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Remembering our History, Powering our Future

Greetings Brother Knights and family members,

Take a peek inside this issue of The Columbus Crusader and find the recognition to our 61 Honorary Life members. I'm hoping you will enjoy good memories of Fraternity as you read through the list of names. If you have an update for any of those listed, please contact me at our council phone number.

Checkout the masthead above. Note the Volume number. Volume 84 indicates that this is the 84th year of publication for The Columbus Crusader. If my calendar math is correct, it means the first issue was published in 1939. It's amazing to think that this newsletter has been delivered to members for over eight decades. I'm wondering: are there any current council members who were members back in 1939? Keep reading for an answer.

Council 695 has a storied history in Flint. In the coming weeks, recent Grand Knights and officers will be doing clean-up of our meeting space in the St. John Vianney rectory basement. In future Crusaders, and on our website, I hope to share with you interesting bits of history that we uncover in the files and photos.

For now, let's look at very recent history. While gathering information to file annual reports with Supreme, I found that council #695 had conducted or participated in 18 programs in just the last six months of 2022. That's incredible! Many of those have been written about in previous issues of the Crusader. Some events were social or fraternal in nature (Lugnuts baseball, Mother Teresa movie, euchre

night). Many more programs supported our parish, Catholic, and community organizations with money and manpower. It takes an active, committed membership to do this consistently. Today's members are continuing the great work begun by those who came before us. We stand on the shoulders of giants. Thank you to our Honorary Life, Honorary, and other long-time brothers who led and still lead the way.

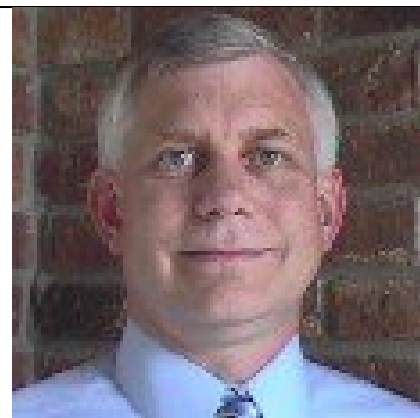
Recently, a Crusader planning committee met to discuss a number of topics. Are we meeting the needs of our readers? How many of our 4th degree readers are from a council other than 695? Have we added new Assembly 510 members to our mailing list? What additional steps can we take to be fiscally responsible. It's a work-in-process, but we will keep you informed as decisions are made.

Finally, among many benefits available to K of C members, every member in good-standing and spouse is provided with an accidental death benefit. For most, it is worth \$2500. After age 65, the benefit gradually decreases to \$1000 coverage. Another benefit is a series of seminars that discuss finances and retirement. Details will be shared via email and our website.

Regarding the question about any current members around from the launch of the Crusader in 1939, see the Honorary Life story on page 4.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike McCarthy, Grand Knight



February 2023

Calendar of Events

- 2 The Presentation of the Lord
- 2 Fourth Degree Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Holy Redeemer Family Life Center
- 3 Feast of St. Blaise
- 11 Our Lady of Lourdes
- 11 Vianney Nights - SJV School Gym
- 12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- 13 Council 695 Conference Call
- 14 No Council meeting - Happy Valentine's Day
- 20 Presidents' Day
- 22 Ash Wednesday - fast/abstinence
- 24 First Friday of Lent - abstinence
- 26 First Sunday of Lent

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The Holy Family Way

Between being sick and the death of my father-in law in December, I was not able to write the Navigator column for January. So, to catch up, I hope everyone had a great Christmas, and best wishes for a happy, healthy, prosperous and safe new year. It's amazing how a quick turn of a calendar page can bring renewed hope and optimism to the world. I'm looking forward to all the things this new year will bring our Assembly and the opportunities we have to positively impact our Parishes and Sir Knights. With all the negativity in the world, the news, and social media, it doesn't mean we need to join in it. We can choose our attitude. We can choose to be happy. We can choose to find the joy around us and to embrace the positive. We can share that joy with others. Start the new year out right and keep it going throughout. Psalm 118:24 "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." This is the time we take the love of Christ we absorbed over the holidays and share it with the world.

February is dedicated to the Holy Family. Our Sir knights need to follow the direction of the Holy Family to secure our place in heaven. We all have hardships, so did the Holy Family but remained loyal to God and we must also. Our own families, while growing up, taught us to pray, forgive and to believe in God, do we still do these things? If we do, great, if not, pray that the Holy Family can navigate you back on the path toward heaven. Learn to forgive and to love one another. Say "yes" to God, as Mary did and all will be fine with God's guidance. As the families today suffer daily attacks politically and socially, let us, the Catholic Family, stand firm in our belief in God and imitate the Holy Family. Live February in love, truth and with God's graces. February 14th is Valentine's Day, don't forget to treat your special Valentine.

The renewed energy of the new year also has me wondering if you've had a chance to find your place in our Assembly? We have many spots that could use your time and talent: from organizing, simply moving chairs, actively participating in events, meetings and committees. If you don't feel like you have a "spot" yet, give me a call and let's talk about where we can find you a place to help and contribute. Speaking of renewing your energy, come to Wednesday's men's-only discussion for Catholic men. Deepen your spirituality and formation to combat the crisis of religious faith in our world through this men's study group to read the Apostolic Exhortation Into the Breach. This is a Knights of Columbus international initiative. It continues in February every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at St. Pius X Church in the Parish Center. Please give me a call for further details.

Finally, our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, speaks to the importance of our order for 2023, namely UNITY. Forgive, sin no more, ask to be forgiven and we will be united as one organization, one fraternal group with truth and obedience to GOD, church, country and our veterans who help to make our country free.

