



Knights of Columbus Bernard P. O'Brien Council #3956

Charity Unity Fraternity

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SPECIAL NOTICE DAY CHANGE!

**Tuesday October 1st, 2024,
MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING**

K of C Council 3956 Business Meeting (St Pius Social Hall) Social Hour begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m.

September Events Overview

Sunday, September 15

First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month

Wednesday, September 18

5:30pm. Focus on Life Dinner

Sunday, September 22

9:00am Donut Sunday (after every Sunday Mass)

Tuesday, September 24

7:00pm. Msgr Van Antwerp Assembly 475 4th

Degree Business Meeting

Wednesday, September 25

7:00pm Council 3956 Officers Planning Meeting

Thursday, September 26

7:30pm. Detroit Archdiocesan Vocations League (DAVL) Meeting

Saturday, September 28

7:30am Men's Scripture Club (Cor Event) -
MOVED DUE TO ATTENDANCE ISSUES

Tuesday, October 1

COATS FOR KIDS DRIVE (Month of October)

Wednesday, October 2

6:00pm K of C Council 3956 Regular Business Meeting (St Pius Social Hall)

Friday, October 4

Feast of St Francis of Assisi

Saturday, October 5

12:00pm State Soccer Challenge Finals

Friday, October 11

Columbus Weekend M.I. Drive

Saturday, October 12

Columbus Weekend M.I. Drive

Sunday, October 13

Columbus Weekend M.I. Drive

Monday, October 14

Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day

Saturday, October 19

7:30am Men's Scripture Club (Cor Event)

Sunday, October 20

8:00am. Council 3956 Charity Family Breakfast

Tuesday, October 22

7:00pm. Msgr Van Antwerp Assembly 475 4th
Degree Business Meeting

Thursday, October 24

7:30pm. Detroit Archdiocesan Vocations League
(DAVL) Meeting

Friday, October 25

6:00pm We Are One Halloween Party (Doors open
at 6pm)

Saturday, October 26

7:30am. 2024 Prep Bowl

7:50am. Prep Bowl 2024

6:00pm. SPX PTO Trunk or Treat Event

Thursday, October 31

COATS FOR KIDS DRIVE (Month of October)

Halloween

Ongoing: Recruitment Drive

Throughout September, we are focusing on growing our council. Encourage fellow parishioners to join the Knights of Columbus and become part of our mission.

Editor and GK special note:

We appreciate the enthusiasm many of our brother knights have for our council and what we do. I have had several conversations with many of you about ideas you would like to see the council get involved in. All ideas regarding existing and potential programs and events may be brought to the attention of the council at the officer’s meeting. We invite any brother knight that would like to share thoughts to please let me know so I can put them in consideration for our meeting. The best way of contacting me is via email at ajc@tm.net. Our officers’ meetings are typically held the last Wednesday of the month. So that I can have time to review your thoughts, please send them to me at least by the third Wednesday of the month.

The events of the past month highlighted the importance of coordinating our efforts. Father Don, Deacon Chuck, and/or the St. Pius school staff share the vital role of shaping our parish and school. The best way to serve them is to present focused, thoughtful proposals.



Grand Knights Address to Council

Our officers met for a planning session on August 23rd to share thoughts for the remainder of the council year. Many of the initiatives that have proven successful in the past will continue, including the Coats for Kids campaign that is fast approaching, Family Charity and Donut Sundays, Christmas programs, Seminarian Desert Meal, and Motorcycle Blessing to name a few. We will again be working together in support of with many of the St. Pius School programs such as Festival booths, Trunk or Treat, Soccer Challenge, Keep Christ in Christmas, Poster competition, and Free Throw Contest.

We will be introducing some new fundraisers as well. There was a lot of excitement about Music, Bingo, Trivia Knights, Mini (Putt-Putt) Golf, Poker Nights, and Football Playoff Squares. Each of these programs will have a lasting effect on our school and parish. We are blessed with a thriving council that at times is busting at the seams with these many initiatives. I can't thank our loyal brothers that carry the load to meet the needs of our community.

