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COUNCIL MEETING 2ND TUESDAY

FOURTH DEGREE 1ST THURSDAY

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## Planting and Cultivating our Faith

### Greetings Brother Knights,

As the Summer comes to an end and work picks up again, it is worth reflecting on how the changing seasons point us toward Jesus.

It is said that you can tell an artist by his artwork. Any piece of art that an artist creates is ultimately a reflection of themselves, and the world that God created is no different. During Summer, the weather is warm and the sun is out, and we are free to go outside and share in the joy of our loved ones, reminding us of the freedom we have in Christ and the joy that comes from accepting His love. In the Fall, we reap the fruits of what we sowed during the Spring and Summer, reminding us the importance of doing the work God puts before us; the fruit we reap at the end of the season is the same fruit we sowed at the beginning.

As the Fall comes upon us and the harvest approaches, let us reflect on the seeds we have sown this year and the fruits they have produced. I challenge you to ask yourself what seeds you have been planting in your relationship with Jesus, and how you can cultivate them further. One mistake that I make in my own spiritual life is that I plant a spiritual seed but I don't cultivate it; I don't water or fertilize it, nor do I pull the weeds in the garden. To grow strong and healthy, a seed must be cared for and nourished, so we must all make sure that our "garden" is in order.

With that being said, our council has had a very bountiful harvest this August! Our hotdog and brat fundraiser went

extraordinarily well and I believe that it brought life back into our parish! We had a wonderful turnout and I am very optimistic for future events like this! I want to thank everyone who helped out with this event, whether you helped with the cooking or cleanup or anything else. No matter how big or small your contribution was, it all made a difference!

I also want to praise our recent Officer's Installation on the 21st! We have not had an event like this at our church in quite a while and I want to thank not only everyone who came but also everyone who helped in whatever capacity they could; I want to especially thank the wives of our Knights who assisted with serving and keeping the event running smoothly.

We have a few things to look forward to this coming September! We traditionally have our Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner in October, so details on this will be forthcoming. We also might be having a Corporate Communion later this month, and details about this will be sent out when they are available.

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of this warm weather, and I will see you at the next meeting!

In Christ,  
Ronan Streby  
Grand Knight



### September 2025

#### Calendar of Events

- 1 Labor Day Holiday
- 4 Fourth Degree Meeting, Holy Redeemer Family Life Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Memorial of St. Peter Claver
- 9 Msgr. Dunigan Council 695 Meeting, St John Vianney Parish Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Exultation of the Holy Cross
- 22 First Day of Autumn
- 27 Feast of St. Vincent de Paul
- 29 Feast of SS. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

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## Fall into a Pilgrimage or an Exemplification

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

Our deepest apology for the abrupt cancellation of our August picnic. We will try again next year. Again, sorry for those that might have been missed or didn't hear that it was cancelled.

Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage was started in 2013. It is a partnered event with the Archdiocese for Military Services in the USA each year to wounded, ill or injured U.S. Warriors for a five-day retreat in Lourdes, France. You will spend time in prayer and reflection in your journey toward healing from moral injury and finding inner peace. The application period for the Pilgrimage begins September 15, 2025 through January 15, 2026. Learn if you are [eligible to apply](#). If you have questions, please email us at [Lourdes@kofc.org](mailto:Lourdes@kofc.org). View and download the 2026 [Brochure](#) and [Poster](#). Anything additional: visit the website: <https://www.warriorstolourdes.com/> or if you like to chat or have additional questions the site does not answer you can either Email or call: [Lourdes@kofc.org](mailto:Lourdes@kofc.org) or call 203-800-4857 between 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. ET, Monday.



