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COUNCIL MEETING 2ND TUESDAY

FOURTH DEGREE 1ST THURSDAY

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## As We Progress Together

### Greetings Brother Knights,

It is hard to believe that fall has started and yet the weather remains mild and color change is barely happening. The funds collected in the spring MI Drive have been distributed to the Special Olympics' - Area 13, the Elmer Knopf Learning Center and the Vocational Independence Program. Also the funds collected in support of the Ultrasound project were dispersed to the Pregnancy Help Center, Luke Project 52 Clinic of Flint, along with Heartbeat of Greater Flint. (See photo's)

We have several activities that will need your active assistance with this month:

- The MI Drive (tootsie roll drive) is the weekend of October 7th and 8th. This will be at all the masses in the Catholic Community of Flint. If you are willing to work at a mass at one or more of the Churches in Flint. Please call me at the number below.
- Sales orders begin for Wreaths - each weekend in October. Orders need to be in by October 30th to be able to receive the wreaths by the first weekend in December. Bob Ragnone and Dale Wangler are leading this effort for all the Churches.
- At the September meeting the Council approved \$500 for the annual Coats for Kids drive. This will be coordinated locally with Catholic Charities and other local K of C councils to be most effective in proper distribution of the coats.

- The Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner will be on October 25th in St John Vianney's Community room, in the basement of the school. Be sure to contact myself or Mike McCarthy about involvement.

Looking forward to November, we are preparing for the Bell Ringing at the Sam's Club on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Please keep us all in your prayers; pray for peace.

Vivat Jesu!

Joe Goergen  
Grand Knight  
810-922-0539

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Please connect a few minutes before the 7:30 pm meeting start time.



## October 2023

### Calendar of Events

- 5 Fourth Degree Meeting, Holy Redeemer Family Life Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Our Lady of the Rosary
- 8 St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center Octoberfest at Powers Catholic High School, 12:00 - 3:00 pm
- 9 Columbus Day (observed)
- 9 Thanksgiving Day (Canada)
- 10 Msgr. Dunigan Council 695 Meeting. 7:30 p.m. St John Vianney Parish Center
- 18 Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist
- 22 World Mission Sunday
- 31 Halloween

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in your daily prayers*

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Dennis Kehoe (deceased)

## Pray the Rosary.

Our events for the end of this calendar year include: our 87th Exemplification of 3rd degree knights entering the 4th degree in Kalamazoo: on Saturday, October 28th ; the Veterans Appreciation Dinner (**DATE CHANGED**) on Saturday, **November 7th** at the Holy Redeemer Life Center; and finally, participation with Wreaths Across America at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly on Saturday, December 16th. Your presence at these events is necessary for them to be a success. Please plan to attend. Thank you.

Gentlemen, we are in a spiritual warfare with Satan. Satan detests what good Catholic Men stand for, which is goodness and worshipping our almighty God. God has a plan for us, so does Satan. We won't see guns, or hear bullets but what he takes out is our soul and eternal life. Our duty as a Catholic Man is to lead our family to heaven, to be ready for the judgement, so all go to heaven. We have to lead our family even though Satan tempts us. God knows your sins, but he calls you by your name. On the contrary, Satan knows your name, but calls you by your sin. Before we sin, the Devil is the comforter, after your sin the Devil becomes the accuser. Satan looks for our weakness, pride, anger, and lust. Where we are weak, that is his entry point. Sin is like a boulder; we carry it on our backs. Confession is a drop off point to remove the boulder - use it! The Rosary is a major key to keep Satan away. If we strive to pray the Rosary daily and devoutly, we will sin less and become more like a Catholic Man, like Christ. If we persevere in the Rosary, Mary will prevail. Mary will help us become better men. And it's the perfect way to make time for God. Remember Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary, she will help God knows when we pray the rosary. Note, October is devoted to the Rosary, lets join our fellow Catholics and pray the Rosary. From a Catholic book online, it states: "The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into *restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery*. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's dwells. In praying the rosary, the true power found in this simple and beautiful prayer, is that it *soaks the soul in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus*, and therefore unites the soul to HIM who has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, and also unites our hearts to Mary, in her most perfect love." So, take up your rosary and pray and use it as a shield of goodness against the dark - against Satan!

Please ask your fellow 3rd degree Knights to finish their journey by joining an outstanding group of guys that are dedicated to promoting patriotism enlightened by our Catholic faith. We also have a Color Guard, which is the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus. I encourage you to join. The forms are due to former Faithful Master David Buick by October 20th. As your Navigator, who has personally attended the 3rd degree councils in our area, I ask that **YOU** ask our 3rd degree members to join us. Thank you.

Our next meeting will be on October 5th at Holy Redeemer Life Center at 7:30 p.m. Consider bringing a friend or potential member to our meeting.

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

PGK Jack Tylus  
Faithful Navigator  
Patrick R Dunigan Assembly #510  
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## Council News from September Meeting

Grand Knight Joe Goergen called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Fourteen members were in attendance. GK Goergen announced that all of the expected matching funds for the ASAP (Aid and Support after Pregnancy) program have been received and distributed to the organizations - Heartbeat, Flint Pregnancy Help Clinic, and Luke Project 52. Also, the checks from our 2022-2023 MI Drive were received and distributed to VIP, Elmer Knopf, and Special Olympics. GK Goergen will meet with Fr. Tom Firestone and Fr. Anthony Strouse in September. He also called for the formation of a Fundraising Committee to be formed to review, evaluate, and plan for fundraising programs.

FS McCarthy reported that 29 people attended the Lugnuts baseball game on August 18 in support of vocations. The council sponsored one priest and five altar servers at a cost of \$91. Net cost was \$71 after donations. Council would like to see participation grow again next year.