In the last month, we have been blessed with faithful men that have joined our council. Gentlemen, I am personally grateful for your willingness to give of your time and talents. As I stated at one of our recent exemplifications; you make us better than we already are. Just imagine what we can do when we tap into all the resources we each possess and collectively "pay it forward". I am a better husband, a better father and grandfather, a better friend and a better Catholic because I am around such inspiring men.

I write this as we work the St. Pius Festival. It has been tremendous to see the effort each of my brother knights have put into not just working the Coin Toss and Cheap Eats booths, but with the sharing of experiences we have in this brotherhood to the people that we meet. Several of the men we spoke with have signed up to become new brother knights.

The next event will be the River Rouge Beer Tent on Friday, September 6th through Sunday, September 8th . Please check out our website to learn more at www.kofc3956.org/signup/For those of you that are considering getting more active in the council. I assure you; it will be one of the best decisions you can make. Please call or email me to get on board. My contact information is at the conclusion of this message.

I knew the Knights of Columbus was a worthy organization before I joined, I have learned since, that the fulfillment that we experience is life changing. Please come to our next meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. to share a meal and get better acquainted, then a brief business meeting at 7:00 p.m. I look forward to shaking your hand and wishing to each a sincere" WELCOME" and "WELCOME BACK"!

Peace,
Anthony (Tony) Chirco, Grand Knight
K of C O'Brien Council #3956
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Email: ajc@tm.net

- **Other important events to our calendar will include: Coats for Kids and Halloween Party will follow. Note that our October Business Meeting may be moved to Tuesday, October 1st, same time and place.**
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This year's game tent had a special visitor. Take a peek at Father Bob's shirt pocket. Remember the index cards he wrote everything on while he was Pastor at St. Pius X. They're still serving him well!

Featured Business Jabro Carpet One

This month we are beginning a new feature to the O'Brien Council Newsletter. We are highlighting a local business that has donated to the Church or council. Jabro Carpet One has been donating the rug used in the Dime Toss at the St. Pius Festival for at least the last nine years. Having a rug to catch the dimes keeps us from chasing dimes across the Church Parking lot. Jabro has generously offered this donation in the past to help with the St. Pius Festival.

I spoke to Dana Rodriguez who is the third generation to work at the store. Dana works with her sister Sarah D'zurman and her mom Sherree Jabro-Smith at Jabro Carpet One. Her grandfather opened the store 71 years ago on Ford Avenue in Wyandotte. Jabro has advertised in St. Pius and other parish bulletins for many years and they offer parishioner discounts! Dana and her family pride themselves in having, "the best and most professional installers." She said that her crews have been with them for 20 years. Jabro installs carpet, vinyl, and many other types of flooring. The Jabro family takes great pride in their customer service.

The O'Brien council wishes to thank the Jabro Carpet One family for their past support of the St. Pius X parish. If you would like to support a local business and are in need of flooring installation, look on the back of the parish bulletin or visit their website at <https://www.jabrocarpetonesouthgate.com/>

You can also stop into their showroom at 13460 Northline or call 734-720-9115.

If you can think of another LOCAL business that has supported the parish in the past contact me at the next general council meeting to discuss.

Special thanks to Jabro One for the lush carpet and the Kudla family for all the hours put in at the Dime Toss





Tony, Ron,
Dick, Tom,
Mark and Joe
hard at work
serving
“Cheap Eats”

A Productive Few Weeks with Much Help

I know a lot of Brother Knights who would go out of their way to help a stranger or parishioner. They would stretch their capabilities for another person far beyond what they would do for themselves. It’s really an honor to see them at work. Often, they’re pulled in many directions from work and family. Yet, they always find time to pitch in, learn a new skill, or bring their talents to bear for the benefit of the Church.

