

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

St. Pius X, Southgate, Michigan Issue #35

MARCH 2022



COME BREAK BREAD WITH THE SEMINARIANS

All Downriver Desert Meal this Sunday, March 27, 2022

At Arnaldo's at 18275 Quarry Road in Riverview. Come support the Seminarians of Sacred Heart Seminary on their pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Meet the future priests of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Detroit! Cost of tickets are \$20/ per person

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Councils Downriver. As our last meeting, over 160 tickets have been sold, plus donations. Thank you to all our neighboring councils who are purchasing full tables and selling tickets to their parishioners. Thank you to people like Jeff Gillian who received \$1500 in donations.

This is a change in venue from past Desert Meals at Christal Gardens in Southgate. Due to timing of this year's event, they were not able to accommodate an expected large attendance. Fortunately we were able to make arrangements with Arnaldo's. They have an excellent reputation and are well known for their great food and pleasant atmosphere. We look forward to seeing many brother knights and their families for among our most popular events.

Get your tickets from members of our K of C council or call/email Brian Batko @ 313-550-1330 (cell) or bbatko@gmail.com



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MENS KNIGHT OUT - JUST THE BEGINNING

On Sunday, March 20, 2022, from 3:00- 6:00 pm, we enjoyed a relaxing afternoon among friends. We had a good showing. The fellowship took place at Wyandotte Beer Company at 3016 1st St, Wyandotte, MI 48192

Over 30 people attended, and everyone made a new friend. Father Suresh and Deacon Chuck, his wife and son attended as well. Everyone enjoyed the food fair and beverages including a taco bar, pizza, and egg rolls with a specialty brew of St. Pius craft beer. A good time was had by all and all suggested that we should do it again. The intent of this and more socials to follow is to build fellowship and camaraderie like the effect after the Alpha program from a few years ago.



THIS IS HOW WE ROLL

On Palm Sunday weekend, April 8th, 9th, and 10th, we are planning our first Tootsie Drive of 2022 for Special Olympics and persons with special needs. Last year, Thanks to the tenacity of Larry and Glenda Rossi, along with the help of our council members, we had our most successful drive in years. Larry is recovering from hip surgery and hopes to be back in the saddle again with his lovely wife to chair this upcoming drive.

Sign up sheets will be available in the usher's room and at our April 6th membership meeting. We are currently permitted through the city of Southgate for April 9th and 10th, with hopes to also be able to distribute tootsie rolls and donations on Friday, April 8th. The more help we get, the more we can raise for those less fortunate than ourselves



**Sponsoring School Auction on March 12, 2022, at the St. Pius X Activity Center.
Please Follow Church Bulletin, School Website, Facebook, and newsletter
for upcoming details.**

Our Partnership with St. Pius School continues to grow stronger. Based on a recent correspondence with Kathleen England our School Principal:

Good morning Kathleen,

I want to bring you up to date of what our K of C council has recently been working on.

Deputy Grand Knight Mark Garcellano met with Mike Camilleri Friday to discuss preparation for the St. Pius Field Day, planned for June 6th. We have already received commitments from some of our brother knight to assist on that day.

We are committed to our planned donation to the School Auction, as it goes virtual. Our District Deputy and Financial Officer, Ray Bilyk is working on securing tickets for a Tiger Game to be donated as part of the online auction.

We have discussed bringing back a Scholarship for families in financial crisis to be used towards tuition at St. Pius. We have fundraisers coming up including state sponsored raffle tickets. Thank you for making it possible to make these raffle tickets available to the parents?

Would you know who we would reach out to in the Parent Teachers committee to have a liaison from our Knights of Columbus council?

Our commitment continues for the various programs we have worked on together including the Free Throw competition.

We would like to invite all staff and parents each of our up-comings events.

A very popular program is the All-Downriver Desert Meal where we meet and dine with our Seminarians from Sacred Hear Seminary. This will be on Sunday, March 27th at Arnaldo's at 18275 Quarry Road in Riverview. Cost of tickets will be \$20/ per person. Funds raised will assist these future priests on their pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Feel free to send us an email with your questions and comments.

