

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

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NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022



At our membership meeting on April 7, 2021 we began taking nominations of officers. We will do so again at our next membership meeting on May 5, 2021. The following members have accepted their nomination:

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| Grand Knight: | Bill Robert |
| Deputy Grand Knight: | Robert Schooner |
| Chancellor: | Dick Gregoire |
| Recorder: | Robert Park |
| Treasurer: | Walt Kabalka |
| Warden: | Larry Rossi |
| Inside Guard: | Stephen Gall |
| Outside Guard: | Nicola Vignola |
| Advocate: | Dave Sajdak * |
| 3 year trustee: | Brian Batko |

** Dave informed council that he may not complete his term if elected as he anticipates moving to Florida later this year.*

Nominations have been tabled (not closed). There will be one more opportunity to nominate a Brother Knight for Council Office at the May 5th Business Meeting prior to the Election of Officers. If you would like to run, but are unable to attend the meeting (either by Zoom or in person), please send a note to the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary indicating that you would accept an office. Please indicate what office(s). If you have questions about the responsibilities of the various offices, please refer to the Leadership Resources Handbook found here: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/officers/officers.pdf> - Address additional questions to Financial Secretary Ray Bilyk at raybilyk@kofc3956.org



MAY 5, 2021 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Please join us at our next General Membership meeting in the Social Hall. This is the first Wednesday in July. A social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. This is a very important meeting as it will lead to an election of officers for the coming council year. We will also be firming up plans for our First O'Brien Council 3956 Golf Outing. More information on this event will follow. Meeting is planned to begin at 7:00 PM. We encourage you to safely join and rejoin us with camaraderie and fellowship. Deputy Grand Knight Bob Schooner (rds11553@yahoo.com) is expected to keep brother knights informed of any changes.

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

Our next Doughnut Sunday is planned for April 18, 2021. Advocate and membership Chairman Dave Sajdak has again volunteered to pick up the Doughnuts and host the event. Coffee will be served. We plan to continue to provide doughnuts and coffee in portable to go bags and cups.

Thank you to Chuck Degroat and his family as they have graciously offered to help host the Charity Family Breakfast. The next event is planned for Sunday, April 25th after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. masses.

Cans/Bottles for Seminarians is continuing. The Robert Jones council will collect them from you. Our Financial Secretary Ray Bilyk has offered to collect and deliver them to Jones Council. Please make contact him via email at raybilyk@kofc3956.org

May Crowning is Tuesday, May 4 -6:30 pm. This will include the Rosary, followed by a short ceremony.

The Clergy appreciation dinner that was planned for April 19, 2021 at Father Saylor Council has been cancelled.

Please come to our next meeting on Wednesday, May 5th in the Social Hall beginning with refreshments at 6:00 p.m. and an enjoyable membership meeting at 7:00. The meeting should not take longer than an hour.



BRAIN BATKO, PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Our annual Motorcycle Blessing is once again planned at St. Pius parish on May 15, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. The Blessing of the Bikes will begin first, with the ride to follow. For information please call 313-574-4139 or email me at bbatko@gmail.com

A good friend of St. Pius parish and popular Christian Music Artist John Tibbs will perform for our community on Friday, July 23, 2021. The concert will begin at 6:00 p.m. Come and enjoy some good BBQ in the St. Pius Parking Lot, weather permitting before the music begins. This will be a free will donation event

USHERS REPORT

As we begin our bumpy road to a new normal at masses, we invite you, a brother Knight to volunteer as an usher at either of our weekend masses (Saturdays at 4:00 p.m., Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) Dennis Hamilton prepared information to share with any member interested. Please contact Dennis by way of Parish Secretary Lou Butka at 734-285-1100.

Father Suresh is now encouraging the ushers to safely escort parishioner to the aisles during communion and we hope for a return to the procession of the gifts before the Altar. It is not necessary to commit to every week, but we do encourage committing to the sign-up sheet posted in the Ushers room.

If yours truly can be an usher, anyone can. We will be happy to teach you the ropes. It's actually very easy and rewarding. This is also a great way to get better acquainted with your brother knights, our parish families, Fr. Suresh and our pastoral team. Please see us before mass to learn more.



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**10TH ANNUAL
BLESSING OF
THE BIKES**

MAY 15TH

**830AM BLESSING OF THE BIKES
RIDE TO FOLLOW**

**ST. PIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
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CALL (313) 574-4139 FOR INQUIRIES**

DISTRICT DEPUTY DOMINIC RAONA REPORT

Congratulations to O'Brien Council 3956 at St. Pius for hosting the upcoming district exemplification on Sunday, June 27, 2021. Families are encouraged to observe the exemplification. The Knighting Ceremony was added back. District has already done one Exemplification that went well.