It’s been encouraging to see a lot of new faces mixed in with the dependable stalwarts to lend a hand. Through their efforts, the St. Pius Festival, the Dime Toss, and the Cheap Eats were successfully staffed and available for the festival goers. I got a small taste of what this is like working the Beer Tent Fundraiser for the Rouge Days festival. I have a lot more respect for the men and women who coordinate the logistics and volunteers for events like this.

One thing that became quite clear to me is the need for a lot of people to pitch in for a successful event. Our brother Knights came through as they always do. We’re blessed to have an active core of men who will step in for efforts that

raise funds for the school and the Church. Thanks to all who could help at the various St. Pius Festival events and Rouge Days Beer Tent.

Mayor William L. Campbell of the City of River Rouge stopped by the Rouge Days Festival Beer tent to say hi and purchase some tickets for his constituents.

Robert Park, Recorder, Editor in Chief



Knight of the Month

Robert Park was named Knight of the Month. Robert has been a Knight since 2014. He has been in the Bernard O'Brien Council since 2018. His favorite part of being in the Knights is the camaraderie and fellowship with the brother Knights of the O'Brien council. They have become some of his closest friends and it is rewarding to work with them in the service of the Church.

Family of the Month

The Rossi Family has been named Family of the Month. Larry and Glenda Rossi have been married for 37 years. They have 4 children together, 8 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. The members of the Rossi family find many ways to serve the church. Larry is captain of the 11:00 ushers and he serves as Warden of the O'Brien officer's council. In the past he's been in charge of the Family Breakfasts and been a Catechism instructor. Larry has also proudly served our country in the United States Navy. You will often see the Rossi family working together at 11:00 mass with Larry ushering, Glenda serving as a Eucharistic Minister and, their grandson serving alongside as an usher.

Larry got the nickname Iron Man sometime before I got to the council. I've seen his toughness and resolve firsthand. He and Glenda came right from the hospital after a health event to help out at this year's golf outing. They also helped Father Don move into the residence a day after Larry underwent a heart procedure.

Larry once told me that he thought his boxing background helped him recover from past health issues. I think it's because God has given him the talent of leading others through the work Larry does. When he talks, other men listen. It's how our council has been able to secure permits and permission to request donations at the Mental Impairment drive. The M.I. Drive is another event that Larry and Glenda head up.

There were two separate parts of mass this Sunday that are emblematic of the Rossi family. The second reading was James 2:14-18. It is about Faith and Works. The last passage reads, "I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." The second part was the closing hymn, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." This is certainly true of the Rossi family.



Larry and Glenda Rossi receiving their Family of the Month Recognition

Back to School

On the way to his first day of school, a young boy asked his dad, “Dad, why do I have to go back to school?” His father responded, “you need to learn things. You don’t want to grow up ignorant of what really matters do you?” Later that day the father at work approached his boss to inquire about an email he received. He asked, “Do I really have to take this re-current training?” His boss replied, you need to learn the new process. You don’t want to be ignorant what really matters do you? That Sunday, the man attended Mass with his family like unusual. During the homily, the priest quoted St. Jerome who said, “ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” It got the man thinking about the events earlier in the week. He wondered, “Am I ignorant of the things that really matter? How well do I really know Scripture? How well do I know what Jesus teaches? If need be, do I understand enough to connect the dots?”

This month the kids go back to school to broaden their knowledge base on things that will help them get through life, things that matter. Perhaps, it’s time for us to do the same. If someone asks you, “Read any good books lately.” I good response might be, “yeah, the Bible.”

If you prefer more of a group setting, we can’t offer a classroom, but we’d love to see you attend one of the Saturday Men’s Scripture Study to help you get back into it. As St. Paul told Timothy, “All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work” (2Tm 3:16-17).

I encourage every Knight to dust your Bible off if it’s been a while. I encourage and hope to see you at one of our meetings in the near future. We should never feel we know enough, or that our learning about the Lord is done.

