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FOURTH DEGREE 1ST THURSDAY

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## Ready for the New Year

### Greetings Brother Knights and family members,

Be Ready! Those were words I heard in the stands many times while attending Powers Catholic football games over the years. Some will know those are famous words from the late Catholic businessman and community leader, Jack Goggins, a deceased member of council 695. To me, those were words of encouragement to the players to be prepared, to be aware, to be ready to make the next play, not relive or think about the last one.

And so it is with us. As individuals, as brother Knights and family, and as a council we are called to be ready for what lies ahead of us in the new year.

Part of being ready or being prepared is understanding: how things work, goals, purpose, processes, etc. In the case of our council, I'd like to take a minute to explain how things work financially. It's no coincidence that you will be receiving your membership billing, shortly. Please watch for it and send in your dues payment right away. Also, if possible, please donate to the other causes listed on the invoice.

Council dues remain at \$40 and have been that amount for many years. About one-half of the dues are used to pay per-member assessments from the State Council and the Supreme Council. This includes \$3 for a new seminarian tuition assistance program in Michigan to make vocations more affordable. The State and Supreme assessments support their operations, as well as advertising and culture of life programs run by Supreme. The balance of dues collected support

council charitable contributions, parish programs and council operating expenses (phone, website, postage, supplies, etc.) We run a lean ship.

On the billing statement, you will see three voluntary donations: Take Ten for Charity, Sacred Heart Major Seminary Scholarship Fund, and The Columbus Crusader. Take Ten consolidates donations from members across Michigan to support key charitable causes. The Sacred Heart assessment funds a \$1 million dollar commitment from Michigan Knights to the seminary. The Columbus Crusader patron and additional donations help cover costs of bringing you this newsletter. Patrons, please note that we are trying to move everyone to a calendar year sponsorship to simplify billing and record-keeping.

Note: Dues and per capita are waived for Honorary Life members and reduced for Honorary members per Knights of Columbus by-laws. Many of these members make the voluntary contributions and additional donations to the council. Thank you for your lifelong support.

Being financially ready for the year means we are able to support food programs at St. Luke NEW Life Center and St. Mary in Flint, as well as donate to Catholic Charities, adopt-a-seminarian, and financially support parish programs.

Thank you for your support and participation in the Knights of Columbus. Vivat Jesus! Happy New Year!

Mike McCarthy, Grand Knight



### January 2023 Calendar of Events

- 1 New Year's Day
- 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- 5 Fourth Degree Meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
Holy Redeemer Family Life Center
- 7 Euchre Night, 5:30 pm, St. Pius X
- 8 Epiphany of the Lord
- 10 Msgr. Dunigan Council 695 Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St John Vianney Community Room
- 10 K of C Diocesan Meeting, 6:00 pm, St. Gerard, Lansing
- 11 Into the Breach, 6:30 pm, St. Pius X Communion Center
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observed
- 18 K of C District Meeting, 6:00 pm, Good Shepherd, Montrose
- 20 March for Life
- 23 Day of Prayer for Life for Unborn Children
- 25 Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

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## Who Are the Fourth Degree Knights?

This column is a reprint of an article on kofc.org from 11/8/2019 by Andrew Butler

They are the Knights on Main Street, the men you probably envision when someone says Knights of Columbus to you. They're present in their distinct regalia at civic and Church events, acting as honor guards and color corps, or standing in respect at the funerals of members or during adoration of the Eucharist.

But there is more to being a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus than a uniform. They are the men who have chosen to embrace the Order's fourth principle of patriotism, the men who lead the efforts to reach out to veterans and active military and to embody the fact that one can be a faithful Catholic and also be a faithful citizen.

When the Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882, three principles united its members: charity, unity and fraternity. At that time people feared that members of the Catholic faith owed their entire allegiance to the Church and could not be trusted as citizens of their country. Patriotism was added to the Order's principles in 1900, based on the idea that Knights are loyal to both God and country.

Members who wish to live out patriotism together can join "the Fourth Degree." Members of this degree have the special honor of holding the title "Sir Knight," participating in color and honor guards and organizing programs that promote Catholic citizenship. They also become part of a Fourth Degree Assembly in their area. There are more than 3,500 Fourth Degree assemblies around the world.

"It is important, particularly in this day and age, that our Fourth Degree Assemblies encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in our members and the community at large," Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard said.

The **Serving Those Who Served** program is a major initiative of the Fourth Degree supporting Veterans Affairs facilities. The Knights of Columbus has representatives at almost every Veterans Affairs medical clinic in the United States, where they recruit and manage K of C volunteers in developing activities and programs that aid patients' most essential needs.

The Fourth Degree has also supported priests, in particular those who go on to serve as military chaplains. Through a special scholarship program, the Knights helped fund the education of seminarians preparing to become Catholic chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Stoddard said Fourth Degree assemblies help Knights to put their faith, and their love of country, into action. "The fourth principle, 'Patriotism', commits our members to the preservation of our Church, our Order and to the many nations where Knights serve," Stoddard said.

Assembly 510 Faithful Navigator Jack Tylus column will return in February.

Jack can be reached at JTylus505@gmail.com or by phone at 810 938-2778.