God Bless,

Anthony (Tony) Chirco, Public Relations Director

Knight of Columbus council 3956

WORTHY DISTRICT DEPUTY RAY BILYK REPORT

Finally, we are preparing for a live convention in Mackinac. Thank you to Mark Garcellano and Brian Batko who volunteered and were elected to be our council as representatives for K of C State Convention. In the event either or both are unable to attend, alternate nominees are Robert Park, Sean Roland, and Tony Chirco

We have another council that has achieved the 100 percent membership quota. Our council is in need of five new members to reach our quota. We are all members of the membership committee. We again ask that each brother knight reach out to a friend who would absolutely benefit as a member of our council. Congratulation to Franz Albright who recently joined online. We look forward to working with you as a full fledged member.

Please contact me regarding the following opportunity!

FREE MEMBERSHIP (for the 1st year) EXTENDED UNTIL JUNE 30, 2022, WITH THE PROMO CODE MCGIVNEY2020. Make sure you give the candidate this information:

- *I am interested in joining a local council = **Click checkbox & enter 3956***
- *How did you hear about us? = **Select K OF C MEMBER & enter PROPOSER MEMBERSHIP NUMBER (found on proposer membership card)***

Vivat Jesus!

Ray Bilyk

District Deputy #105 - Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus
Southgate, MI - raybilyk@kofc3956.org - DD105@mikofc.org

GRAND KNIGHT BILL ROBERT REPORT

Father Suresh has asked our council to investigate replacing the currently in-active front doors to the church. Tony Chirco has suggested a company Christie Glass to be offered an opportunity to bid the job. Our custodian Mark checked into this and will provide more details as they are received.

A motion was passed and approved at our last general membership meeting to make a \$250.00 donation Motion to the 44th annual Respect for Life Dinner at the San Marino Club in Troy. Anyone wanting to drop off diapers and wipes to the pregnancy crisis center.

We plan to invite people to attend Good Friday Services for their spiritual enrichment. Please invite any person in your family to be there.

Overall, the Spelling bee went well. There is a spiritual retreat in Canton. I can provide my phone number will be provided upon request. Please contact me at billrobert218@gmail.com
The Boat Trip on our Detroit River will soon be returning for the summer.

Finally, welcome Franz Albright who joined online.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT MARK GARCELLANO REPORT

For the St. Pius school on-line auction, we are committed to a Tiger Ticket Basket. Thank you to Worth District Deputy Ray Bilyk for assisting with the acquiring of the game tickets.

We are selling Michigan K of C Raffle tickets after each mass. Tickets are \$5.00. For each ticket sold, our council receives \$1.00. Proceeds will go towards the proposed K of C council 3956 tuition scholarship. Please volunteer to sit at table after mass to help people purchase these raffle tickets now through April 21st. Need Volunteers to sit at a table after masses

The second annual Tony Cerezo Golf Event is planned for this August 6, 2022. This date will be confirmed once the pro shop opens for the 2022 season. We are checking in on a quality trophy for each annual winning team. The trophy will be displayed in our new showcase.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND TRUSTEE BRIAN BATKO REPORT

Desert meal has been moved to March 27, 2022, at Arnaldo's at 8275 Quarry Road in Riverview. We are not up charging a lot for the tickets. Purpose is to get attendees to contribute to the seminarians. This is a fundraiser for the seminarians to help defer the cost of their trip to the Holy Land. Cost of tickets will be \$20/ per person.

We ask for ideas for fellowship and fund-raising activities to be proposed and discussed from our general membership meeting on April 6, 2022. Events like the Eureka night and Christian concerts held at St. Pius have been well attended. We encourage each of our members to suggest other ideas. Please bring those ideas to our next membership meeting.

