

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

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## ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

**Congratulations to our newly elected Knights of Columbus O'Brien Council 3956 Board of Officers elected unanimously at our General Membership via Skype on June 3, 2020.**

Grand Knight - Bill Robert  
Deputy Grand Knight - Robert Schooner  
Chancellor - Dick Gregoire  
Recorder - Robert Park  
Treasurer - Walt Kabalka  
Advocate - Dave Sajdak  
Warden - Larry Rossi  
Inside Guard - Robert Bailey  
Outside Guard - Dan Macguire  
3 year trustee - Anthony Chirco

Financial Secretary - Ray Bilyk  
Trustee 1yr - Dave Hughes  
Trustee 2yr - Frank Cuschieri  
Chaplain - Fr. Suresh Rajaian

Current District Officers  
Field Agent - Tom Jackson

## WEEKEND MASSES HAVE RESUMED

Following guidelines were given to each parish by the Archdiocese of Detroit, St. Pius X Parish resumed weekend masses on May 30<sup>th</sup>. These directives include limited capacity seating, wearing of masks and following social distancing protocol. Father Suresh asked that when entering the church to please follow signs.

USHERS - We have been informed the need for Ushers will be limited to two or three per mass and that we will not be passing offertory baskets or directing worshipers during communion until at least the end of July. However, we have been asked to help out in other ways. We should make sure parishioners are using the hand sanitizers provided upon entering the church, wearing a mask, seated in the appropriate pews and practicing social distancing.

## DECREES OF THE CONGREGATION FOR THE CAUSES OF SAINTS -

### Knights of Columbus Founder Father Michael McGivney Moves Closer to Sainthood



On May 26, 2020, the Holy Father Francis received in audience His Eminence Cardinal Angelo Becciu, prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. During the audience, the Supreme Pontiff authorized the same Congregation to promulgate the Decrees regarding: the miracle, attributed to the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God Michael McGivney, a Diocesan Priest and Founder

of the Order of the Knights of Columbus; born on August 12, 1852 in Waterbury (United States of America) and died in Thomaston (United States of America) on August 14, 1890; Venerable Michael McGivney was the founder of the Knights of Columbus, now the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization. After studies in Canada and the United States, he was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop James Gibbons in Baltimore. He founded the Knights of Columbus as a mutual aid society, geared especially to working men and their families. He was known for his tireless work among his parishioners. He died at the early age of 38 from pneumonia

## DONATIONS REQUESTED TO ASSIST THOSE IN NEED DUE TO FLOODING IN MID MICHIGAN

State of Michigan Knights of Columbus has sent a message to all councils seeking donations for those who have been affected by flooding of the Sanford Dam and the Tittabawassee River. Specifically, they are looking to purchase Personal Protective Equipment, Cleaning Items, Household Goods and Funds to help those who have had their homes and businesses damaged. In response at our Skype General Membership meeting on June 3, 2020, it was approved to donate \$200.00 to Brothers Knights in Midland for the purchase of above mentioned items

## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

We are still not back to business as usual as yet for safety reasons. All checks for the pantry should be left off at the parish office with Lou Butka. Dennis Hamilton will still pick up any food donations left in the library and make trips as needed. A big thanks to all Brother Knights/Ushers for their many generous monetary donations over the last two months. Thanks again for your help in this endeavor. Brother Dennis Hamilton has worked tirelessly with the Food Pantry and will keep us all fully aware of future developments.

## GETTING BACK TOGETHER FOR A COOKOUT JUNE 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM OUTSIDE THE SOCIAL HALL

It will be a great chance to see our Brother Knights and fellow parishioners. Mark Garcellano will be bringing the grills. It's a Wednesday evening - Burgers and Hot dogs are planned. Our council budget will be picking up the tab, so bring a guest. We are looking ahead to July to host a Beer Brewing Event which we will discuss at the cookout.

## HELP OUT A FRIEND

We all know someone that is struggling with a need to find a positive direction in their lives. We encourage all men in the parish to join the K of C. Visit our website at [www.kofc3956.org](http://www.kofc3956.org). Go to [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) (*Select option to join local Council and type our number '3956'*). Thank you to Membership Chairman and Advocate Dave Sajdak.

## ONE MORE KNIGHT

We are in need of at least one NEW Brother Knight to join the O'Brien Council in order to qualify for additional help from the Supreme Council. This will be a great boost to our council which has already been recognized as among the best councils in the state.

The Supreme Council has introduced a new degree which will allow candidates to reach full Knighthood in a single ceremony. The new degree, currently called the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity was introduced by Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson. The announcement also eliminates the need for secrecy. Families are invited to attend. Please come out our cookout on June 17<sup>th</sup> and our General Membership meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup> to learn more. 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees exemplification can be done on line by the end of June.