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

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Recognizing our Honorary Life Members

Honorary Life Members	Years of Service	Honorary Life Members	Years of Service
WILLIE BARTON	25	HOLLIS MASSIE	48
JOSEPH BOUZA	55	JOHN MC NICOL	42
BRUCE BRADLEY	52	RICHARD MILLER	67
MICHAEL BURNETT	43	JAMES NEERING	56
PAUL BUSQUE	47	FRANK OLSEY	32
STEVE BUSZEK	37	REV. DOUGLAS OSBORN	54
DANIEL CADY	61	MICHAEL OWENS	43
JOSEPH CRIMI	58	KENNETH PELLETIER	34
MAX DOLEHANTY, JR	49	CARL PENDELL	54
JAMES DONNELLY	43	JOSEPH PINTAR	34
THEODORE EISENBEIS	58	DENNIS PLAMONDON	42
ANTHONY ETUE	61	JOHN PLOUCHA	41
VINCENT ETUE	71	GEORGE PLUNKEY	55
REV. THOMAS FIRESTONE	26	ROBERT RAGNONE	43
EDWARD FLYNN	55	TIMOTHY RANVILLE	34
RICHARD FOX	48	THOMAS RATHSACK	65
FRANK GAROFALO	41	RAYMOND RUST	49
LAWRENCE HACKETT	57	PHILIP SATKOWIAK	30
THOMAS HALLIGAN	48	MICHAEL SMITH	70
DAVID HUTCHINS	55	REV. ANTHONY STROUSE	21
GEORGE JAKSA	57	FRANCIS SULLIVAN, JR	40
FREDERICK JOHNSON	67	JOSEPH SULLIVAN	51
ROBERT JOHNSON	34	THOMAS SUTTER	42
RICHARD KELLEY	57	JEROME SYSKO	30
LEONARD KERPERIEN	41	STEPHEN TESLER	53
RICHARD KLAPKO	69	EDWARD VEDOCK	41
REV. KUSITINO KLOBONA	23	DOUGLAS WAGAR	38
RONALD KLOCEK	54	WELTON WRIGHT	26
REV. TIMOCI KOLODISI	25	LAWRENCE WYCZALEK	68
WILLIAM KREBS	39		
OLIVER LA FONTAINE	58		
LAURENCE MACDONALD	26		

Council 695 wishes to recognize and honor the 61 Honorary Life Members listed above. Out of this list, thirteen are also members of a 4th degree Assembly. According to council records, Ralph Etue has the oldest 1st degree date for a current council member - October 7, 1951. Thirteen of the members listed have over 60 years of continuous service in the Knights of Columbus. The complete group of Honorary Life members represents a total of **2,843** years of service.

Note: The list above is based on computerized council records that were created from papers records over the years. Changes of address and record of death are processed by local council officers and Supreme membership services. Sometimes we are not notified of a member passing away. We regret any errors. Please notify council if you have an update for anyone listed above.

Update: as we went to press, news was received that brother Knight Jim Donnelly passed away on January 26, 2023.

Rest in Peace

Reverend Frederick Taggart, OSA, long-time pastor of St. Matthew parish in Flint passed away on January 5, 2023. Father Taggart attended Catholic High School in Detroit and was ordained a priest of the Augustinian Order in 1965. He served in many roles during his 65 years of service to the Order.

Fr. Taggart was a 3rd degree Knight of Columbus, first entering the organization in October 1985. He was appointed Pastor of St. Matthew Church, Flint in 1995. While remaining Pastor of St. Matthew, Fr. Taggart took on the appointment of canonical Pastor of St. Michael Parish in Flint, where he remained until his semi-retirement in 2015.

Fr. Taggart's life and service will be celebrated with a tribute at the Augustinian Gala 2023 being held at The Drake Hotel in downtown Chicago on April 21, 2023. For more information, see augustiniangala.org.

Council 695 extends condolences to the family and prayers for Fr. Taggart.

May he rest in the Peace of Christ.

Coming Events

Several important events and activities fill the calendar over the next couple of months.

Of course, the most significant of these is the coming of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, continuing on to the celebration of our Lord's Rising on Sunday, April 9, 2023.

For a Friday Fish Dinner during Lent, take a visit to Good Shepherd in Montrose or Holy Redeemer in Burton and support our local councils.

Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament in Bay City, at Monitor Lanes: officers' tournament February 18 & 23; open division February 25 to March 19.

Detroit Red Wings Hockey - KoC Fraternal night at Little Caesars Arena - March 23rd

State Raffle Drawing: Thursday April 13. Please remember to sell your tickets. Council 695 receives \$1 from every ticket sold. Great prizes this year include vacation nights at Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City, Hotel Saugutuck, Grand Marais-Pictured Rocks, and 36 more prizes.

The 86th Exemplification for 4th Degree will be held at St. Gerard Parish in Lansing on Saturday April 29th.

Looking ahead, the annual Lugnuts KoC game honoring vocations will be August 18th.

February Birthdays

- 1 Willie J Barton
- 1 Oliver J La Fontaine
- 6 Dr Robert Ddamulira
- 6 Terry M Naderhoff
- 8 Gary R Deitering
- 9 Jonathan M Gildner
- 11 Vincent R Etue
- 16 Joseph K Sullivan
- 20 Thomas J Brooks
- 20 Christopher J Kerperien
- 20 Daniel P Kerperien
- 21 Welton Wright
- 23 Richard N Kelley
- 27 Gregory A Frixen
- 28 Rev Thomas Firestone

Anniversaries

- 4 David & Joene McAuliffe
- 10 David & Diane Wolbert
- 14 Walter & Janet Ducharme
- 14 John & Sandra McNicol

The MI Drive will be the weekend of April 1 and 2. Contact the council office or Dennis Rodgers if you can help at the churches.



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