We are planning our annual Motorcycle Blessing for May 14th. More details will follow. We are considering another Christian Music event. More information regarding these and other activities, dates and venues will be forth coming on our website, Facebook, and Newsletter.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO STILL OWE DUES:

We have members who have been sent their membership cards, either because they are Honorary Life members, they are Exempt members, or they have paid their dues. As of this writing that are members still in arrears. There are several ways you can pay your dues:

- Send your payment (made out to KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 3956) to me at 15728 James St, Southgate, MI 48195-1313
- Pay online using your credit card (for a small fee) by going to <https://www.kofc3956.org/pay-dues/>
- Arrange for pickup or drop-off by email raybilyk@kofc3956.org or phone 313-247-2110

We not only don't want to lose you as a member. If you are having problems paying contact me by email or phone and we can work out a plan or some other arrangement

Ray Bilyk, DD

Financial Secretary

raybilyk@kofc3956.org - 313.247.2110.



DEACON CHUCK

End Goal

By the time most of you read this article we will be well into the Lenten season. As with most Catholics, many of us have voluntarily given something up, as is the custom. Along with the abstinence, some have increased their prayer life by adding devotionals, like the rosary. Others engage in reading Scripture more regularly. Still others, we are attending Stations of the Cross. Assuredly, most of us have extended ourselves beyond the norm.

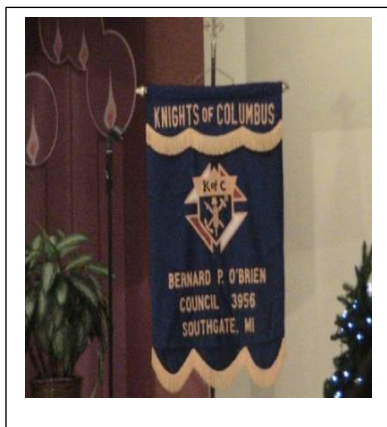
For many, Lent can be likened to New Years with resolutions of diet (abstinence) and (spiritual) exercise. Although commendable, and in some cases even heroic, we must ask ourselves, “What is the end goal?” Is the end goal just a completion of a 40-day exercise in Catholicity or is it deeper? Now is the time to ask ourselves, at the end of Lent (Holy Thursday) will I be any different, or will I just return to my former ways until the next Lent rolls around?

Hopefully we are experiencing a metanoia; a transformative change of heart; a spiritual conversion. Hopefully that is our end goal.

On Easter, how will we answer, am I any better off than when I started? Has Lent brought me closer to God? Am I Holier? Maybe I haven’t reached perfection yet, but do I see progression toward sainthood?

If you feel as though the answers won’t be what your heart tells you they should be, now is the time to change your strategy to make it so. As St. Paul tells us, “Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2Cor 6:2). Seek the permanent change and have a blessed Lenten season.

Vivat Jesus,
Deacon Chuck



OUR NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS APRIL 6, 2022

- Where: St. Pius Social Hall, Across the corridor from Church
- What: **Nominations of Officers. Discussion of upcoming events.**
- When: **Wednesday, April 6, 2022**
- Time: Social Hour: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Business Meeting: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Upcoming Events:

General Assembly Meetings- 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM - 8:00PM @ Wyandotte K of C.
4th Degree Exemplification scheduled throughout the year.

For more information call Chancellor Gerald Ottenbreit at 313-593-5181 or gottenbr@umich.edu Any Knights interested in exemplification on March 5, ²⁰²², should contact Chancellor Gerald Ottenbreit at 313-593-5181 or gottenbr@umich.edu



Bernard P. O'Brien Council #3956

Southgate, MI

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The March 2022 Knight of the Month is awarded to Brian Batko for once again over seeing the Seminarian Desert Meal. He has also recently organized the Mens Fellowship event at Wyandotte Beer Company and the Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner. These are just a few of the projects Brian continues to conceive and organize.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

The March 2022 Family of the Month are Robert and Gail Bailey for their relentless involvement with the Downriver Right to Life. They are regular attendees to our many fund-raisers and have volunteered for many of them.

Congratulations Bob and Gail!!