## JULY 8, 2020 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

It is looking very likely that our general membership meeting will return live beginning July 8, 2020 in the Social Hall. This is the second Wednesday in July. Meeting is planned to begin at 7:00 PM. We may not be returning with dinner, but the camaraderie and fellowship is encouraged before and after the meeting. For the health and safety of our members and their families, only members in good health with no underlying health concerns should attend. Social distancing practices should be in place including use of face masks and hand sanitizers. Deputy Grand Knight Bob Schooner ([rds11553@yahoo.com](mailto:rds11553@yahoo.com)) is expected to keep brother knights informed of any changes to our planned meetings.

## SOME HELP PLEASE

Father Suresh has asked for a volunteer to adjust and repaint the sign posts at the front of the church. The posts and bolts are rusted. Anyone that has the time should contact Grand Knight Bill Robert at ([billrobert218@gmail.com](mailto:billrobert218@gmail.com))

## MESSAGE BOARD

- Congratulations to our dear friend Father Mark Tibai who was ordained a Catholic Priest in a private ceremony on June 1, 2020. Fr. Mark will become the Associate Pastor at St. Fabian in Farmington Hills.
- For those that were not informed this year's Diamond Jack Boat Trip and Family Picnic have been cancelled due to the Corona virus. Both are expected to resume in 2021.
- The Motorcycle Blessing has been put on hold until further notice.
- Michigan Right to Life Dinner in Troy is still planned for September 23, 2020. The State Council of the Michigan Knights of Columbus and Right to Life of Michigan will host the 42nd Annual "Respect Life" Benefit Dinner at the San Marino Club in Troy
- Father Suresh has informed staff that the St. Pius Festival is still planned.
- Doughnut Sundays will return beginning September 14, 2020
- Charity Family Breakfast will return beginning October 18, 2020

## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

We would like to congratulate all members who celebrate birthdays in June:

- Kurt N Enders (June 5)
- Michael P Purcell (June 5)
- Joe Hernandez Sr (June 6)
- Walter F Kabalka (June 10)
- Lawrence J Rossi (June 14)
- John A Husar (June 18)
- David C Bergeron (June 21)
- John M Yuhasz (June 22)
- Mark J Sirois (June 27)
- Alexander Mc Lean III (June 28)
- Scott A Corso (June 29)



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Grand Knight Bill Robert and his wife Linda are celebrating their 47<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Yours truly, Trustee and Editor, Anthony (Tony) Chirco and my wife Angela are celebrating our 31st Wedding Anniversary on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Our apologies to any one we missed. If you would like to share any birthdays, anniversaries or any other special events please contact Brother Ray Bilyk @ [raybilyk@kofc3956.org](mailto:raybilyk@kofc3956.org)

*Thank you Brother Ray Bilyk for sharing these Birthday and Anniversary dates to the membership*

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, June 11, 2020  
Corpus Christi

Wednesday, June 17, 2020  
K of C Cookout, Outside of Social Hall at 6:00 PM.

Sunday, June 21, 2020  
Father's Day. Celebrate You!

Sunday, June 28, 2020  
11:30am  
Mass & Knights of Columbus Exemplification of 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degrees

Friday, July 3, 2020  
Independence Day observed

Saturday, July 4, 2020  
Independence Day, God Bless America!

Wednesday, July 8, 2020  
K of C Council 3956 General Membership meeting tentative in Social Hall, 7:00 PM.  
Social Distancing Protocol as recommended.

## REFLECTION

By the Grace of God, we are starting to notice some return to normalcy; or at least a new normal. Many of us have returned to our jobs. Work and life are not the same and may not be for a long time, if at all. Now we are getting back to church. To say the least, it's long overdue. Participating in Sunday mass starts the week. Watching live stream masses was all that we had for a while, but without physically being in church, the weeks seemed to run into each other.

Getting back to some kind of routine has also helped to filter out all the distractions. Distractions like the relentless attention on the negative, not just by the nightly news, but from within ourselves. It's easy to get down and hopeless when we pay attention to what's wrong and not what's right. I found myself having a hard time sleeping at night worrying about what might happen and what I should have done. One night, recently, I had this idea to write down what is good about my life, starting with all the blessing God have given to me. Try it, it truly does filter out the distractions and helps to focus a little more on the positive.

“God did not create you to live a distracted life. God created you to live a Jesus-infused life.”  
- Margaret Feinberg

“Don't let the noise of the world keep you from hearing the voice of the Lord.”  
- Sherita Thompson

Have a Blessed month and a Happy Father's Day!

## PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

### Focus on God

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

**Philippians 4:8 -9**



Vivat Jesus

Anthony J. (Tony) Chirco,  
Brother Knight and Editor