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ONE NATION UNDER GOD



COUNCIL MEETING 2ND TUESDAY

FOURTH DEGREE 1ST THURSDAY

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Transitions: Experience the Present

Brother Knights,

Happy October, and I hope you are all planning your Halloween costumes! The kids at school sometimes ask me what I'm going to be for Halloween, and my usual response is that I'm going to dress as a student, complete with a polo shirt, khakis, and dark circles under my eyes.

As the weather cools, I like to think of the Fall as being a season of transition. We go from the warm, sunny days of Summer to the icy and often bitter days of Winter, and Fall is the median between the two. Fall is a season of change, just like Spring.

Similarly, we often undergo periods of transition in our own lives as well. I had a recent conversation with a friend which touched on this very topic, and I would like to share their wisdom with you all here.

It is tempting in our modern world to live in two places: the past and the future. My own generation, Generation Z, is famously fond of nostalgia and recapturing the past. On the other hand, we can also live in the future, always looking forward to better days ahead and losing sight of the present. This is especially tempting when we are in a period of desolation, as oftentimes the present is too painful to experience in its fullness.

However, when we spend too much time in the past or future, we lose a great opportunity God has given us, as we forget the ways we can serve God now. While it may be true that things will be better in the future, that future will never happen unless we first experience the present. Transitions are often painful and unpleasant; think of a baby teething or one's awkward teenage

years. Even so, they are a necessary part of life because they allow us to grow into the places God wants us to be. After all, a seed doesn't turn into a tree overnight. We should not be discouraged if we are not exactly in the place we would like to be; instead, we must pray that God guides us through this period of transition in our lives, and that we may be humble enough to endure the growing pains with dignity.

As for upcoming events, we are planning to have a busy October! On October 4th, we are having our Corporate Communion at St. John Vianney at the 4:00 PM Mass. All are welcome, and please invite your families! The dress is formal, so wear your green blazer if you have one! We are planning our Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner for October 22nd, and updates will be forthcoming. Last, but not least, we are cleaning out the Knights room in the SJV rectory on October 11th at 9:00 AM. If you can help out, all hands are appreciated!

Have a happy October and a good fall season, and continue to pray for our Council and our city!

In Christ,
Ronan Streby
Grand Knight
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October 2025 Calendar of Events

- 2 Assembly 510 Meeting, Holy Redeemer Family Life Center, 7:30 pm
- 4 Corporate Communion at St. John Vianney - 4:00 pm Mass
- 5 Breakfast at St. Matthew after 8 am/10 am Masses (tbd)
- 11 Council Chambers cleanup
- 13 Columbus Day
- 14 Msgr. Dunigan Council 695 Meeting, St. John Vianney 7:30 pm
- 18 Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist
- 19 World Mission Sunday
- 22 Council Appreciation Dinner for Priests/Deacons/Sisters
- 28 Feast of SS Simon and Jude
- 31 Halloween

It's time to order your Christmas Wreath from Council 695.

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As this issue went to press, we are stunned by the attack on the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Grand Blanc Twp. Please pray for the dead, the injured, the church members, families, and public safety and medical personnel.
- We need You, Lord. Light the Way.

*Please remember
in your daily prayers*

Assembly 510 - Planning for November

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

You are cordially invited to attend our Veterans Dinner this year. On Saturday, November 8th, we will hold our annual Assembly 510 Veterans Dinner to show our appreciation for those who served. The dinner will be at the Holy Redeemer Family Life Center, 1227 E Bristol Rd, Burton, MI 48529. This event always starts with a Mass at Holy Redeemer Church at 4:00 p.m. The social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by a catered dinner at 6:00 p.m. Veterans are always free of charge and do not need to be Catholic to attend. We have a keynote speaker - she is really good - a 50/50 raffle and other activities during this event. Based on military record, leadership, and achievements of attending veterans, we will name a Veteran of the Year. If you haven't come, it is rewarding to attend and, again, you are invited.



Thursday, November 6th, is the Catholic Charities Chair-ity Fundraiser Event at St. Michael's Conference Center, 602 E. 5th Street on Flint. Help support our Catholic Charities here in our own town! Either call 810-232-9950 x111 or email GiveHope@ccsgc.org. God Bless you for your support.

