

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

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THE SIGNS OF A GOOD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL

Father Suresh and Mark Formosa our parish maintenance supervisor expressed a need for the handicap and related signs along the road at the front of the church be painted. The signs had been in need of adjustment, repair of rusted bolts and repaint. The message was sent by Grand Knight Bill Robert to our membership. Within a short time, a group of loyal brother knights gathered to provide the man power to complete the task.



Special thanks to all the men who came out to brush and roll away the old rusted signs. Mark Formosa expressed his appreciation to Bill...”I can’t thank you and the Knights enough for their efforts painting the signs and poles on the grounds here at St. Pius. I was thrilled, when showing up for work this morning, to see how much better our campus looks! It sure makes a huge difference in appearance. Thank you once again for gathering the group to do this on such a hot day!”



SEARCHING FOR VOLUNTEERS

As we are moving mass temporarily into the Activity Center, we are looking for some volunteers who can assist us with cleaning the higher portions of the church. We prefer to find insured individuals or professionals that have the experience and equipment to reach the lights, fans and structures safely.

Please contact Fr. Suresh or Mark Formosa at the Parish Office...734-285-1100.

RESUMING OUR MEETING HAS BEEN A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

Fresh air indeed: Following our first cookout on June 17th, Our July 8th, 2020 general membership meeting was enjoyed outside the social hall. We gathered among friends as we shared a prayer and a meal; then conducted our general membership business. To quote Grand Knight Bill Robert, “we love to see your smiling faces” as we plan ahead for our next meeting, tentatively planned in or outside of the social hall on August 5, 2020, beginning at 6:00 with food before our business meeting at 7:00. It’s a Wednesday evening - Burgers and Hot dogs are planned. We welcome any men interested in joining our council to come along.



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) is expected to keep brother knights informed of any changes to our planned meetings.

SERVICE PROGRAM PERSONNEL 2020-2021

The following members have assumed service positions for our O’Brien Council 3956

Program Director	Brian T Batko
Faith Director	Richard M Gregoire
Community Director	Kevin Martin
Life Director	Robert G Bailey
Health Service	Guy A Vitale
Public Relations	Anthony J Chirco
Family Director	Robert D Schooner
Membership Director	Robert R Park
Recruitment Committee	1 David M Sajdak
Recruitment Committee	2 Ray J Bilyk
Recruitment Committee	3 UNASSIGNED
Retention Chairman	Frank Racano
Insurance Promotion	Ray J Bilyk
Coffee and Donuts	Co-Chairman 1 David M Sajdak
Coffee and Donuts	Co-Chairman 2 Ray J Bilyk
Family Breakfast	Co-Chairman 1 Lawrence J Rossi
Family Breakfast	Co-Chairman 2 UNASSIGNED
MI Drive Chairman	Ronald J Wagner

Thank you to all these men who have volunteered for these positions. Please note that some positions still needed to be filled. These positions are mainly for assistance and do not require much time. We encourage each member to consider helping our council by volunteering as your other brothers have.

LET'S HELP SELL OUT THE GRAND RAFFLE

Our 2020 Parish Festival has been cancelled due to safety concerns as a result of the pandemic. However, the most profitable part of our festival is the Grand Raffle. Its success depends on our support. Our Knights Council should not be idled at this time. Rather, we should make an extra effort to help our parish community by purchasing as many raffle tickets individually as we are able and to sell them among our family, friends and acquaintances. Besides prizes awarded as much as \$12,000.00 to winners of the Grand Raffle, there are several seller incentives including \$500.00 to the seller of prize ticket and \$100.00 to the seller of the next three prize winners.



Father Suresh has appealed for help to “recover the loss of festival and other sources of revenue that have been affected due to the pandemic”. Besides tickets you should receive, additional tickets can be picked up at the parish office during business hours. We strongly encourage each brother knight to sell every ticket. However, any tickets unsold are required by the State of Michigan to be returned for record keeping.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW OFFICERS OF THE FOURTH DEGREE

The following Sir Knights have been elected to their respective offices for the 2020-21 fraternal year of Msgr. Van Antwerp Assembly #0475:

Faithful Navigator - SK Thomas Padelek

Faithful Captain - Position is still open at this time

Faithful Admiral - SK Dale Miller

Faithful Pilot - SK Mel Mysliweic

Faithful Purser - SK Ed Graney

Faithful Scribe - SK Anthony Johnson

Faithful Trustee 3 Year - SK Walt Kabalka (Council 3956 Treasurer!)

Faithful Trustee 2 Year - SK Larry Rossi (Council 3956 Warden!)