PLEASE NOTE: the 91st exemplification date has been changed to Saturday OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>. It starts at 11:30 a.m. at [Our Lady of Fatima in Mich. Center, Mi.](#) The exemplification fee will be waived by our assembly for the first six 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights. Why join? The 4<sup>th</sup> degree is the visible symbol of the Knights of Columbus. We encourage action in citizenship, faith and patriotism. This degree binds us into the further brotherhood amongst members. Most participate in charitable and civic activities. We also participate in the honor guard at religious and civic events, always supporting veterans and their families. You are encouraged to join the honor guard but it is not mandatory. So, if you are interested in joining us, this the final step of your Knighthood. You are invited to attend and join us. Contact Jack at 810-938-2778 for further information.

Our annual Assembly 510 Veterans Dinner, to show our appreciation for those who served, will be at the Holy Redeemer Family Life Center, 1227 E Bristol Rd, Burton, MI 48529 on Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>. This event usually begins with Mass at Holy Redeemer Church at 4:00 p.m. A social hour will begin roughly at 5:30 p.m., followed by a catered dinner at 6:30 p.m. Veterans are free of charge to attend. We have a keynote speaker, a 50/50 raffle and possibly other fundraising events during this event. Based on attendee's military record, leadership and achievements we will then name a Veteran of the Year. If you haven't come, it is rewarding to attend and you are invited.

Our next regular meeting is on Thursday September 4th, 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!

Jack Tylus, PFN, PGK  
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### September Birthdays

- 4 Victor M Anderson
- 6 Joseph M Goergen
- 7 Corey Perez
- 7 Rodney S Waters
- 9 Rev Anthony J Strouse
- 10 Paul E Kaczorowski
- 11 Michael L Owens
- 11 Dale G Wangler
- 15 Jack Tylus
- 27 Jameson W Kellett
- 29 Rev Douglas Osborn
- 29 Joseph L Pintar

### September Anniversaries

- 4 Dennis & Cindy McNea
- 8 Joseph & Roberta Goergen
- 20 Dale & Cheryl Wangler

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Mark Davis  
Jerod Fehy  
Larry Starnes  
Bill Krebs  
Barbara Cole  
Jonathan Smith  
Jim Jackson  
Robert Smith  
Carolyn Anderson  
Bob Johnson  
Roselynn Serra  
Charles Johnson  
Paul Zuwala  
Lucas Allen  
Vincent Pangori  
Marge Conley  
Ferris Williams  
PFN Neal & Claudia Roche  
Barbara Johnson  
Cathy Huber  
Duane Walters  
Family of Bob Lobakivich  
Jim Bonner  
Don O'Brien  
Doug McManus  
Don LaRochelle  
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Chuck Daley  
Jo Etue  
Edmund Evans  
Ken McDonald  
David Shaw  
Sue Zerweck  
Maureen Kelsey  
Marie Gillespie  
The Souls in Purgatory

## Council News from August Meeting

Council 695 met on Tuesday August 12 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. Nine members were in attendance.

GK Streby reported that members had recently attended the Tiger Game and the Luginut game. He thanked all of the members who helped with the cookouts on Saturday and Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. John Vianney and the hotdog lunch at St. Matthew on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. GK Streby also highlighted a number of upcoming events including: Officer Installation at SJV on August 21, Coats for Kids program, the Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner in October, and the Mandy Borsenik Golf Outing. Also to be discussed are the council budget and council phone. Warden Bob Ragnone asked that council send a thank you to Tippin Point Deli in New Lothrop and Bueche's Food Store in Flushing for their donations to the KofC cookout at SJV.

Treasurer Report was presented by Greg Frixen and Financial Secretary Report was given by Mike McCarthy. It was noted that the Building Company was preparing a donation of \$2759 which included \$1200 for rent and \$20 for non-profit filing fee. This generated a question as to whether more could be done with the building company funds. Building Company is asked to address this and report back to the council.

### Council Supports Seminarians

The Knights of Columbus provides support to our priests and parishes through programs and prayer throughout the world. K of C also supports the pipeline of future priests and sisters right here in Michigan through three programs.