December 13th is another annual visit to the graves of fallen soldiers in Holly at the Great Lakes National Cemetery. The 2025 THEME: KEEP MOVING FORWARD "There will always be challenges to overcome as individuals, communities and a country, but we must keep moving forward together. This year, we will share not only the Byers' story of resilience but also the stories of many others who continue to live with purpose every day and have chosen to keep moving forward." - Karen Worcester, Executive Director

Remember, if you plan to attend this event, you have two options. One, is to observe and take it all in: the observance, the ceremony, and huge crowd that always comes to pay honor for those who served. The second, is to participate by waiting in order to receive a wreath and to place it on a marker. We do this to remember the fallen, honor those who served, and teach the next generation the value of freedom. Hope to see you there.

Our next regular meeting is on Thursday October 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. in the Holy Redeemer 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!

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Richard Klapko
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Edmund Evans
Ken McDonald
David Shaw
Sue Zerweck
Maureen Kelsey
Marie Gillespie
The Souls in Purgatory
Richard Klapko (dcd)

October Birthdays

- 1 Stephen Tesler
- 2 Louis Anderson
- 3 Glen Hart
- 5 Brian Bur
- 8 David Gagne
- 9 Fr. Matthew Bonk
- 13 Edward Sullivan
- 16 Daniel Ducharme
- 18 Thomas Edelen
- 19 Joseph Curtis
- 22 Russell Yahr
- 24 John Ceranski
- 25 Douglas Wagar
- 28 Frederick Johnson

October Anniversaries

- 2 Randy & Karen Josey
- 5 Lawrence & Norma Hackett
- 5 Richard & Shirley Miller
- 6 Thomas & Colleen Argus
- 7 Andrew & Carole Cocagne
- 7 Rodney & Rosemary Waters
- 12 James & Mary Skellet
- 22 Edward & Rebecca Bruff
- 25 Felix & Sergine Tizi Sab
- 27 Patrick & Peggy Goodall

Council News from September Meeting

Council 695 met on Tuesday September 9 in the Community Room at St. John Vianney. Grand Knight Ronan Streby called the meeting to order at 7:30pm with an opening Our Father and Pledge of Allegiance. Five members were in attendance.

GK Streby report that a thank you note was sent to Tip'n Point Market for their brats contribution to the August Knights cookout at St. John Vianney. Bob Ragnone will send a thank you to Bueche's Grocery for their contribution of brat buns for the event. Officer installation was hosted on August 21 by Council 695. Coming activities to be discussed include the Appreciation Dinner, cleaning of the council office, and Corporate Communion.

Treasurer Report: FS McCarthy presented the report prepared by Treasurer Frixen who was unavailable. A corrected July report was included with the August report. Financial Secretary Report: FS McCarthy reported a transfer in of member Dennis McNea. The council semi-annual audit, due August 15, has not been filed, pending a response from

Supreme to several questions about the form. Collections for the Seminarian Tuition Assistance Assessment and Sacred Heart Seminary will be sent to the State Council. FS will send a request to the State Secretary to adjust the per capita to not include Council 8245 transfers until 2026. Fourth Degree Assembly 510 reported on three upcoming events: Veteran's Dinner on November 8, Exemplification on October 4, and Wreaths Across America on December 14th. Other Reports: The Clergy/Religious Appreciation Dinner will be in October. Is there interest in selling Keep Christ in Christmas materials this year? The Christmas Wreath project will begin with sales in October. Bob Ragnone and Matt George are coordinating. GK Streby will check on Corporate Communion for October, November, and December. A tentative date of Saturday October 4 was set for St. John Vianney. The project to reorganize the council chambers in the SJV rectory basement will be on Saturday 10/11.

New Business: The MI Drive was discussed. It was decided to return to a once per year program with donations being collected on Palm Sunday. Council will not be collecting at the churches in October.

Lecturer Ragnone read the day's gospel. A prayer for vocations was recited and the meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Appreciation Dinner for Clergy and Religious sponsored by Council 695

Wednesday October 22, 2025

Social - 5:45 pm, Dinner - 6:15pm
St. John Vianney Parish Center

Council members and wives please attend to show your gratitude. Cost \$12/person. (Clergy/Religious - free)
Register to attend or help by contacting Mike McCarthy at 810-620-5117 or fs695@mikofc.org.

Ribs - Baked Chicken - Pasta - Salad - Bread - Dessert

Annual Council Christmas Wreath Sale

Wreaths (26" outside measure) - \$30 (same price since 2022)

Orders due by October 30. Forms available at St. John Vianney, St. Mary, and St. Matthew after all Masses. Pick-up the weekend of December 6-7 at each church. Questions: contact Bob Ragnone at 810-919-0823.



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