Several coming events were discussed including the MI

Drive, Religious Appreciation Dinner, Coats for Kids, and Christmas Wreath sale. Members were asked to help with setup for the annual St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center baby shower on September 14. Faithful Captain Mark Davidek reported on 4th degree activity including a successful golf outing to benefit veterans, the Veterans Appreciation Dinner scheduled for November 7, and the engraving of George Jaksa's name on a chalice to be given to the new pastor at Holy Redeemer, Fr. Georges. Faithful Navigator Jack Tylus made an appeal to council members to join the 4th degree Assembly 510.

In business, members approved \$100 for prizes in gift baskets at the Veterans Dinner. Also approved was \$500 to the Coats for Kids program for coats to be distributed locally. Donations for Maui and Ukraine relief efforts were tabled. The fundraising committee meeting was scheduled for 9/18. The next committee meeting will be Monday 10/16 at St. John Vianney at 11:00 am.

### Fall MI Drive - Please Support

Council #695 will conduct the Fall MI Drive on October 7 - 8 at our four Flint churches - St. Piux X, St. Matthew, St. Mary, and St. John Vianney. Better known as the "Tootsie Roll" drive, this program raises funds to support organizations serving the mentally impaired in our area and statewide. In particular, 695 has long supported the Vocational Independence Program (for adults), the Knopf Learning Center (for children), and Area 13 Special Olympics. In addition, 20% of money collected is used to support statewide Michigan Special Olympics, including the annual event in Mt. Pleasant.

**We need your help.** With four churches, we have seven Masses to cover. There are openings Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning and afternoon. Volunteer to collect at your regular Mass and maybe one more, if needed. In particular, we need help at St. Mary for 9:30 am Sunday Mass. Contact GK Joe Goergen per his request in the GK Report.

In 2022-2023, Council 695 collected and contributed \$3500 to the MI cause. Mail-in donations are also accepted at our council address, 2415 Bagley St., Flint, MI, 48504.

### Appreciation Dinner for Clergy and Religious serving

#### The Catholic Community of Flint

Wednesday, October 25, 2023  
6:00 pm Social - 6:30 pm Dinner

Knights of Columbus members and guest who wish to attend should register by October 13th by email to Mike McCarthy at [fs695@mikofc.org](mailto:fs695@mikofc.org) or 810-620-5117.

Ticket price will cover cost of the meal.  
Estimate is \$10-\$12 per person.

**Come show your appreciation for our  
priests, deacons, and religious sisters.**



Left: GK Joe Goergen presents a check for \$933 to staff at the Vocational Independence Program (VIP) on Van Slyke Road in Flint. Funds were raised in the fall '22 and spring '23 MI Drive held by Council 695.

Right: GK Joe Goergen presents a check for \$200 to Jim Lusty, Executive Director at Heartbeat of Flint. The amount represents the match from Supreme for a prior council donation to Heartbeat under the K of C Aid and Support after Pregnancy (ASAP) program. Matching grants were also made to Luke Project 52 and the Flint Pregnancy Help Clinic.



## Annual Appreciation Dinner Set for October 25

On October 25, Council 695 will host an appreciation dinner for the priests, deacons (and wives), and religious sisters who have served the Catholic Community of Flint parishes this past year. Invitations have been sent to those assigned to our four churches as well as any visiting priests who have assisted with Sunday or weekday Masses.

This 4th annual event has become one of Council 695's signature events. Program chairperson Dale Wangler noted there were 39 attendees in 2022, and we expect a similar or larger gathering this year. The event will take place in the St. John Vianney Parish Center Social Hall. Doors open at 6:00 pm with

buffet dinner served at 6:30 pm. Dinner will be catered by Italia Gardens.

Council members and wives help is requested. Food, drinks, and desert need to be picked up. Final setup and decoration will take place starting at 5:00 pm. The buffet and dessert need to be setup, and some help is needed serving food. Let Dale Wangler, or co-chair Mike McCarthy, know if you can help.

Members and guest are encouraged to attend to show their appreciation for our clergy and religious. See details in the invitation on page 4 of this issue.



Left: (l to r) Council members John Fisher, Mike McCarthy, Matt George, Jim Lusty, Ethan Sperla, Joe Goergen, Jack Tylus, and Dale Wangler setup canopies, tables, and chairs for the St. Luke N.E.W. Center Baby Shower on September 14. (Not pictured: David McAuliffe, Joel Cuttitta). The annual outdoor event attracted over 70 attendees and featured speakers and health information booths, baby gifts, and lunch for the expectant mothers.

**St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center  
Octoberfest Dinner**  
Sunday October 8  
Call 810-239-8710  
for tickets.

*Praise be Jesus Christ  
now and forever*

### October Birthdays

- 1 Richard Klapko
- 1 Stephen Tesler
- 2 Louis Anderson
- 3 Glen Hart
- 5 Brian Bur
- 8 David Gagne
- 9 Timothy Ranville
- 13 Edward Sullivan
- 16 Daniel Ducharme
- 18 Bruce Bradley
- 18 Thomas Edelen
- 19 Joseph Curtis
- 22 Russell Yahr
- 24 John Ceranski
- 25 Douglas Wagar
- 28 Frederick Johnson
- 31 Hilary Snyder

### Anniversaries

- 2 Randy & Karen Josey
- 5 Lawrence & Norma Hackett
- 5 Richard & Shirley Miller
- 7 Rodney & Rosemary Waters
- 12 James & Mary Skellett
- 22 Edward & Rebecca Bruff
- 25 Felix & Sergine Tizi Sab
- 27 Patrick & Peggy Goodall



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