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COUNCIL MEETING 2ND TUESDAY

FOURTH DEGREE 1ST THURSDAY

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Positivity toward 2025!

Greetings Brother Knights,

Year end is a good time for individuals and entities to review and reflect on the many occurrences of the last year. The beginning of the New Year is a chance to look forward and to make "adjustments" in our plan forward for planned interests and activities.

Our council had a very good year in 2024 with our charitable endeavors, though not for gaining many new members. We are very optimistic for continuing our charity programs and activities as well as gaining membership prospects in 2025!

The Sacred Heart Veterans Village Project, at the former Sacred Heart church location, has broken ground on the \$5 million dollar development. The village will be built in two phases: Phase 1 will be completed in 2025. This is a Knights of Columbus supported project, (See the Admirals Ball)

"This groundbreaking is a momentous occasion," said Katie Baxter, President and CEO of Catholic Charities. "We all agree that veterans should not be homeless. Our Sacred Heart Veteran Village transitional housing program for veterans will guide unhoused veterans to healing, stability and independent living, and a way to demonstrate how Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee County is committed and honored to serve veterans who have served our country."

We are formulating plans for additional fundraising activities to begin later in 2025 to support our various programs and services. If you have recommendations, please let us know. Call the number below.

Please visit website kofc.org/join and then enter the Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY to join online for free. Please list Council 695 as the Council that you or they have interest in joining and we will work out the entry process.

Here are some of the upcoming Council happenings in January:

- January 14th Council 695 Monthly Meeting 7:30 pm St John Vianney
- February 13th Seminarian Fundraising Dinner - St Johns - Davison
- February 22nd 4th Degree Admirals Ball - Proceeds go to the Sacred Heart Veterans Village

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of January 2025: Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Please look in the mail for your dues renewal notice which should arrive shortly if it hasn't already.

As we continue to celebrate Blessed Michael J. McGivney's Beatification. Council 695 wishes you all to stay Safe, as well as praying for all the best for you in 2025!

Please keep all in your prayers the victims in New Orleans along with Los Vegas and pray for World Peace.

Go Lions!
Vivat Jesu!

Joe Goergen
Grand Knight
810-922-0539



January 2025

Calendar of Events

- 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- 1 New Year's Day
- 2 Assembly 510 Meeting, Holy Redeemer Family Life Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 5 The Epiphany of the Lord
- 12 The Baptism of the Lord
- 14 Msgr. Dunigan Council 695 Meeting, St John Vianney Parish Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 22 Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- 25 Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Happy New Year!

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 Thank you for your generosity and support.

January Birthdays

- 2 Michael Smith
- 9 Fred Kay
- 11 Nicholas Skellett
- 14 Hollis Massie
- 15 Michael Burnett
- 24 Carl Pendell
- 25 Paul Plunkey

Anniversaries

- 12 John and Mary Ann Ploucha
- 29 Joseph & Mary Lou Sullivan

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Happy New Year - Jubilee Begins

This year, Christmas Eve was the start to the 2025 Jubilee. According to the Catholic News Agency, "Speaking just days after the opening of the 2025 Jubilee Year, the Pope emphasized that "kindness is not a diplomatic strategy" nor a set of rules to ensure social harmony or to obtain other advantages but rather a form of love that opens hearts to acceptance and helps us all to become more humble. An important part of the jubilee is the opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence — a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. Some of the most significant events of the Jubilee of Hope will be the canonizations of Blessed Carlo Acutis during the Jubilee of Teenagers on April 27 and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati during the Jubilee of Young People on Aug. 3."



According to the Catholic answer guide: "The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, also known as Three Kings Day, falls on Sunday, January 5, 2025. In the Catholic tradition, Epiphany was always celebrated on January 6. Beginning with the 1970 liturgical year (which commenced on November 30, 1969), the feast was moved in the United States (and elsewhere in the Latin-Rite Church) to the first Sunday following January 1 (i.e., from January 2-8 inclusive). Epiphany occurs during the Christmas season. It begins on January 5th and lasts until the following Sunday, January 12th. So, keep your trees up! This holy day marks the arrival of the Magi to worship the Baby Jesus and the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as the Savior of the world. Tradition venerates the Three Wise Men as saints, including because they not only recognized Christ but also revealed him to the world. Their visit symbolizes the Gentiles finding Jesus (Isa. 11:10; Matt. 28:18-20) and expressing, through their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, who he is: King, God, and Savior (Isa. 60:6; Matt. 2:11). In doing so, they show that Christ himself is the greatest gift to all humanity."

Our next fraternal event is scheduled for Saturday, February 22th. We are planning to co-host, with the St Joseph (Flushing/Swartz Creek) Assembly, an Admiral's Ball, during which we will be celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the 4th Degree, at the Holy Redeemer Life Center. Our anticipation is this will be a very popular event and semi-formal attire will be mandatory. Plans are for dinner, dancing and music with added fanfare. Donations are \$40/person and a table of 8 for \$300. We are inviting everyone (including the 3rd Degree Knights) to the Mass prior to the Ball and a Social Hour between. We will have a DJ for music and dancing and a delicious three-meat dinner with dessert. Last year's event was a hit; It is expected to be the same this year. Come and join us in the festivities.

Our 90th Exemplification will take place on Saturday, April 26th at St. Philip Catholic Church, 112 Capital Ave, NE Battle Creek, MI 49017. We encourage all third-degree brothers to finish their journey of knighthood. Please sign up or call us for further information. Contact information below.