MESSAGE BOARD

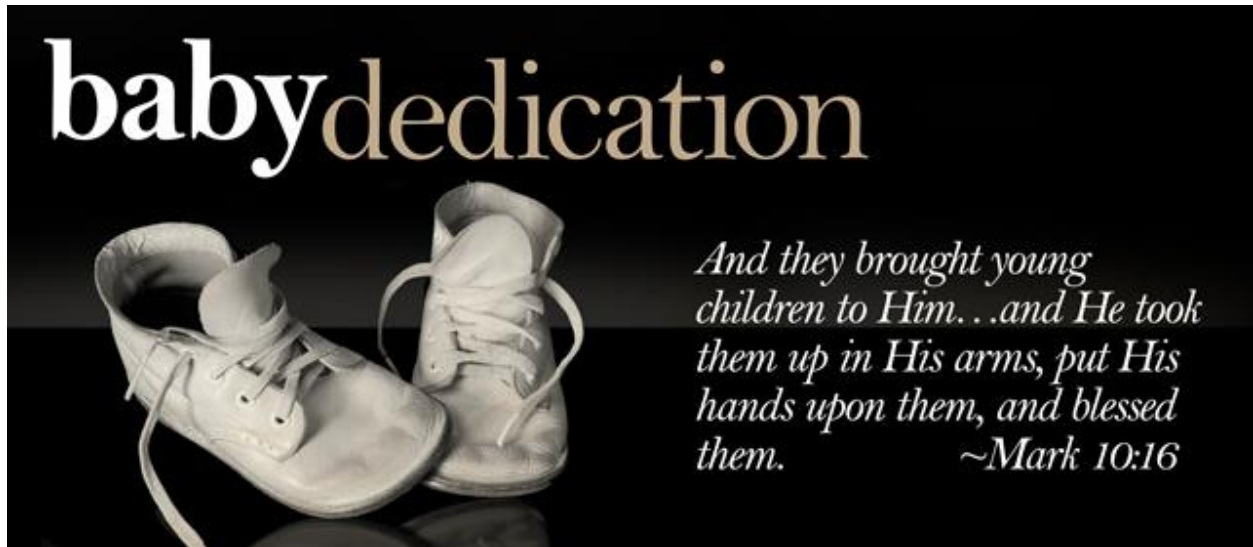
In recent months, the following non-food items have been requested at the Food Pantry: Toilet Paper, Body Wash (Men and Women), Deodorant (Men and Women)

Please become a regular contributor with foods and monetary contributions when possible. There remains acute shortage of the following items: Hamburger Helper, Rice-A-Roni, Stuffing, Scalloped/Au Gratin Potatoes, Jelly, and Oatmeal. The coldest months of the year are when family's struggle to get food and essentials become more difficult. Thank you for your continued support - Dennis Hamilton

We continue to participate with Returnable cans for Seminarians. \$7,000 worth of cans have been collected to date at Robert Jones Council. Barrel is located Just inside council building.

Tootsie Roll Drive on Sat and Sunday 4/9 and 4/10. Deacon Chuck asked about a signup sheet. Last year Warden Larry Rossi organized the activity that went very well.

Fraternal Benefits night. Joe Jordan-Zoom only event. Wanting to set up Wed 4-27 at 7pm. Looking for 10 people to watch the event.



GOD BLESS THE NEW BORN!

Congratulations to Robert and Pauline Park for the newest addition to their family, Violet Seong-Mi Park, born February 18, 2022. 7 pounds, 1 ounce and 21 inches.

Congratulations to Joey and Catie Chirco for their first born, Antonino Michael Chirco. Grandson to Anthony and Angela Chirco, born March 17, 2022. 7 pounds, 11 ounces and 22 inches.



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Every Monday starting
February 21 - April 4 we will meeting
in the gathering space @ 7 PM

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1 -31, 2022

Knights of Columbus sponsored State Finals Free Throw Competition

Sunday, March 27, 2022

All Downriver Desert Meal at Arnaldo's at 18275 Quarry Road in Riverview. Cost of tickets are \$20/ per person. For ticket information call/email Brian Batko @ 313-550-1330 (cell) or bbatko@gmail.com.

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Founder's Day

140 years ago, the Knights of Columbus was founded in New Haven, CT by Venerable Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney.

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Respect Life - 44th Annual Benefit Dinner. April 5, 6:00pm - 9:30pm at San Marino Club, 1685 E Big Beaver Rd, Troy, MI. 6PM - Social Hour and 7PM - Dinner Served. \$50/person or \$475 for table of 10.

