

# The Columbus Crusader

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COUNCIL MEETING 2ND TUESDAY

FOURTH DEGREE 1ST THURSDAY

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## Gratitude and God's Will

### Greetings Brother Knights,

As Thanksgiving approaches and we spend more time with our families and reflect on all that we are grateful for, I want to say how grateful I am to be backed by such a wonderful council! You all have done so much in the last month and I firmly believe that a Grand Knight is only as good as his council, and because of that, I have nothing to worry about!

Something that has been on my mind lately is the idea of surrendering our will to God's. I'm sure you all have heard in countless homilies and quotations that we must surrender our will to God's will, and though it is easy to say, "yup, I'll do whatever God tells me," it is much harder to do.

As men, we are often reluctant to surrender our will to anyone. Our pride often tells us that we have all the answers, that we already know what it takes to live "the good life." As long as we pray, go to Mass every Sunday, and give a portion of our income into the offering basket, we're all right with God and we don't need to take any directions. However, we believe in a loving God who knows us better than we know ourselves, and this is not the relationship God desires to have with us. After all, can we truly live a truly good life if God is not directing it? What is really good apart from God?

This isn't to say that following God's will is easy. In fact, it is usually the opposite, and is sometimes the thing we least desire to do. It took being swallowed by a fish to get Jonah to do God's will, and it took 40 years wandering in the desert before the

Israelites tasted the place God was leading them towards. Sometimes God's will is a bit more elusive. Sometimes, as God said to Paul with the thorn in his side, His grace is sufficient, and we must rely on our own conscience and His word. Though this takes a great deal of faith, our Lord said that if we have faith the size of a mustard seed, we will be able to move mountains.

I want to thank everyone who attended the Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner on October 22nd! We had 40 total attendees including 24 council members and guests. I am told that this is the best turnout of Knights we have ever had for this event, and I am very grateful to have been a part of it!

Aside from our upcoming meeting this November, we have a few events coming up. On November 8th, the Coats for Kids distribution is happening at the Center for Hope at Catholic Charities. Any help is appreciated. On November 29th, we will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Sam's Club on Corunna Road. If you are available to help, please let me know. The Christmas Wreath sale has gone well this month, and we are planning to sponsor a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest at St. John Vianney School in coming weeks.

In Christ,  
Ronan Streby  
Grand Knight



### November 2025

#### Calendar of Events

- 1 All Saints Day
- 2 All Souls Day
- 2 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 6 Fourth Degree Meeting, Holy Redeemer Family Life Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Veterans Day
- 11 Msgr. Dunigan Council 695 Meeting, St John Vianney Parish Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 23 Solemnity of Christ the King
- 27 Thanksgiving Day
- 29 Red Kettle Drive at Sam's Club, Corunna Road
- 30 First Sunday of Advent

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 Supreme had placed a halt on sending out plastic/permanent  
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 The new cards have been received. FS McCarthy will be sending in  
 the next few weeks or with the dues mailing in December.  
 We are also trying to validate contact information for members who  
 were recently transferred in from Council #8245 (St. Pius X)

Do we have your correct email  
 and phone number? What about  
 your birthday or  
 wedding anniversary? Do you have a  
 seasonal address that we don't  
 know about?

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*Please remember  
in your daily prayers*

## Happy All Saints Day to All!

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

You are invited to attend our Veterans Dinner, on Saturday, November 8th. Veterans are always FREE. It will be held at Holy Redeemer Family Life Center, 1227 E Bristol Rd, Burton, MI 48529. We start with a Mass at Holy Redeemer Church at 4:00 p.m., not mandatory. The social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by a catered dinner at 6:00ish p.m. You don't have to be Catholic to attend. We have a keynote speaker, a 50/50 raffle and expect other activities during this event. Based on attendees military record, leadership and achievements we will then name a Veteran of the Year. If you haven't come, it is rewarding to attend.



The Catholic Charities Chair-ity Fundraiser Event is at St. Michael's Conference Center, 602 E. 5th Street on Flint. Help support our Catholic Charities here in our own town! The event takes place Thursday November 6 starting at 5:30 p.m. For tickets: call 810-232-9950 x111 or email GiveHope@ccsgc.org. God Bless you for your support.