We encourage each member to bring in one new member this year. The Free Enrollment period has been extended to June 30, 2021. See below the promotion details and how to join. Consider downloading the K of C app., which will make the process even easier.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

DETROIT ARCHDIOCESAN VOCATIONS LEAGUE



Grand Hotel Bed and Breakfast Package: 1 room for 2; one night May 7-June 30 or Aug. 15-Oct. 29, 2021. Includes breakfast for two, all tax and handling charges, and golf package (18 holes with cart and transportation to course). PLUS \$150!



55 inch Samsung Smart TV

DRAWING: APRIL 18, 2021 AT 7:30PM

John F. Kennedy Council 5460
33320 Kelly Road, Clinton Township, MI 48035

RAY BILYK, FINANCE SECRETARY COMMUNITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Please turn in their K of C State Raffle Tickets. 20% of purchases will be returned to our council.

THE MI DRIVE resulted in over \$200 received.

The take 10 Endowment on April 15, 2021 at Sacred Heart will recognize our council achievement this past year, including meeting our membership goals.

Archdiocesan Spelling Bee will be at St. Lawrence Council in Utica at 4/20 5:30PM

Reminder to please contact me to donate can for Seminarians via email at raybilyk@kofc3956.org

BIG NEWS!!! We encourage you to sign up for updates from our K of C Council-3956 on your smart device. See detailed flyer on next page!



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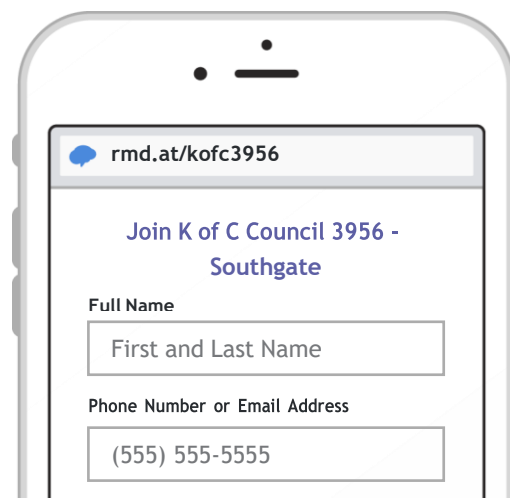
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Preferred Council # 3956

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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Congratulations our Knight of the Month for April, 2021, Program Director Brian Batko. Brian has been at the center of arguably most of our newest events in the past several years, including the Euchre Tournaments, Jazz Night and Religious Concerts, including the upcoming John Tibbs concert on July 23, 2021. Despite recent heart related issues, Brian has not backed down on his commitment to the order.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

Congratulations to the Chuck Degroat Family. Chuck and his wife Barb have volunteered to host our Charity Family Breakfasts. This is no small task. It is a great opportunity for parishioners to enjoy time among fellow children of God. Your offer to take on these community meals for charity is very much appreciated.

FOURTH DEGREE REPORT

Mark Garcellano informed council that memorial mass for fourth degree members who have passed is planned for June 22, 2021 at St. Pius X Church

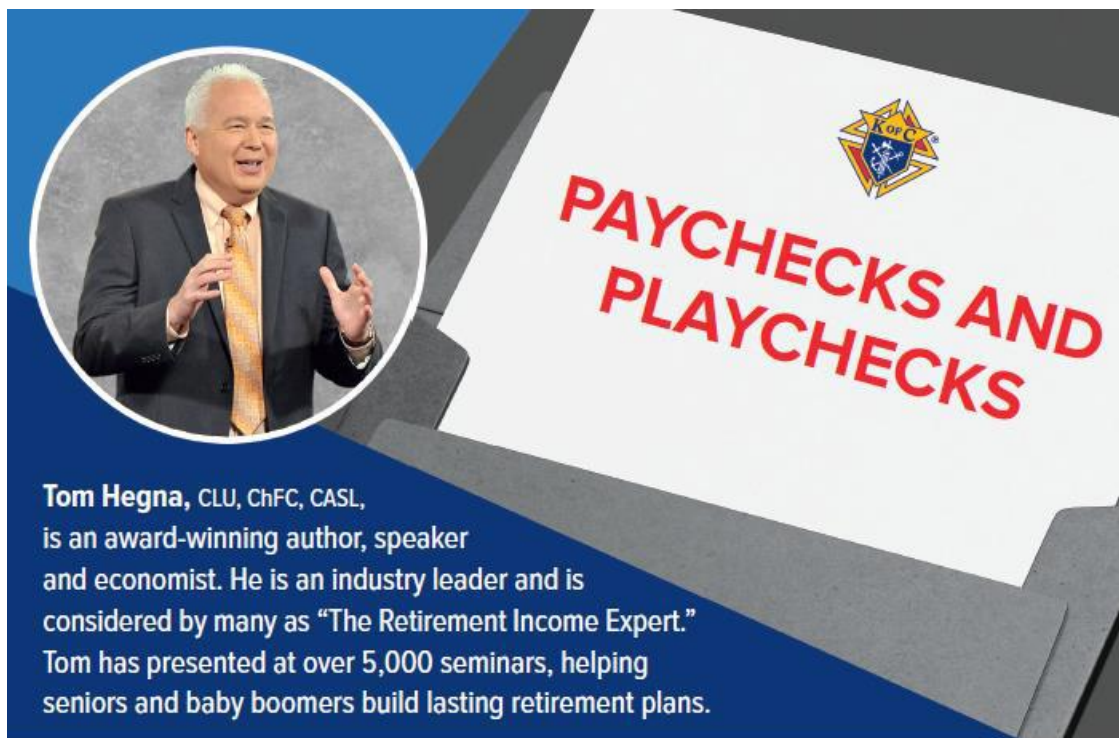
The Color Corp will participate in the Independence Day Parade, the Fourth of July on Biddle Avenue in Wyandotte. A Large Rosary will be carried during the parade.