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

K of C Council 3956 Regular Business Meeting

NOMINATIONS OF COUNCIL OFFICERS (St Pius Social Hall)

Social Hour begins at 6:00 pm, followed by meeting at 7:00 pm.

Saturday, April 8, 9, and 10, 2022

Spring Tootsie Roll Drive. Main Intersection is again Eureka and Dix-Toledo

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Donut Sunday (after every Sunday Mass)

In Social Hall

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Holy Thursday

Friday, April 15, 2022

Good Friday

Sunday, April 16, 2022

Happy Easter!

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Grand Knight Bill Robert has shared some of the many letters of appreciation received by organizations, this council has helped through its fund-raising efforts and dedication to their causes. On the pages to follow are some of the many letters received. We will share others in the months ahead.

Daniel C Fuller Jr
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My Worthy Brother Knight,

I am writing this letter to introduce myself to you and to thank all my Brother Knights across Michigan that have encouraged me to take this next step in service to our Order. I am asking for your support for my election to the 2022-2023 Michigan State Board of the Knights of Columbus.

I was born in Flint, MI and raised in Big Rapids, MI. It was at St. Mary's in Big Rapids that my catholic faith was formed. I attended Ferris State University for Plastics Engineering. After graduation, I took an engineering job in Greensboro, North Carolina.

North Carolina was where I found the love of my life, my wife of 27 years, Kara. We were married at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. It was also where I became a Knight and Sir Knight.

In 2001 the opportunities of life brought us to Clarkston, MI. My work background has been as a Plastics Materials Engineer for the past 33 years in the automotive industry. Michigan is where Kara and I established our family. Our daughters Danica and Jorja, were born here and have been a true blessing to us.

Upon moving back to Michigan, I transferred by membership from Piedmont Council 939 to Pope St John XXIII Council 5436 at Our Lady of the Lakes in Waterford. In my time serving alongside my Brother Knights of 5436, I have held many officer roles in both the Council and Building Corporation. I served as Grand Knight during the years of 2008 to 2010 and during this time my council recruited 60+ members and earned Michigan Star and Supreme Star Council Awards. Since 2011, Diocesan and State Director roles and responsibilities have come my way and I have always accepted them gladly with a love of service for our Order. My current role is serving as your State Membership Director.

My wife Kara served as Ladies Auxiliary President during 2008-2010 while I was Grand Knight. Having the Grand Knight's wife serve as Ladies Auxiliary President was a Council 5436 tradition and Kara did an outstanding job as Auxiliary President. It wasn't always easy since we were raising young children at that time, but the girls and I spent quality time together when Kara was at an Auxiliary meeting. Our family has always served the Knights together as a team. Danica and Jorja cried when our KofC Building was sold, because they practically grew up there. They were 7 years old at the time.

During my life I have lived and practiced my catholic faith in four different Dioceses and two states. I believe that the Knights of Columbus are needed more today than ever before. Our Order is well suited to step "Into the Breach" to protect our faith, lead our families, serve our communities, defend the sanctity of life, and lift up the "Least Among My Brethren". I believe that my Brother Knights are the Lions that are called to protect and serve the Lamb. If you believe the same way, I would like your support in my run for State Office.

Please email me and I will include you in all communications of the District 113 committee leading up to this year's State Convention.

Vivat Jesus,

Dan & Kara Fuller





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January 25, 2022

Grand Knight Bill Robert
Knights of Columbus
Bernard P. O'Brien Council #3956
13355 Phelps Street
Southgate, MI 48195-1278

Dear Grand Knight and Council Members,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$256.16 from your annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Through your generosity, it is our sacred privilege to provide care for life for our residents. Thank you for this blessing.

The continued challenges of COVID have been hard on all of us. But, every day, we are inspired by our residents' resilience and their ability to share joy. They are thankful for their Angels' Place home and housemates. You make all of this possible. Thank you.

...on behalf of the men and women of Angels' Place

Gratefully yours,

Tom Szczepanski
Chief Executive Officer

Barbara Urbiel
Director of Development

In compliance with IRS regulations, Angels' Place confirms that no goods or services, in whole or part, were provided to the donor for this contribution.