December 13th is another annual Wreaths Across America in Holly at the Great Lakes National Cemetery. See you there at 10:00 at the Hospital. From the Hospital you will be shuttled by bus, for free, to the Cemetery.

The 65th PMI will be held in May 19 - 25, 2026, drawing thousands of troops, veterans, and others from around the world to the famous Marian shrine where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Saint Bernadette Soubirous in 1858. The Warriors, Military personnel, to Lourdes excursion is a week-long retreat in which pilgrims take part in an opening ceremony, special Catholic Masses, visits to the baths at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes, and a candlelight vigil. U.S. servicemen or women currently on active duty, recently retired, or honorably discharged—including those suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Moral Injury, or other illness—are encouraged to submit an application to the Knights of Columbus (K of C), which co-sponsors Warriors to Lourdes along with the Archdiocese for the Military Services (which the 4th degree support) USA (AMS). Applications are being accepted from Sept. 15, 2025, through January 15, 2026. For more information, go to this webpage: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/charity/support-for-warriors-to-lourdes.html>

Our next regular meeting is on Thursday November 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the Holy Redeemer Family Life Center. We meet the first Thursday of every month. Come and visit.

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

Jack Tylus, PFN, PGK  
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For an interesting read about "what we remember in November" see the Council 695 website [kofcflint.org](http://kofcflint.org) or check out the original source at <https://ewtn.co.uk/article-what-we-remember-in-november/>

### November Birthdays

- 1 Joseph R Bouza
- 1 Richard L Miller
- 2 Dennis McNea
- 11 Scott M Rohner
- 14 Timothy R Jamison II
- 16 Leonard J Kerperien
- 18 Randall K Whitman
- 20 Walter D Ducharme
- 21 John W Mc Nicol
- 22 Steven W Simms
- 23 Thomas J Halligan
- 25 Dennis J Plamondon

### November Anniversaries

- 3 Dennis & Teresa Rodgers
- 10 Jack & Valerie Tylus
- 18 Michael & Suzanne Owens

Fr. Tom Firestone  
Dcn. Tony Verdun  
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Barbara Cole  
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Jim Jackson  
Robert Smith  
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Roselynn Serra  
Charles Johnson  
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Sam Yanta  
John Koszegi  
Chuck Daley  
Jo Etue  
Edmund Evans  
Ken McDonald  
David Shaw  
Sue Zerweck  
Maureen Kelsey  
Marie Gillespie  
The Souls in Purgatory  
Norman Hamelin (dcd)  
Cheryl Wangler (dcd)

## Council News from October Meeting

Council 695 met on Tuesday October 14 in the Knights of Columbus Council 695 chambers in the basement of the rectory at St. John Vianney. This was the first meeting held in the chambers in over seven years. GK Ronan Streby and council members Robert Ddamulira, Jack Tylus, Jim Lusty, and Tom Brooks cleaned and organized the room on Saturday September 27. The meeting was called to order by GK Streby at 7:30 p.m. with an opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Ten members were in attendance.

GK Streby thanked members who participated in getting the room back in order. He reported there is more to do so future cleaning dates will be scheduled. He also reported that as council Youth Director he would like to hold the K of C sponsored Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest at St. John Vianney School. Dr. Theresa Marshall, school principal, is in favor of this program. Budget and prizes will be discussed at the November meeting. GK Streby also mentioned the idea of selling Keep Christ in Christmas merchandise. Council has car magnets and would need to order yard signs.

Treasurer Report was presented by Greg Frixen and Financial Secretary Report was given by Mike McCarthy. State per capita, STAA, and SHMS checks have been mailed. It was noted by Trustee PGK Joe Goergen that the Crusader checking account would need a deposit of funds to cover checks for recent printing bills. FS McCarthy will make a

transfer.