Please consider taking your relationship with the Knights of Columbus to another level. Sirs Knights of the Fourth Degree are Religiously Devoted, Patriotically Proud

The next meeting of the Fourth Degree will be on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 beginning at 7:00 pm at the K of C Council Hall at 3550 Biddle Avenue in Wyandotte.

INSURANCE AGENT TOM JACKSON REPORT

Hello Brother Knights. The General Agents in the state of Michigan have decided to sponsor another seminar featuring Tom Hegna, a leading expert in retirement income, how to keep it and how to use it. Please review the flyer below and register for this fantastic opportunity to hear an expert on how we can all live a better life in retirement.

A flyer for a seminar featuring Tom Hegna. On the left is a circular photo of Tom Hegna, a man with white hair, wearing a dark suit and a patterned tie, speaking with his hands raised. To the right of the photo is a large graphic of a document with the KofC logo at the top and the title "PAYCHECKS AND PLAYCHECKS" in large, bold, red letters. Below the photo, on a blue background, is a text block describing Tom Hegna's credentials and experience.

Tom Hegna, CLU, ChFC, CASL, is an award-winning author, speaker and economist. He is an industry leader and is considered by many as "The Retirement Income Expert." Tom has presented at over 5,000 seminars, helping seniors and baby boomers build lasting retirement plans.

You are invited to join our webinar featuring Tom Hegna, who specializes in creating simple and powerful retirement solutions.

Sponsored by your Knights of Columbus Benjimine Borrelli Agency

04/28/2021

Date

7pm

Time

<http://bit.ly/KOFCApril2021>

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GOLF OUTING UPDATE

Mark Garcellano is the Golf Outing Chair and Bob Schooner is the Sponsor Chair. More Committee members will be decided as necessary.

Mark has put together a detailed plan for what is to be the Knights of Columbus Council 3956 First Annual Golf Outing.

- Venue: Southgate Municipal-South Winds Executive Golf Course
- Date and Time: August 7, 2021 (Back up date: August 14, 2021 (8:00 a.m. - Noon)
- Our Cost for 18 holes and cart: \$26.00 for up to 60 people. More golf carts can be leased if we have a larger crowd.
- Cater or BBQ: Catered projected between \$16.45 - \$26.35, plus 10% service charge.
If we BBQ, budget \$10 for lunch and \$5.00 for breakfast
- HOW MUCH SHOULD WE CHARGE? \$60 per person could generate \$1140 profit; \$80 per person could generate \$2340 profit.
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Check in (2)
BBQ Cooks and Servers
50/50 Raffle volunteers
Putting contest volunteers
Vegas Hole (Black Jack) Card and Dealer volunteers
Committee workers (amount of volunteers tbd)
Judges
- CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED: Cash Donations
Breakfast Bag Items (Granola Bars, Sleeve of Balls/Tees, etc.
Beverage donations (Water, Coffee, Sodas)
Snacks at the turn
Lunch (Burgers, Chicken, Sausage, Beans, Potatoes, Salad)
Holes Sponsors, Trophies, Prizes (Putters, Drivers, etc.)

As noted, we need sponsors and other contributors. We encourage all members to not only plan on participating and volunteering, but also reaching out to business and personal relationships to give of their time and resources.

We are seeking sponsors and volunteers to make this event successful. Please help us with an early start. August 7th has been suggested. As we get closer to the date, more details will follow. We are in need of volunteers starting now to get the word out.