Including a gift to Angels' Place in your estate plan is a simple way to leave a legacy. Your foresight ensures that our work will continue: your inclusion in our Legacy Society will motivate others to do the same.

To learn more or to document your intentions, contact Barbara Urbiel.

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January 25, 2022

William P Robert, Grand Knight
K of C Bernard P. O'Brien Council #3956
13355 Phelps St
Southgate, MI 48195-1278

Dear Worthy Grand Knight Robert,

Many thanks to you and your council for your continued support of St. Louis Center. Your donation of \$256.16 is helping ensure that individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities have the opportunity to live a life full of possibilities at St. Louis Center. This has never been more important than now.

On behalf of the residents who have a safe, secure and loving home because of your gift, please accept our most heartfelt thanks.

We could not do this work without you.

With deepest gratitude,

Fr. Enzo Addari, SDC
CEO

Wendy Zielen
Development & Communications Director

As a 501(c)(3) charity, tax laws require us to notify you that this letter is the official acknowledgment of your gift of \$256.16, check 38143, dated 11/11/21. No goods or services were provided to you; therefore the total amount of your gift is tax-deductible. Thank you!

*St. Louis Center serves individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
in an intentional, faith-based community.*

K of C Senior Mens 2022 Golf League

**OUR ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD
NOON, APRIL 22ND. IN OUR COUNCIL.**

This is a contract, League. League must pay up front golf fees. The Golf Course (Riverview Highlands) has raised the golf and cart fees from last year. The golf cart fee is \$6.00 per person and two people to one cart unless your partner is walking.

Golf fee increased a \$1.00. Therefore, the league will be paying \$13.00 per person for 9 holes of golf. If you can't golf on any scheduled day, there will be no refund. Our league by-laws state that Subs must be requested by the golfer who will not golf, and the sub must pay \$13.00 for the round to the league treasurer.

The league fee is \$35.00 per golfer; and goes toward our scramble golf fee and prize fund. We will need to discuss at our annual meeting if this amount should increase. The reason for an increase is because food prices are increasing and to cover the cost of our banquet needs to be considered.

As always, there will be two golf fee payments. The first payment of \$130.00 plus league fee (\$35.00 or \$40.00) must be paid by May 6th. The second payment of \$130.00 before July 8th.

Every Friday:	8:00 am
Golf Course:	Riverview Highlands
Starting Date:	May 6, 2022
Ending Date:	Sept 16, 2022
Scrambles & Banquet:	Sept 23, 2022

Every year information changes. Even if yours remains the same please send me the following: I plan on golfing - YES or NO. Your name, address, phone, email, and the best way to contact you - phone or email.

When paying by check, make check payable to **Senior Mens Golf League**. When paying by cash, please bring the correct amount.

Gene Gross
League Secretary/Treasurer
Etgross1959@live.com
313.605.4718



SENIOR MENS GOLF LEAGUE



RIVERVIEW HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE

STARTS, 8:00 AM FRIDAY, May 6th
**COST \$260.00 PLUS \$35.00 LEAGUE FEE (CARTS
OPTIONAL)**
**INCLUDES TWENTY ROUNDS OF GOLF, SCRAMBLES, AND
BANQUET**
GOLF FUNDS CAN BE PAID BY THE HALF - \$130.00 PER HALF
LEAGUE HAS 3 FLIGHTS - FLIGHT A, FLIGHT B, FLIGHT C
**EVEN THOUGH YOU WILL HAVE A PARTNER YOU WILL BE COMPETING
AGAINST YOUR FLIGHT**

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YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

TO BE PLACED ON THE LEAGUE'S SCHEDULE CALL LEAGUE'S
SECRETARY **BEFORE APRIL 10TH.**

Golf Annual Meeting Noon April 22, 2022, at our Council

Gene Gross
(313) 605.4718



Joe Jordan Presents

Stress Free Retirement Planning



Join us for an informative online presentation by inspirational speaker, behavioral finance expert and brother Knight, Joe Jordan.