Vivat Jesus,

Deacon Chuck



In Our Prayers

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

- Jennifer Bilyk
- James Garcellano, PGK Mark Garcellano's brother
- Bill Robert's brother Rick, daughter Terianne, and son-in-law Michael
- Robert LaForest
- Joe and Roger Hernandez
- Deacon Bob
- Manuel's Family
- Mel Jacobs
- Barb DeGroat
- Larry Rossi
- Alyssia Schooner and Daniel Schooner, Bob Schooner's Grandchildren
- Carol Kainz, Cousin to Angela Chirco, diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer
- Antonietta (Dolly) Chirco, who is recovering from a stroke, Mother of GK Tony Chirco
- Liz and Larry Ridenour

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



Kiss Tribute
band with Ray
Bilyk, Sean
Roland, Robert
Park and Ron
Wagner

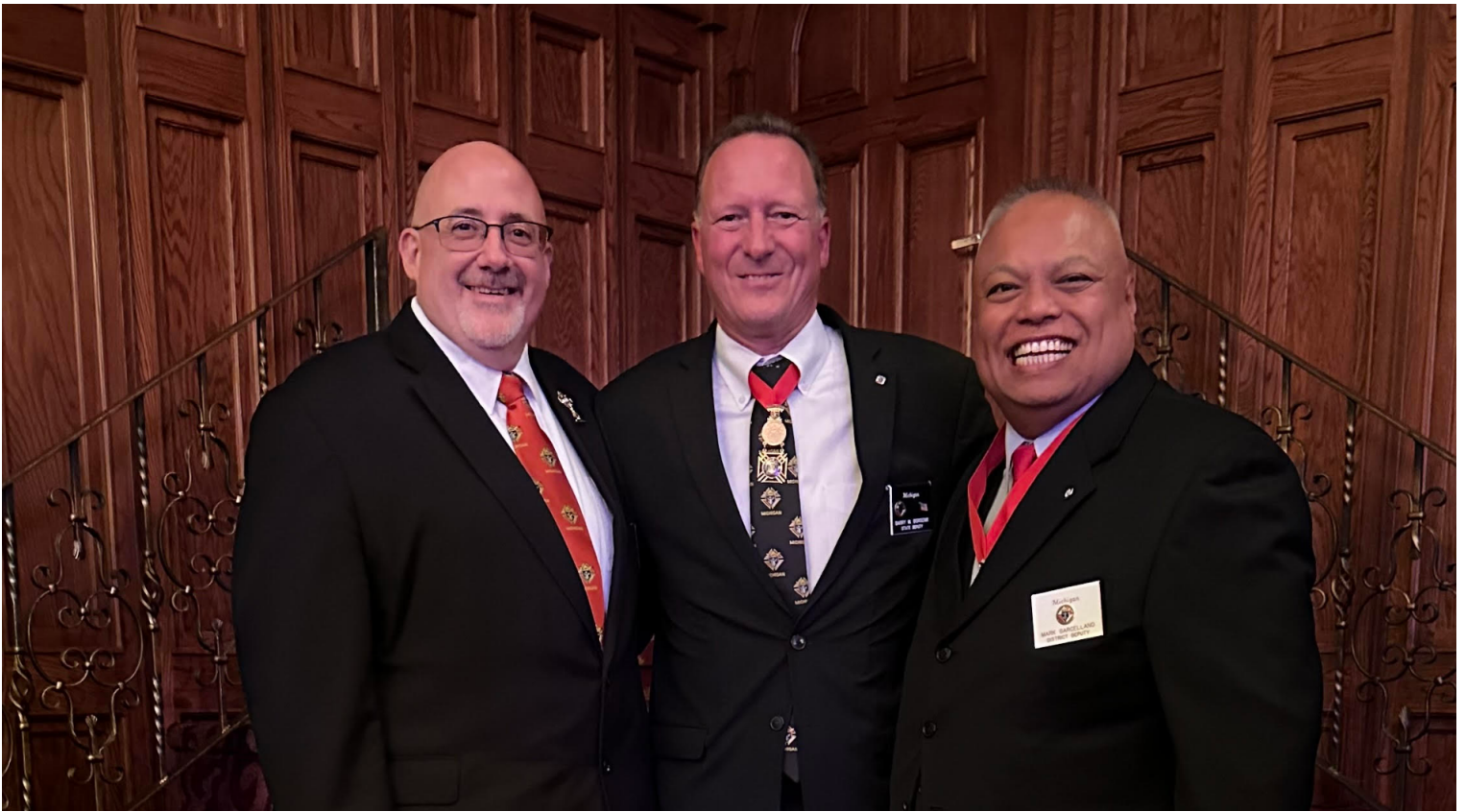


Joe Wienclaw,
Matt Wardell,
Robert Park, and
Ryan Daw



Name	Years of Service
John S Molnar	52
Edward D Stol	47
John A Husar	29
John G Husar Jr	24
Rev. Suresh Rajaian SAC	14
Robert M Liddle	9
Steven E Pochini	4
Mr Matthew Wardell	1
Jeffrey A Lazarski	0

Member Birthdays	
Name	Age
George E Kotronis	85
Cary J Polaski	70
Darryl E Zilka	74
Mr Fred Gerring	61
Mr Mike Camilleri	46
Mr Christopher McDaniel	41



Officers Ray Bilyk and Mark Garcellano with State Deputy Barry M. Borsenik



DOWNRIVER LIFE CHAINS

Sunday, October 6, 2024 (most from 2:00 – 3:30)

Brownstown: Gibraltar Road between Fort St. & Allen Road – St. Mary, Rockwood, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Dearborn: Telegraph at Cherry Hill – Dearborn Area Right to Life, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Telegraph between Colgate and Dartmouth – St. Maria Goretti Parish 2:00-3:30 pm

Telegraph at Joy Road & at Wilson Ave – RTL-LifeSpan, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Flat Rock: Telegraph south of North Huron River Dr. – Flat Rock Church of Christ, 2:30-3:30 pm