Fourth Degree Assembly 510 reported on upcoming events: Veteran's Dinner on November 8 and Wreaths Across America on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Program committees: Lansing Lugnuts financial report showed a final cost to the council of \$44 to cover attendance by altar servers. Christmas Wreath orders will be taken throughout October. Sales are about half-way to the sales goal as of the meeting. St. Luke NEW Life Center Christmas gift distribution will take place December 15, 16, and 17. Volunteers are needed. Contact FS McCarthy. Coats for Kids distribution will take place Saturday November 8 at Catholic Charities Center for Hope. Contact GK Streby.

An event planning and fundraising committee meeting is scheduled for Friday October 17 at 3:30. To be discussed is the future of monthly breakfasts at St. Matthew and Keep Christmas in Christmas merchandise project.

There were no items of old or new business to be voted on. Lecturer Bob Ragnone read from today's Gospel from St. Luke.

Good of the Order: Council members were asked to participate in a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree ceremony for Cheryl Wangler, wife of PDGK Dale Wangler, who passed away Monday. Details tbd at time of the meeting. Prayers were requested.

The meeting adjourned approximately 8:45 p.m.

### Record Attendance at Appreciation Dinner

Council 695 hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday October 22. Priests, deacons, and religious sisters who serve the Catholic Community of Flint were invited to attend the event held in the St. John Vianney parish center. Council members and wives/guests were there to greet, serve, and thank the 16 honored attendees.

Following grace led by Council Chaplain, Fr. Matthew Bonk, Grand Knight Ronan Streby thanked the clergy and religious with a powerful Body of Christ analogy. For dinner, attendees enjoyed baked chicken, barbecue ribs, mostaccioli, salad, and bread from Italia Gardens.

Total expenses for the event were \$750. After donations from attending council members, the net cost to the council is expected to be \$463.

Great job Council 695!



Top left (l to r): Dale Wangler, Fr. Matthew, Fr. Anthony enjoy dinner. Middle left (l to r): Hans and Rosemary Gorke, and Scott Rohner



Above (l to r): Tom Brooks, Fr. Denis Spitzley, Jack and Val Tylus, Fr. Carl Simon. Far left: GK Ronan Streby and guest, Fr. David Harvey in food line while Tom Brooks, Mark Davidek, Bob Ragnone, and Joe Goergen serve. Left (l to r): Deacon Mike Dear and Deacon Tony Verdun.

## Veterans Village Ribbon Cutting

On Monday, October 20, 2025 a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house took place at Sacred Heart Veteran Village in Flint, on the site of the former Sacred Heart Church property. 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Color Corp participated. This Catholic Charities project is supported by Assembly #510. When completed, the village will include 26 individual housing units for veterans and will provide training, counseling, and other services for veterans.



Top right: Opening of Veteran Village in multipurpose room.  
Above: Interior of one of the bungalows.



### Christmas Wreath Order Pickup

Saturday December 6 and  
Sunday December 7  
after Masses at  
St. Mary, St. Matthew,  
and St. John Vianney

Questions: Contact Bob Ragnone at  
810-919-0823.

### Detroit Red Wings Hockey

Michigan State K of C Council is sponsoring a Fraternal Night on Saturday, January 31, 2026 at 1:00 pm at Little Caesars arena. Tickets are \$85. 695 members contact Mike McCarthy (810-620-5117) if interested.

### Council 695 Members

The Annual Ring the Bell for The Salvation Army Community Program will be on Saturday November 29 at Sam's Club on Corunna Road.

Help is needed. Text GK Ronan Streby at 810-444-6458

Heads-Up: Annual Christmas Gift Distribution at St. Luke NEW Life Center will take place on December 15, 16, 17.



## VETERANS APPRECIATION DINNER

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Monsignor Patrick R Dunigan Assembly #510  
DINNER/RAFFLE/50-50 DRAWING/GUEST SPEAKER/MUSIC AND VETERAN(S) OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION. Please call and reserve, leave a message 810 603 0608.

**SATURDAY November 8, 2025 FOLLOWING MASS AT 4:00 P.M.**  
**HELD AT HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH,**  
**FAMILY LIFE CENTER**  
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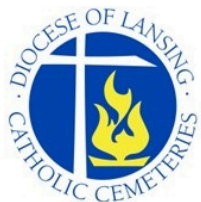
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Center for Hope  
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