

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

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THANK YOU TO EVERY ONE WHO HELPED AND CONTRIBUTED TO OUR 2020 GRAND RAFFLE
Our Knights of Columbus Council hosted St. Pius Parish Raffle festivities following the 11:30 Sunday morning mass, September 6th. Father Suresh randomly picked the winning tickets. More information is available on our Facebook page and collection totals will be posted in our upcoming Parish Bulletin.



AND THE WINNERS ARE...

Congratulations to our St. Pius X Parish 2020 Grand Raffle Winners:

- 1st Prize - \$12,000 - Rick Thorne
- 2nd Prize - \$ 1,000 - Chris & Jim Russman
- 3rd Prize - \$ 1,000 - Dennis Kissel
- 4th Prize - \$ 1,000 - Mary Ann Ibarra



GOD WANTS HIS WORLD BACK!

District Deputy Dominic Raona asked that we all join in a day of Fasting and Prayer on **National Day of Prayer**, Thursday September 24, 2020. First instituted by President Abraham Lincoln in 1861, this day is most important now more than ever. Why is there a sense of urgency to reclaim our country to God? What can we do to heal the division in our country?

Listen to Fr. John Riccardo as he explains why the urgency in a YouTube video. Watch at www.youtube.com/watch?v=AxfhmBNkzU&t=32s. For more information visit www.actsxxix.org

For God's mercy on our land and the healing and conversion of our hearts.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Our next membership meeting will be on October 7th at 7:00 p.m. As we begin our journey back to “normal”, we expect that we will be back in the Social Hall. There is quite of bit to share with our members. If you have been away during these tough times, we encourage you to return. We need each other. There is so much good we can do with your help. Our meetings are conducted in a safe environment and we are enthusiastic about what God has instore for us. Our meeting will be preceded at 6:00 with Happy Hour. Webster dictionary defines Happy as “*an atmosphere of good fellowship*”. So come be happy with us. An atmosphere of fellowship is exactly what we need right now. An email prior to next month’s meeting should be expected from our Deputy Grand Knight Bob Schooner (rds11553@yahoo.com).

WE CAN DO IT!

Each one of us knows someone who could benefit from being a Brother Knight. They are out there just waiting for you to ask them: Family, Friends, & Neighbors. Or, maybe you know a prior member who dropped out at some point. Jim Salliotte, a local K of C membership chairman shared with us how easy it can be to recruit new members. “We are off to an outstanding start regarding new members in 2020/2021”

So you might wonder why? Simply put, a few of us started asking Catholic men if they are a K of C Member. If they say no, we ask them to join. If they agree to join, have them ask family & friends to join with him. I asked 1 person to join & he asked his 3 buddies. Another 1 asked his friend. If I did my math right, I only asked 2 people to join & we got 6 new members. So, who are you going to ask? Just 1 person. That’s all I am asking you to do. Please consider asking 1 person! Let’s keep the momentum going!

FAITH IN ACTION - COATS FOR KIDS 2020

Please support Bernard P. O’Brien (St. Pius X) Council 3956 in a donation for the Coats for Kids Program. With your donation, new coats will be purchased for needy children to ensure no child goes without a coat this winter season. A new coat costs \$20. Any donation amount is accepted. Checks can be made out to Knights of Columbus 3956. Please take an envelope off the coat rack for your donation and place in the Mass collection basket. Special thanks to Brother Mark Garcellano who volunteered to chair this wonderful project.



When families struggle to clothe their children with warm coats in the winter, Knights of Columbus councils help meet this basic need with the Coats for Kids program. Coats for Kids help our council purchase new winter coats for children at a discount and to distribute them to children in need in our local communities.

Since the program’s launching in 2009, nearly 500,000 coats have been distributed in 49 states and Canada. Your support will be appreciated so much! To learn more about how much your donation helps, please visit: www.kofc.org/en/charities/articles/coats-for-kids.



MICHIGAN RTL DINNER 2020 UPDATE

New date, Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 7:00pm with a new virtual platform! Due to the current mandate on banquet facilities which limit their current capacity to 10 people indoors, we have made the decision to pivot from an in-person banquet for the Respect Life event to an online virtual event

Details of this event are currently being developed in conjunction with Right to Life of Michigan. With this event being virtual, our Knights of Columbus families throughout the state will have access to join it. Having this access will allow you to hold gatherings in homes, churches, and Council facilities across the state which provides us with the opportunity to make this the largest ever Respect Life event and recognize social distancing limits.

It is an important election year for the prolife cause and RTL of Michigan needs us all to help. If you have not reserved a table or an individual reservation and would like to attend the virtual event, please know that you can still participate with details being posted on RTL.org soon. Further information can be gathered at respectlife@rtl.org

LOCAL LIFE CHAIN EVENTS IN OCTOBER

On October 4, 2020 from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm plans have been made for a Life Chain in Wyandotte at Fort Street and Eureka in Wyandotte. This is a Free Event. Participants should search the Life Chain events and RSVP to their local Life Chain. Start by searching for a State or a group name your coordinator provided to you (example: "STATE - Local Life Chain Name)

COORDINATORS: Please, first check to see if your [event is listed](#) before creating a duplicate entry. If it is, please let us know so we can transfer ownership to you. This will be a great help. Many hours have been spent manually entering events by Life Chain volunteers as we transition to this new system. Thank you!

Life Chains should be built for God's glory and in honor of His Little Ones. As a result, it will strengthen your pro-life ministry, as it has done for other ministries across America and beyond. For that blessing, we thank our Lord and Savior, and we salute His Church and the unity of His people. It is essential that avoid the temptation to secularize the Life Chain and destroy its power, we must be true to His authority and power.

Thank you PGK and Financial Secretary Ray Bilyk for providing this information and so much more for the benefit of our members.