1. Sacred Heart Seminary Scholarship Fund - this is an endowment, pledged by the State Knights of Columbus, through member vote, to provide \$1 Million for endowed scholarships. Each year Council 695 sends a donation collected through the \$6 voluntary assessment. 2025 donation: \$455.
2. Seminarian Tuition Assistance Assessment - this \$3 per member assessment provides tuition assistance to seminarians from Michigan no matter which seminary they attend. Our council 2025 donation is \$255.
3. RSVP - Refund Support Vocations Program - councils donate funds directly to a seminarian or postulant. Council receives a \$100 refund from Supreme for every \$500 donated. This year Council 695 donated \$500 each to our two seminarians.

In addition to the above programs, Council 695 promoted attendance at the annual seminarian fundraiser chicken dinner organized by the St. John Davison council. We had over 30 of the 400+ attendees as a result of our council's efforts. Over \$60,000 was distributed to 29 seminarians.

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 14<sup>th</sup>.

New Business: The council phone is no longer working. Mike McCarthy will try to transfer service to a used phone that will be provided by Jack Tylus. Members decided to continue the phone service for now. A motion to sponsor a hole for up to \$100 at the golf fundraiser for Mandy Borsenik was approved. A motion to approve up to \$700 for supplies for the Clergy and Religiously Appreciation Dinner was approved. After ticket sales, the net cost will be less based on prior years. A motion to approve money to purchase Coats for Kids through the State was approved. The amount was \$499.99, but a check will be issued for \$500. All motions carried without objection.

Wrap-up: Coats for Kids distribution will take place on November 8 at Catholic Charities. Volunteers will be needed to help. There will be a Food Packing project on November 1 at Powers Catholic High School. 60,000 meals will be packed in a few hours. Help will be needed. Expenses weren't final at the meeting, but the Cookout netted about \$360 and we received \$98 from the hotdog lunch at St. Matthew.

Coming Events	Date
Hot Dog Luncheon at St. Matthew	September 7
Combined Degree Exemplification Good Shepherd, Montrose	September 21
Golf Fundraiser for Mandy Borsenik	September 27
4th Degree Exemplification	October 4
Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner	October TBA
Christmas Wreath Sales	October
Coats for Kids at Catholic Charities	November 8
Veteran's Appreciation Dinner	November 8

## Council Hosts Officer Installation

Council 695 hosted an officer installation ceremony on Thursday August 21 at St John Vianney Church for three councils that are part of District #514. District Deputy Don Pollard organized the ceremony that included councils from Good Shepherd parish in Montrose, St. Michael Byzantine parish in Flushing, and Council 695 in Flint.

The evening began with Mass at 6pm celebrated by Fr. Matthew Bonk, pastor of St. John Vianney and Chaplain of 695. In his homily, Fr. Matthew recounted the founding of the Knights of Columbus and the importance of the organization to our parishes and Catholics in general. Following Mass, Fr. Matthew participated in the ceremony by blessing the assembled officer jewels and offering an opening and closing prayer.

DD Pollard led the ceremony, first installing the Grand Knights Ronan Streby (695) and Patrick Bisson, Jr (8669) with assistance of Fr. Matthew. Following their installation, the Grand Knights assisted with the installation of the officers present from their respective councils. In total about 22 officers participated from the three councils.

Following the ceremony, GK Streby had organized a reception for attendees which was held in the vestibule of the church. Gigantic 5-foot subs were brought in from Big John Steak and Onion (a Crusader advertiser) and nearly 30 attendees enjoyed sub, chips, soft drinks, and cookies to conclude the evening.



Photo top right: Fr. Matthew Bonk blesses officer medallions at start of installation ceremony on August 21.

Photo right: DD Don Pollard instructs council Trustees from three councils as they receive their medallion. Pictured from Council 695 are (l to r) GK Ronan Streby, Trustees Matt George, Tom Brooks, and Joe Goergen.



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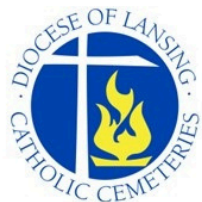
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9:00 am (Sun)