Lincoln Park: Fort Street from New York (Knights of Columbus Hall) to Emmons – 12:30 – 2:00 pm

Fort Street at Champaign – St. Frances Cabrini (2:00 – 3:30 pm)

Monroe: North Telegraph & Custer Dr. – Monroe Right to Life 2:00 – 3:30 pm

New Boston: Huron River Drive – in front of St. Stephen’s Church (TBD)

Southgate: West side of Fort Street at Eureka – St. Pius X Catholic Parish 2:00 – 3:30 pm

West side of Fort Street 1 block south of Eureka - Christ the King Lutheran 2:00-3:30 pm

Taylor: Telegraph near Wick Rd – St. Alfred – 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Telegraph at Northline – St. John Lutheran - 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Racho Road south of Northline - New Hope Assembly 12:00 -1:00 pm;

Pardee north of Northline - Heritage Park Church of God 1:00 – 2:30 pm;

Eureka west of I-75 (in front of Home Depot) - MetroCity Church 12-1 pm

Woodhaven: 21869 West Road, Woodhaven (in front of City Hall) 3-4 p.m. - Our Lady of the Woods

Wyandotte: Fort Street at Eureka – St. Vincent Pallotti - 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Fort Street at Vinewood – Our Lady of the Scapular - 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Fort Street at Northline Everyone welcome! - 2:00 – 3:30 pm



LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

- Stand up for LIFE from the moment of conception to the last natural breath.
- Bring your whole family! Be a light in a darkened world and help end abortion!
- Come with your church group or come on your own; Signs will be provided.

ABORTION
KILLS
CHILDREN

LIFE: The First
INALIENABLE
RIGHT

PRAY
TO END
ABORTION

For more locations: LifeChain.org, WyandotteRLM@gmail.com or call Debbie at 734-934-2599

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