck Daley
Jo Etue
Edmund Evans
Ken McDonald
David Shaw
Sue Zerweck
Maureen Kelsey
Marie Gillespie
The Souls in Purgatory
David Hutchins (dcd)
John Sperla, Sr. (dcd)

Council News from July Meeting

Council met on Tuesday July 8, 2025. New Grand Knight Ronan Streby called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. He thanked council members for their support and attendance. Eleven members were in attendance and were joined by two guests: Fr. Daniel LaCroix, new parochial vicar at St. John Vianney, and seminarian Thomas Crowley.

PGK Joe Goergen and GK Streby shared in giving the GK report. The second monthly cookout was held at St. Matthew on July 6. The council netted \$40. The next cookout will be August 3 after the 10am and noon Masses. The PGK and GK will be meeting with Fr Matthew and Fr. Anthony in the week ahead to discuss activities and priorities. A meeting to discuss fundraising programs was held to plan for the brats and hotdogs cookout at SJV.

Treasurer Greg Frixen reported a checking account balance of \$1,383.38 and savings account balance of \$3,109.70. Financial Secretary Mike McCarthy reported current membership of 273. We not yet vetted the members who were added from Council 8245, St. Pius X. The second dues notice resulted in many members sending dues payments. FS noted the council filed forms for RSVP, Food or Families and the MI Drive in June.

In other reports, mowing continues at Heartbeat by Jack Tylus and Joe Goergen. More help is needed. PGK Goergen continues to help the No Neighbor Left Behind program by picking up donations and delivering furniture to needy families. More help is needed by Knights. Cookouts with brats and hotdogs are planned at St. John Vianney after 4pm Mass on August 2 and 11 am Mass on August 3. Also, hotdogs

will be served at St. Matthew after 10am and Noon Masses on Sunday August 3. St. Mary Mission Youth Camp continues throughout July. St. Mary Mission Golf Outing is August 2nd. There is still an opportunity to host the Pregnancy Help Clinic mobile ultrasound unit at our parishes for educating parishioners on the good work done in the community.

Assembly 510, Fourth Degree, is sponsoring a golf outing on Sunday July 27 to raise funds for veteran's causes. The annual picnic is Saturday August 9. Veteran's Dinner will be held on Saturday November 8.

New Business: Up to \$500 was approved, 11-0, to buy food and supplies for the cookout at SJV. Donations are expected to cover all costs. Up to \$200 was approved, 11-0, to purchase tickets to the Lugnuts vocation night game for altar servers and our parish priests.

Worthy Lecturer Bob Ragnone read today's gospel.

Knights of Columbus Council 695

Brats and Hot Dogs Cookout

St. John Vianney Church

August 2 - 5:00 pm, August 3 - Noon

Hot Dog Cookout

St. Matthew Church

August 3 - 11:00 am and 1:00 pm

Members: Please contact GK Ronan Streby (810 444-6458) or PGK Joe Goergen (810-922-0539) if you can help either day or location.



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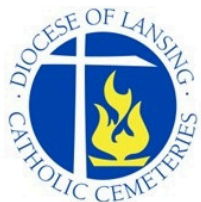
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8:00 am
10:00 am
12:00 Noon