Faithful Trustee 1 Year - SK Bill Robert (Council 3956 Grand Knight!)

Faithful Outside Sentinel - SK Dave Sledge

Faithful Inside Sentinel - SK Bill Morreau

There is a position still open. If you are interested in becoming a Fourth Degree member of this fine Assembly, please contact GK Bill Robert at billrobert218@gmail.com

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Re-printed: 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 thank you to all Brother Knights/Ushers for their many generous monetary donations. Brother Dennis Hamilton has been generous with his time and will keep us all fully aware of future developments.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

- John Nemish (July 1)
- Donald Mullins (July 2)
- Richard Kinzler (July 10)
- Robert Dorosz (July 13)
- Gary Maveal July 14)
- Christopher Poirier (July 18)
- Burrell Hughes (July 21)
- Michael Lewis (July 22)
- Patrick Guentner (July 25)
- Kevin Pelkey (July 28)
- Joseph Cassette (July 30)
- Dennis Assenmacher (July 31)
- Bryan Hughes (July 31)



Congratulations to the following Brother Knights celebrating the anniversary of their membership to the Knights of Columbus O'Brien Council #3956 in July:

- Robert LaForest 34 years
- Thomas Phillips 34 years
- George Kelly 25 years
- Kenneth Wagner 14 years
- Joseph Cassette 11 years
- Richard Gregoire 4 years
- Anthony Chirco 3 years
- Mark Garcellano 3 years
- Donald Mullins 3 years
- William Robert 3 years
- Robert Schooner 3 years



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WALT AND MYRNA!

Congratulations to Brother Knight and Treasurer Walt Kabalka and his wife Myrna who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on July 9th.

If there are any missing wedding anniversaries, wife birthdays or ordination anniversaries you would like to share, please send them to 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!

INTRODUCING OUR NEW DISTRICT DEPUTY DOMINIC RAONA

At our June cookout, many of our members had the opportunity to meet Dominic J. Raona, who has been assigned as our new District Deputy (DD105, Archdiocese of Detroit, Michigan, Region 5). At his request, we will be including him in this and future newsletters. We look forward to getting acquainted and working with the District Deputy in the months ahead.

CANS FOR SEMINARIANS

We encourage council members to participate in this fund raiser to benefit our seminarians:

Tips for a Successful Drive with a **CAN** DO ATTITUDE

*Ask everyone in your Council for their help and their cans to reach our goal. Ask Your Friends and Neighbors for their help and cans, every little bit helps

* Talk with Father about addressing the Parish for their help! Everyone likes to pitch in!

* Be organized, appoint a chairperson to track the funds and keep the drive alive!

* Remember to have FUN! Brother Knights and their Families coming together to accomplish something to show our Seminarians we support them 100% to help them achieve their goals!

*So, do not be shy and let's round up those Cans for our Seminarians!!!

For more information contact Charlie McCuen State Advocate at c.mccuen@mikofc.org

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, July 15
Tax Day

Sunday, July 26
Installation of Officers following 11:30AM Mass

Wednesday, August 5, 6:00pm
K of C Council 3956 Regular Business Meeting

Saturday, August 15
Assumption of Mary

Sunday, September 6 - Council hosting St. Pius Parish Raffle 'Party' following 11:30AM Mass

Monday, September 7
Labor Day

Wednesday, September 9, 6:00pm
K of C Council 3956 Regular Business Meeting (moved due to festival)

Sunday, September 13, Beginning with First Sunday Mass
Donut Sunday (after every Sunday Mass)

Sunday, September 27, Beginning with First Sunday Mass
Council 3956 Charity Family Breakfast

REFLECTION

The world has changed, but we are still brothers and God is always with us. Take a look at all that has changed in your lives since the beginning of 2020. The pandemic has transformed how we function and added more stress and uncertainty to our lives. However, there is some normalcy in all this chaos. We should realize that our relationships with our family and friends, and most importantly with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit need to be protected from the secular polarization that can pull us apart. Our brother knights can be an essential part of our lives, we are like family, we are friends, and we have a common relationship with the holy trinity. Since we have reconnected with the cookouts and conducted business together, it has indeed been a breath of much needed fresh air. I hope to see more of my brother knights in the weeks and months ahead.

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Prayer for peace in our hearts

God grant that violence be overcome by the power of love, that opposition give way to reconciliation and that the desire to oppress be transformed into the desire for forgiveness, justice and peace...

May peace be in our hearts so that they are open to the action of God's grace...

May all members of the family community, especially children, the elderly, the weakest, feel the warmth of this feast, as may it extend subsequently to all the days in the year.

Amen.

- Pope Benedict XVI

Vivat Jesus

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