### January Birthdays

- 1 William Kelly Jr
- 2 Michael Smith
- 9 Fred Kay
- 9 Dcn John Sundwick
- 11 Nicholas Skellett
- 14 Hollis Massie
- 15 Michael Burnett
- 24 Carl Pendell
- 25 Paul Plunkey

### Anniversaries

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

## St. Luke N.E.W Life Center Brings Christmas to Hundreds

Collaboration between the St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center and St. John Vianney Christian Service Commission brought Christmas gifts and food to hundreds of families in Flint this December. According to PGK Matt George, who was part of the planning team, the program expected to distribute gifts to over 800 children and serve over 300 families.

Council 695 became involved with the Christmas gift distribution in 2020 when Covid forced the Center to implement a curbside pickup process. Since then, council members have braved the cold and snow each year to assist the center staff, commission members, and other volunteers with the project.

Knights main job each year is to provide the outdoor staffing for the project. Two members greet each family as they drive in. Families are pre-registered. One member runs the check-in list and validates identification. The other radios in the arrival of the family to the team inside and provides the driver with a dashboard sign with the assigned family id number. The vehicle pulls ahead to the

loading point, where center staff load the vehicle from carts readied inside the building.

This year, the pickup was spread over four and one-half days across two weeks, December 14, 15, 16, and December 19, 20. This was to handle the larger number of families in 2022. Knights provided the outdoor staffing the first four days.

The following council members are recognized for their assistance in covering 20 hours of curbside pickup. A few members worked multiple shifts, as noted.

David McAuliffe	Tim Ranville
Tom Brooks(3)	John Fisher(2)
Dennis Rodgers	Dave Wolbert
Mike McCarthy(3)	Greg Frixen
Bob Ragnone	

Sister Carol Weber, Executive Director of St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center thanked the council saying "I appreciate the work the Knights do for us". Many families thanked the men for being there. Merry Christmas wishes were shared by all.

## Knights Support Salvation Army

Keeping its annual tradition, Council 695 members "rang the bell" for the Salvation Army Christmas collection 2022. Each year, on the Saturday following Thanksgiving, council members bundle-up, put on the red apron, and man the kettles at Sam's Club on Corunna Road. Deputy Grand Knight Dale Wangler called on many of our local Knights to help staff two kettles at Sam's, one at the entrance and one at the exit. Why let a potential donation get away?

The following council members helped make Christmas brighter for children and families served by the Salvation Army.

Bob Ragnone	Jim Neumann
David McAuliffe	Dennis Rodgers
Tony Zochowski	John Fisher
Welton Wright	Lance Dicaire
Ronan Streby	Ken Pelletier
Joe Goergen	Mike McCarthy
Dale Wangler	

It's great to see a partnership between two organizations working together through the power of God. Well done Knights!



(Above) (l to r) Tim, David and St. Luke Board member Jeff worked the first shift of gift distribution December 14.

(Right) (l to r) Jim and Dennis get ready to greet the next family at St. Luke gift distribution on Thursday December 15.



Shift change brought (l to r) Tony, Dennis, John, and David together at the Kettle Drive November 26.

### Into the Breach at St. Pius X

PGK Jack Tylus invites you to attend this exploration of faith and manhood. Beginning January 6, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the St. Pius X Community Center. See [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) for more details or call Jack at 810-938-2778. This is a Knights of Columbus featured Faith program.

### Saturday Euchre, Sunday Breakfast

The council roundtable at St. Pius X has resumed serving breakfast monthly after 9:00 am Mass at St. Pius X. On the 1st Saturday of the month, Knights will host a Euchre tournament after 4:30 pm Mass. Breakfasts will be held the next morning. Please support these social events.

## Extra Incentive to Participate in State Charity Giveaway

There is an extra incentive to participate in the Knights of Columbus state charities giveaway this year.

In addition to having a chance to win a set of prizes, state raffle directors have added four free "early bird" drawings of \$250 each. The first one was held December 28 with the others coming January 28, February 28, and March 28. To participate, simply fill out gold early raffle ticket when you submit your other tickets.

There are incentives for the percentage of sales for each council ranging up to \$700 and for top individual ticket sellers up to \$500. At least 20 organizations receive money from the long-standing fund promotion.

Again this year, there are four two-night stays at Michigan hotels topped by the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, plus \$12,000 cash. Second prize is two nights at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City, plus \$3,000 in cash followed by a stay at the Hotel Saugutuck Bed and Breakfast in Saugutuck, plus \$2,000 cash. Fourth prize is two nights at Grand Marais at Picture Rock.

Other prizes range from \$25 to \$250 for the seller.

The grand prize drawing will be held April 13, 2023 at St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton, at 8 p.m. preceded by a tailgate party starting at 5 p.m. Raffle tickets will be accepted up to 7 p.m. on the day of the raffle drawing.

Co-chairs for this year's fund raiser are Kevin Rowley (586-596-8649) e-mail k.rowley@mikofc.org and Mike Haughey (586-873-9234) e-mail mhaughey@mikofc.org.

### Members Encouraged to Support State Raffle

The council receives back 20% of ticket sales to support our local causes. For a book of 12 tickets sold, we receive \$12. This can add up quickly and helps us support our local parish and community projects. Be sure to include your name and council 695 on the ticket stub. Good luck and good selling!

## Thank You from George

I want to thank members of Msgr. Dunigan Council 695 and others who offered prayers, visited me, and sent get-well wishes during my recent three-month stay in the hospital and rehabilitation facility starting with a blood infection.

I arrived home December 5, weakened but eager to get back to work. I chose to listen to the December Council meeting online from my home but expect to be well enough to attend in January.

I also want to thank those who attended funeral services for my wife, Esther, who died August 12, or offered condolences.

George Jaksa, Council Recorder



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