2020 FOCUS ON LIFE EVENT

Thursday October 8
7 pm | Doors Open at 6:00 pm
Metro City Church
17760 Fort St. | Riverview | 48193

Tickets

Suggested Donation \$10

Tickets May Be Purchased in Any Three Ways:



At The Door

\$10 Suggested Donation
Cash or Check Only Please

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visit www.focusonlifedownriver.com

MESSAGE BOARD

Notes from our September Membership Meeting

- **Pancake Breakfasts are deferred until further notice by order of the Diocese.**
- Outdoor homebrew demonstration on Saturday, September 26th at 2:00 pm. Freewill donation. Promoted with Motor City Mashers. Idea is to have a tasting event 3 weeks later to taste the beer that was made at the Outdoor Homebrew demonstration. For details, please contact Financial Secretary Ray Bilyk at raybilyk@kofc3956.org
- Desert Meal is still scheduled for February 21st Sunday.
- Lenten Concert proposed. Brian Batko has suggested Unspoken or JJ Weeks as possible performers. Lenten season is more beneficial. Daylight later in the day.
- Ushers meeting has been postponed until later in the Fall.
- Food Pantry remains limited. Best to contact the parish Office for information.
- Plans are going forward with the Golf outing next June.
- Projects planned for our Knights of Columbus Council for the upcoming year include:
Catholic Citizenship Essay.
Soccer Challenge
A Hot Dog Social is anticipated for next year
A Basketball Competition for our St. Pius students. Date to be determined
A Catholic Essay Competition is proposed for students in grades 8-12. The Essays may be limited to 500 - 700 words and be judged for clarity and spelling
“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS”, an event open to all members of our St. Pius community
- Tootsie Roll Drive October 9, 10, and 11th. 5 Boxes have been ordered.
- We highly recommend all members keep informed by visiting our council’s website at <https://www.kofc3956.org/>.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT - Dominic Raiola

The RSVP Program is a program to donate \$500 to a seminarian to use for their own purposes. Many seminarians are in need of discretionary funds and very appreciative. Our K of C Council is considering participating with The RSVP program is still a possibility until June of 2021.

Cans for Seminarians: We can deposit cans ourselves and provide tickets or cash collected. The Obrien Council may make a donation to the Cans for Seminarians

Founder of the Knights of Columbus Fr. Michael McGivney will be beatified and made Blessed.

Father Saylor is having a Music Trivia night on a Saturday in September. Bishop Foley Council planning a Cigar Night Saturday on Oct 17th. For details, please contact Financial Secretary Ray Bilyk at raybilyk@kofc3956.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

- George S. Kotonis (September 4)
- Cary J. Polaski (September 5)
- Sam S. Lamb (September 8)
- Daryl E. Kilka (September 9)



YEARS OF SERVICE

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

- John S. Molnar (September 1) 48 Years of Service
- Edward D. Stol (September 1) 43 Years of Service
- Rev. Suresh Rajaian (September 12) 10 Years of Service
- Robert M. Liddle (September 17) 5 Years of Service
- John G. Husar Jr. (September 21) 20 Years of Service
- John G. Husar (September 25) 20 Years of Service

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!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Well wishes for Larry Rossi who had a Heart Attack on August 15th. His wife Glenda has kept us informed of his progress and asks for our prayers. He is recovering in hospital and has begun physical therapy. Which as Glenda puts it "Is kicking his butt". GK Bill Robert received a call from Larry last week; He thanked everyone for prayers and said the doctors were going to implant a defibrillator in him in the next few days. He is very tired but ready to go home.

Please continue to pray for Larry and Glenda Rossi, Bob Laforest, Jennifer Bilyk, Dan McGuire, Martina McGuire, Mary Robert and Linda Robert. Prayers also for Robert and Pauline Park and the healthy delivery of baby Park. Please remember in prayer, all 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

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS,

Monday, September 7, 2020
Happy Labor Day!

Sunday, September 13, 2020
Beginning with First Sunday Mass
Donut Sunday (Subject to change dependent of order of the Archdiocese)

Saturday, September 26, 2020
Homebrew Demonstration (Recruitment Event).
For details, please Reach out to Financial Secretary Ray Bilyk at raybilyk@kofc3956.org

Sunday, September 27, 2020
Beginning with First Sunday Mass
Council 3956 Charity Family Breakfast. (Subject to change dependent of order of the Archdiocese)

Sunday, October 4, 2020
Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, October 4, 2020
Life Chain in Wyandotte at Fort Street and Eureka in Wyandotte.

Wednesday, October 7, 2020
K of C Council 3956 Regular Business Meeting
6:00 pm Fellowship, 7:00 pm meeting

Friday - Sunday, October 9 through 11
Columbus Day Weekend Tootsie Roll Drive

Monday, October 12
Columbus Day Celebrated

REFLECTION

I like to start each day with a short prayer; “Dear God I offer this day to you and ask that you remind me throughout this day that you are here with me”. September 24th is National Day of Prayer. It will be a great day for each of us to reflect on how we prayer, why we pray and what we pray for. I consider prayer a gift from God to help us get through life knowing we can talk to him. Like any gift we should respect it, not take it for granted and use it to its full potential.

We have seen the power of prayer with the ongoing recovery of our friend, Warden, and Brother Knight Larry Rossi. He was placed on a ventilator with his arteries nearly completely blocked. That night, his wife Glenda asked for much needed prayers. And pray we did. Since then, when he had us all very concerned, Larry has made tremendous progress. So much so that the doctor and nurses were stunned to see how well he was doing. All involved feel as Glenda put is “Prayers were making a difference”.

God’s blessing to you, your family and everyone in your life that needs our prayers.



PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4

Vivat Jesus

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