Joe will discuss “Stress Free Retirement Planning,” including how to plan for your financial future and a secure retirement. His talk will give you new insights into your financial affairs without losing sight of your faith and values.

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Date: April 27, 2022

Time: 7pm

Registration link:

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

- Michael J. Mitroka (March 1)
- Mark A. Farrah (March 8)
- Dan Somenauer (March 8)
- Francis X. Cuschieri (March 16)
- Larry C. Ridenour (March 21)
- Sal DiPasquale (March 24)
- Mark Garcellano (March 24)



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- Bruce and Caru Kresslein (March 21, 1992) 30 Years
- Dr. Okechukwu and Frances Unogu (March 22, 2000) 22 years

YEARS OF SERVICE

- Michael J. Mitroka (March 1) 67 Years of Service
- John C. Byers (March 1) 55 Years of Service
- Bruce L. Presutti (March 1) 48 Years of Service
- Christopher G. Poitier (March 1) 44 Years of Service
- David C. Bergeron (March 1) 42 Years of Service
- Steven R. Crandall (March 1) 40 Years of Service
- Deacon Scott LaForest (March 1) 33 Years of Service
- Patrick A. Guentner (March 24) 26 Years of Service
- Steven M. Minella (March 25) 21 Years of Service
- Daniel B. McGuire (March 9) 6 Years of Service

If there are any missing birthdays, anniversaries, wife birthdays or ordination anniversaries please ¹⁸ send them to District Deputy and Financial Secretary Ray Bilyk at raybilyk@kofc3956.org so they can be added to our list. We would love for this to be as accurate as possible. Thank you, Ray!



REFLECTION

Most of us received a letter from Father Suresh about the beginning of Lent. I have heard the Lenten season described in various ways, a time of renewal, or a season of dedication. In all the homilies I've heard, I can't recall Lent as "an opportunity to spend time in the desert with Jesus". I ask you to read it if you haven't and to re-read it if you have time.

Truly try to imagine what spending forty days in the desert with Jesus would be like. Would you see more of the trials He went through as a man? How much strength would you have to draw from Jesus to remain with Him? After seeing Jesus' hands and feet would you better understand the suffering, He would endure on the cross for us.

As a child Lent meant giving up candy until Easter. In my teens and early twenties, I barely recognized Lent besides being extra careful not to eat meat on Friday. When a friend told me she was sleeping on the floor during Lent, I remember thinking to myself, why would God want us to suffer? In the past few years, I've come to a better understanding of Lent.

Lenten fasting and abstinence bring us closer to understanding because it connects our bodies with the mental aspects of our faith. We can truly prepare for the celebration of Easter if we take the time to reflect during our physical discomfort or hunger these next few weeks. Allow yourself to imagine the suffering of your fellow man. Those who may be sleeping on a floor, or who haven't eaten for days. If it inspires more charitable work or alms giving, all the better to prepare you on the journey to Easter.

(Robert Park, Co-Editor)

The Bernard P. O'Brien Council of the Knights of Columbus

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Heavenly Father, you say that we should ask you for whatever we need. To those who ask, it will be given. To those who seek, it will be found. To those who knock, the door will be opened. We ask you for healing and recovery today. You are the God of all hope and so we look to you in our time of need. You are the healing God, please bring healing. You are the Comforter, please bring comfort. You are the spring of living water, help us find life in all its fullness in you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Catholic Prayer



IN OUR PRAYERS:

Please pray for healing for our brother knights, their family, and friends:

- Daryl Zilka
- Bob LaForest
- Dan McGuire-recovering from surgery.
- John Kruso's Grand Daughter -Baby Lucy.
- Bob Schooner
- Larry Rossi is getting his Hip replaced
- Dick Gregoire had his shoulder replaced.
- Stephan Gall.
- Many of our own are Victims of Covid. Please pray for us and our families that good health is our blessing.

Please pray for expectant mothers and their babies soon to be born, particularly Pauline Park and Catie Chirco.

We continue to pray for brother knights, parishioners, family, and friends in need of God's mercy for whatever challenges they face, particularly those in poor health and in crisis.

Vivat Jesus

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