MESSAGE BOARD



- Our local Right to Life of Michigan is requesting donations including formula and diapers. RTL is also planning a distribution of Hershey “Kisses” on Mother’s Day.
- Father Suresh will visit family in India during the month of May. We wish him good travel and health as he makes his well-deserved visit home.
- We highly recommend all Brother Knights to stay informed with our council activities by attending our monthly meetings and visiting council’s website at www.kofc3956.org

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 18, 2021

Council 3956 Doughnut Sunday after 9:00 and 11:00 morning masses.

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Michigan K of C Detroit Archdiocesan Spelling Bee

St. Lawrence Knights Of Columbus, 44425 Utica Rd, Utica, MI 5:30pm - 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 22, 2021

Respect Life Dinner at San Marino Club, 1685 E Big Beaver Rd, Troy, MI 6pm - 10.p.m.

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Council 3956 Charity Family Breakfast after 9:00 and 11:00 morning masses.

Monday, May 3, 2021

Red Cross Blood Drive in the St. Pius Social Hall from 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

K of C Council 3956 Regular Business Meeting

In Social Hall. Camaraderie begins at 6:00 pm. Meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Cinco de Mayo

Sunday, May 9, 2021

MOTHER’S DAY!!!

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Feast of the Ascension. Check Bulletin for Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 15, 2021

Blessing of the Motorcycles at St. Pius X Parish 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

- Anthony M. Da Pra (April 3)
- Kevin Martin (April 4)
- Brian T. Cronan (April 5)
- David L. Houston (April 5)
- Thomas Sadanowicz (April 16)
- Patrick Tidwell (April 17)
- Gerald L. Gonyea (April 18)
- Robert R. Park (April 19)
- Brian J. Heasley (April 25)
- Nathan P. Neubecker (April 25)



YEARS OF SERVICE

Cheers to following Brother Knights celebrating the anniversary of their membership in April:

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| • Ronald C. Cassette | (April 23) | 54 Years of Service |
| • Darryl E. Zilka | (April 1) | 49 Years of Service |
| • Michael P. Purcell | (April 1) | 40 Years of Service |
| • Henry A. Ibarra | (April 11) | 37 Years of Service |
| • Lawrence J. Rossi | (April 18) | 12 Years of Service |
| • Francis X. Cuschieri | (April 13) | 11 Years of Service |
| • Timothy L. Jones | (April 23) | 54 Years of Service |
| • Ronald C. Cassette | (April 12) | 5 Years of Service |

If there are any 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 this to be as accurate as possible. Thank you!



IN OUR PRAYERS

Condolences to Guy Vitale and his family for the loss of his mother Fara Vitale on April 11th after a long courageous battle with cancer. Fara was a great inspiration to her family and friends as she faced her illness with grace and a strong faith. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace

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

Dan McGuire who recently had surgery
Past Grand Knight Bob LaForest
Past Grand Knight Frank Racano
Trustee David Hughes
Kathyrne Robert, 26 Year old fighting cancer, Niece of Grand Knight Bill Robert
Emily Foster, Daughter of Chancellor Richard Gregoire
Mothers of Dan McGuire and Frank Racano
Joey Manzella, 27 Year old fighting cancer, Family friend of Tony and Angela 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.



BLOOD DRIVE

From St. Pius X Parish Bulletin: A Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, May 3, 202 from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Schedule appointments online at RedCross.org and enter keyword stpiussouthgate or call Christine Nichols at 734-512-7129. Scheduled appointments are given priority, but walk-ins are welcomed. The Red Cross is also currently testing all blood donations for Covid-19 antibodies.

We strongly urge any brother knight that is in good health and able to donate blood to do so. More than ever, there is a desperate need for blood.

INTRODUCING KNIGHTCAST

From time to time, we look for programs through the Knights of Columbus multitude of inspiring products and programs. One of these is called KnightCast, a video series that shares timely, compelling information to promote personal development and faith formation.

To learn more, click on the link below and complete the one-time sign up form to receive all episodes of KnightCast via email. <https://knightcast.constantcontactsites.com/>



REFLECTION

Is it just me, or do our Prayer Lists seem to be getting longer and longer? My wife and I learned recently of another friend whose son is fighting cancer. I know many people out of work, having health issues, dealing with marital problems and list goes on. Let us offer our prayers not only for our own intention, but also for the intentions of others. God Bless all my brother knights, friends and those in need of our communal prayers.

Special thank you to Phyllis Cereso, for a wonderful gift; a K of C neck tie worn by her husband and our dear friend Tony who left us last year. It will be worn with pride and humility. Behind every great man is a great woman, indeed.

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

...Brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you... May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all...Amen

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

Vivat Jesus

Anthony J. (Tony) Chirco,
Brother Knight, Public Relations Director and Trustee
Newsletter Editor