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FOURTH DEGREE 1ST THURSDAY

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A Leap Year and a Renewal!

Greetings Brother Knights,

I hope you all enjoyed the winter chill and not the melt down.

This month has 29 days which happens every four years. There are many things happening in February:

- It is Black History Month
- It is the month the Lord was presented in the Temple (February 2nd)
- Groundhogs day is also the 2nd
- Our First Sunday Breakfast begins February 4th. See below for more info!
- Feed the Hungry Volunteers needed 8 am to noon, Lansing Catholic Central (February 10th)
- 4th Degree Admirals Ball (Feb 10th)
- Vianney Nights (February 10th)
- Lent also begins this month (Feb 14th)
- Valentine's Day is also on Ash Wednesday
- And Presidents Day (February 19th)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Knights that participated in the St Mary's Mission Eucharistic Procession/Adoration on January 11th. It was a very cold day, but it was very beneficial and inspiring.

We had a Lansing Diocesan K of C meeting on January 10th in Lansing at St Mary's Cathedral. It was a good meeting. We learned that Michigan ended the year in second place for member recruitment. This challenge is always on going.

New members can join for free! As we continue to celebrate Blessed Michael J. McGivney's Beatification, please enter the Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY to join online for free. If you know someone that would be a good knight let them know

that they can sign up online at KoC.org and the first-year dues are free. They can list 695 as the Council that they have interest in joining.

I also picked up more raffle tickets if you would like to sell more or would like more chances to win.

We also had a quad-district meeting at St Roberts on January 24th. It gave us a good chance to talk to several of the area councils, learn from their activities and coordinate communication among us. The district is packing 60,000 meals on Saturday February 10th at Lansing Catholic Central HS. If you are interested in Volunteering, call Richard Perry - 810-701-0413 - ASAP.

All members should have received their annual dues invoice by now in the mail. Be sure that your contact information is correct with the council.

We have planned for a church community breakfast for the first Sunday of the month beginning on February 4th following the 8 am Mass. The menu will vary month to month depending on patron participation. On the 4th we will serve: eggs, sausage, pancakes, fruit, and toast along with juice, coffee and milk. Workers are needed for this effort; if you can assist us with an hour or two once a month it would be greatly appreciated. Please call me at the number below.

Our intent is to draw attendees from the 8 am Mass and the 11 am Mass. The serving will begin after mass (about 8:50) and end by 10:30 am. Note: March 3rd will be the next First Sunday Breakfast. Vivat Jesu!



Joe Goergen
Grand Knight
810-922-0539

February 2024

Calendar of Events

- 1 Assembly 510 Meeting, Holy Redeemer, 7:30 p.m.
- 2 The Presentation of the Lord
- 3 Feast of St. Blaise
- 10 Vianney Nights for SJV School, Parish Hall, 5:00 p.m.
- 10 Admiral's Ball, Holy Redeemer Family Life Center, 6:00 p.m.
- 13 Council 695 Meeting, St. John Vianney, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Ash Wednesday - fast/abstinence
- 14 St. Valentine's Day
- 16 First Friday of Lent - abstinence
- 18 First Sunday of Lent
- 19 Presidents' Day
- 29 Leap Day

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Happy New Year

This is a Leap Year and in fact a Leap Month. A student was asked, "What would you like to leap over in 2024?" The child responded by saying, "To do what I want to do - not school, not chores, not even smart phone time, but maybe rest." In Psalm 46 we are called to "Be still and know that I am God." With all the distractions we encounter during the day such as noise, confusion and media in our lives, seizing these precious moments, we are encouraged to be still and pray to God. When we rest, do we thank God for our rest? May we take a giant leap to rest. Take a moment to pray, and always thank God for such opportunities.

February 2024 is the month of The Passion of Christ. According to Catholic Education.Org, "The Passion of Christ, from the Latin patior meaning "suffer" refers to those sufferings our Lord endured for our redemption from the agony in the garden until His death on Calvary. Our crucified Lord on the cross is a vivid image of His love for each of us. Meditating on His passion will strengthen us against temptation, move us to frequent confession, and keep us on the path of salvation. By embracing our crucified Lord and His cross we will come to the glory of the resurrection." It is fitting that that this month can also be known as His Love for us. We all need to love and to be loved. Try an act of faith and love all people, as Jesus loves us.

Saturday, February 10th, the first annual Admiral's Ball will take place at our Holy Redeemer Life Center. Semi-formal attire is strongly recommended, dark suit and tie for men. Tickets in advance are \$40/person and a table of eight is \$300. We are inviting ALL Knights from Michigan and beyond our borders, including the 3rd Degree, to the Mass, followed by a Social Hour and then the Ball. We will have a delicious dinner, dancing and music. Music will be provided by a professional DJ plus a three-meat dinner and dessert. Get a table of eight together and join us for some fun!

On Saturday, April 20th, at St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Brighton, 2201 S. Old US-23 Hwy, we will have our 88th Exemplification for becoming a Sir Knight. Compared to recent years, this is the closest venue in distance to us. You will learn the history of the knights that is lost in our schools. Most men that have attended this program in the past praise it as a fantastic program showcasing how the Knights have influenced America and have been patriots throughout our nation's history. Please ask a fellow third-degree brother to finish his journey of knighthood and join us. Let me know if I can help.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, February 1st at 7:30 p.m. in the Holy Redeemer 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!