Start the New Year on a resolution of joining us at our next meeting Thursday, February 6th 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!

Jack Tylus
Past Faithful Navigator
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4th Degree - 125th Anniversary

Admiral's Ball

Saturday, February 22, 2025 Mass, Social Hour, Dinner, Dancing
Holy Redeemer Family Life Center

Council News from December Meeting

The December 10 monthly meeting was attended by 10 council members, including one by call-in. The meeting opened with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. GK Goergen expressed thanks to council members for support of many programs including: lawncare at Heartbeat, Coats for Kids, Salvation Army, Christmas wreath delivery, placing of wreaths at Great Lakes National Cemetery, and support of St. Mary Food Pantry through Meijer Simply Gives. District Deputy Don Pollard provided venison sausage for snacking. He reported the merger with 8245 (St. Pius council) was proceeding. Action is expected by Supreme in January. He also reported there are 65,000 members in Michigan. Holy Cross raffle calendars are available. Councils are asked to choose a director for Evangelization, Faith, and Family position.

Red Kettle report by Dale Wangler indicated coverage from 9 am to 7 pm. Kettles didn't arrive until after 11:30. Wreath sales generated a profit of about \$990. Carlson's donated six additional wreaths ordered in December. Members voted 9-0 to donate \$150 to Angel's Outreach Christmas event. GK Goergen reported 50 mattresses delivered this week through the Leave No Neighbor Behind program. There are 132 requests for beds. The Lansing Diocesan meeting will be held January 22 in Fowlerville.

Assembly 510 reported that five Vet Wraps were donated to Catholic Charities. Members participated in Wreaths across American. Korean War Vets are asked to contact Jack Kenney.

The meeting concluded with Lecturer's reflection by Worthy Lecturer Bob Ragnone and prayer for vocations.

K of C State Bowling Tournament

The State Bowling Tournament is Saturday February 15th, 2025 to Sunday March 9th, 2025 at Richfield Bowl in Flint, MI. The 2025 tournament will be hosted by Fr. Louis P Gauthier Council #10170 (Burton, MI).

Participation is open to all members in good standing who belong to a council in the Michigan Jurisdiction. This is a fun fraternal competition and great way to meet Brother Knights from around Michigan!

For tournament flyers, applications, and information, visit: <https://www.michigankofcathletics.com>.

Holy Cross Services

2025 Calendar Raffle - \$30
Monthly prizes of \$500
Weekly prizes of \$100
Dec 1 - \$5,000 Grand Prize

Contact a council officer or
call HCS at 855-384-3278

Leave No Neighbor Behind

Council 6742, Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Holy Family Grand Blanc sponsors this program to provide beds and furniture to needy families in Genesee County. Help is need to pick-up donated items and deliver items to recipients. All councils are asked to join in this effort.

2024-2025 State Raffle

Michigan Knights of Columbus
40 Prizes
4 Grand Prizes
Council 695 receives \$1 for
every \$5 ticket sold.

Drawing: April 10, 2025 8:00 pm

Annual Tradition Continues

For the 5th consecutive year, since curbside pickup became popular as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, Council 695 members assisted with food and gift distribution at St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center. From December 16 to December 18, the week before Christmas, members paired-up in three-hour morning or afternoon shifts to greet recipients when they arrived to pick up Christmas boxes.

Thank you to the following members who participated: Hans Gorke, Dennis Rodgers, Tom Brooks, David McAuliffe, Mark Davidek, Tom Halligan, Bob Ragnone, Wally Ducharme, Brian Bur, John Fisher, Ronan Streby, and Mike McCarthy.

The council wishes to salute the St. John Vianney Christian Service Commission, SJV parishioners, and the St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center staff and volunteers who organized the program and provided children's gifts and food to over 300 children and families. Sr. Carol Weber, O.P., Executive Director and Co-Founder of the St. Luke center expressed her heartfelt gratitude to all who made the 2024 program possible.

Honorary Life Member News

Congratulations to the following members who achieved Honorary Life status with the Knights of Columbus in 2024.

Mark A Ranville
Lance D Dicaire
Craig W Damon
Steven W Simms
Paul Plunkey

Honorary Life designation requires 25 years of continuous service and age 70, or 50 continuous years of service at any age.

For those looking ahead, the following members will qualify for Honorary Life status in 2025.

Gary R Deitering
Edward G Bruff
Thomas E Skellett

Members Support Salvation Army Program

If you ventured to Sam's Club on Corunna Road on Saturday, November 30, 2024, you would have run into council members staffing the Salvation Army red kettles. This annual tradition on the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend continued with expanded hours this year. Knights and family members rang the bell from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm collecting donations to help the Salvation Army provide Christmas gifts to those in need.

With kettles at both the store entrance and exit, members provided over twenty hours of service to help make Christmas brighter for children and families served by the Salvation Army. Council Program Director Dale Wangler coordinated the effort. The following Knights donned coats, hats, and gloves to participate in the program: Jack Tylus, Bob Ragnone, Mike McCarthy, Joe Goergen, Jim Neumann, Jim Lusty, Hans Gorke, David McAuliffe, Tony Zochowski, Sean Rozboril & family, Ronan Streby, Ken Pelletier, Ethan Sperla & dad, Clark Switalski & family, Cory Perez, Dennis Rodgers, and Dale Wangler.

Thank you to everyone who participated. Well done Knights!



Council members at Sam's Club on November 30, 2024. See article for list of members who participated.

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