PGK Jack Tylus
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February Birthdays

- 1 Oliver J La Fontaine
- 6 Dr Robert Ddamulira
- 6 Terry M Naderhoff
- 7 Thomas J Ploucha
- 8 Gary R Deitering
- 9 Jonathan M Gildner
- 16 Joseph K Sullivan
- 20 Thomas J Brooks
- 20 Christopher J Kerperien
- 20 Daniel P Kerperien
- 21 Welton Wright
- 23 Richard N Kelley
- 24 Joseph Wilberding
- 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

Council News from January Meeting

Grand Knight Joe Goergen called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm in the Social Hall at St. John Vianney. Nine council members were in attendance, plus one online. GK Goergen reported that plans were proceeding for the K of C monthly breakfast beginning February 4. Workers are needed. There is consideration for having a 5th Sunday rosary program. Corporate Communions are being scheduled for St. Mary, St. Matthew and St. John Vianney. The Singing Knights will be considered. Our council Chaplain, Fr. Tom Firestone, will be leaving the parish at the end of June.

Financial Secretary and Treasurer reports were given. Council will need to create an online account with the US Postal Service for Crusader mailing by end of January. Program forms 10784 are due as well as the annual report of activities and the semi-annual audit report.

Committee Reports: The breakfast committee has been meeting and is working on the menu and obtaining supplies and expertise from St. Pius X. FS McCarthy will communicate to the SJV Faith, Family, and Formation committee regarding our breakfast plans. There were no other committee reports.

Assembly 510, 4th degree Faithful Captain, Mark Davidek, reported on the Admiral's Ball coming February 10. All council members are invited to attend. Proceeds support veterans' organizations in the Flint area. The next (88th) Exemplification is Saturday April 20 in Brighton. \$70 fee is covered by the Assembly. The 4th degree discussed first aid and CPR at Masses.

St. Mary Flint holds a Eucharistic Procession on Thursday January 11 from 2pm - 3pm. Knights have been asked to participate.

New Business: Council approved expenses up to \$1200 to send a delegate to the State Convention in May. The delegate must be nominated in the February meeting, per State K of C by-laws.

Worthy Warden and Lecturer Bob Ragnone read from the Gospel of the day for our spiritual reflection. Members were invited to the district meeting scheduled for Wednesday January 24 at St. Robert church. After Prayer for Vocations the meeting concluded at 8:40 p.m.

Rest in Peace

Vincent Ralph Etue

Born: February 11, 1933

Died: January 13, 2024

Member since October 1951

Willie J Barton

Born: February 1, 1937

Died: December 22, 2023

Member since August 1997

First Sunday of the Month
BREAKFAST
February 4th

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

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FIRST ANNUAL ADMIRAL'S BALL



DINNER DANCE AND MORE

Saturday February 10, 2024 @ 6pm

Holy Redeemer Family Life Center

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Attire is Semi-Formal

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Proceeds will benefit the local Veterans organizations

You're are invited to join us for Mass before the evening begins. Holy Redeemer Church at 4pm. Cocktail hour will begin after mass.

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I spoke with Lenny yesterday and we should have

Support a Lenten Fish Fry Near You

Council 695 discontinued its Fish Bake on Fridays of Lent during the Covid-19 outbreak in 2020 and decided not to restart them. Instead, we recommend that members, families, and parishioners support Fish Fry Fridays offered by our Brother Councils in the area.

Good Shepherd Parish, Montrose: Council 8669
Holy Redeemer Parish, Burton: Council 10170
St. John the Evangelist, Fenton: Council 7418

See parish bulletins online for times, dates, menus, and prices.

Council Dues and Assessments Explained

Under its by-laws, Council 695 collects the following dues from members:

Regular - \$40/year
 Honorary - \$20/year
 Honorary Life - no dues

Thank you to those who have sent in their payments. Membership cards will be mailed to you soon. Reminder notices will be sent to members if dues aren't received by the end of February.

Dues are used to pay per capita assessments from Supreme and State Councils. Per year, these assessments total \$18.50 for most members. The bal-

ance of dues allows for local charitable work by the council and a small amount covers our minimal operating expenses.

Councils are requested to support a number of State commitments. Take 10 for Charity (\$10) supports about 30 charities. Michigan K of C has committed \$1 Million for an endowed scholarship at Sacred Heart Major Seminary (\$6). A separate fund for annual tuition assistance to seminarians (\$3) replaced the former Boysville/Holy Cross Services assessment. Thank you to everyone who is able to contribute.

Coming Soon
MI Tootsie Roll Drive
March 23-24

St. Pius X Parish Closes

On January 20, 2024, St. Pius X Church in Flint held its final service, the 4:30 pm Saturday Mass. The ceremony was led by Bishop Earl Boyea and featured presence by Knights of Columbus Color Corp and many long-time St. Pius X parishioners.

Knights of Columbus Council 8245 at St. Pius X had been scheduled for merger with Council 695 about three years ago. Several active members transferred to Council 695 since 2021. With the closing of the parish, Council 695 officers will contact remaining 8245 members and process membership transfers. At this time, it is not known when Supreme will take action to formally close the council as was done with 14031 at St. Michael, Flint.



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