

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

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*With gratitude for the values you teach,  
the encouragement you give,  
the dreams you believe,  
the legacy of love you pass along...*

*With thankfulness for the God-given  
blessing you are to this family...*

*Happy Father's Day.*

## **FATHER'S DAY MASS, SUNDAY JUNE 20, 2021**

We the brother Knights of Columbus of the Bernard O'Brien council 3956 at St. Pius Parish will ask all the men of the parish to celebrate Father's Day by accepting our gift of a Rosary. We will acknowledge their importance as role models and caretakers. We will ask that they become a member of our council and invite them to take advantage of the FREE online membership promotion that will expire days later on June 30<sup>th</sup>. 2021

In celebration of the Year of St. Joseph, we honor all Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers and Reverends. Rosaries will be accompanied by recruitment cards for membership. We encourage all brother knights to attend either the 9:00 or 11:00 morning masses on Father's Day and be recognized for the important role we play for our immediate and extended family, our parish community and our Knights of Columbus fraternity.

## JULY 7, 2021 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP



What: General Membership Meeting

Where: St. Pius Social Hall, Across the corridor from Church

When: Wednesday, July 7, 2021

Time: Social Hour: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Business Meeting: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Members may participate via zoom. To learn how to "Zoom" in, contact DD and Brother Knight Ray Bilyk at [raybilyk@kofc3956.org](mailto:raybilyk@kofc3956.org)

We are asking each member to be a part of any of our upcoming projects. There is a great deal YOU have to offer. See you there!!

## EXEMPLIFICATION OF CHARITY, UNITY AND FRATERNITY HOSTED BY OUR O'BRIEN COUNCIL

The Supreme Council has introduced a new degree which will allow candidates to reach full Knighthood in a single ceremony. The new degree, called the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity was introduced by Past Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson. We have the honor of hosting this exemplification here at St. Pius Church on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from starting with 11AM Corporate Communion Mass. At 12 Noon, we will open registration, and begin the Exemplification promptly at 12:15 pm in the Church. Families of the candidates are now welcome to observe this ceremony, which will take less than 1 hour. If you are a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knight, you are encouraged to attend and become a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight! We welcome all Knights to assist during the Mass.



## KNIGHTS TO CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE WITH LIVE ROSARY

ALL Brother Knights are encouraged to participate in the Wyandotte Independence Parade on Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will gather at the corner of Northline and Biddle Avenue between 9:00 - 9:15 that morning. The parade is set to begin at 10:00 am. Members of local K of C Councils will be walking together as they carry a live Rosary. Please wear your K of C shirts. The parade will finish at the K of C building in Wyandotte at Biddle and Eureka. There will be golf carts provided for those who have walking difficulty. Hot Dogs and Soft Drinks are planned to be served after the parade!



### **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

Fr. Suresh will celebrate Mass at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 which will conclude with the installation of Council Officers for 2021 - 2022. The Installation of officer Ceremony/Celebration is open to all Knights and their families.

An ambitious year is planned. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. A presentation to Fr. Suresh is planned in appreciation for his services to St. Pius and our council

### **SPECIAL MENTION**

Ray Bilyk becomes our District Deputy of July 1, 2021. Brother Ray was handpicked by Dominic Raona who is stepping down at the end of June to pursue a new career in Florida. We offer. Congratulations and support as he takes on a new responsibility for our K of C district.



### **ROLLIN' ON THE RIVER**

Some tickets are still available for the Diamond Jack boat trip on July 14<sup>th</sup> for the Downriver K of C. Community Director and DD Ray Bilyk has tickets available for \$25.00 a person or \$40.00 for two. Departure is planned for 7:00 pm. Pizza and snacks will be provided along with a cash bar. Proceeds from the River Tour will go towards the Downriver K of C family picnic to be held on August 18<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Park on Grosse Ile. More Details will follow at our next General Membership Meeting.

### **HELPING OUR NEIGHBOR KNIGHTS**

Dave Hayward of the K of C Jones Council addressed our council at our June Business Meeting to request help in an appreciation lunch for members of their parish and Brother Knights. The breakfast would be held at the Jones Council on Saturday July 31 at 10 AM. They will provide all the food and drinks. Their request included an offer to pay \$5.00 per person served. Approximately 70 people are expected.

Our O'Brien council officers and general members voted to help in the spirit of the Family of Parishes without receiving any pay. The hope is that as the spirit of fellowship between parishes will be reciprocated if the O'Brien council is ever in need of a helping hand. Brother Hayward also extended an invitation for the membership of the O'Brien council to join them on Wednesday nights and for the Ladies night on Mondays when approximately 20-50 wives of the K of C membership gather for fellowship.

## **GRAND KNIGHT REPORT**

Dear Brother Knights, please remember to participate in the Independence Day Parade in Wyandotte on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will meet at Northline and Biddle at 9:00 am. More details provided in this newsletter. It would be great if we all wore our K of C O'Brien Council shirts.

Congratulations to our Financial Secretary/Community Director for his recommendation and acceptance as our new District Deputy. Thank you to Brian Batko for his great ideas for events coming up including the John Tibbs Christian Music and Picnic on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to Mark Garcellano for Chairing our K of C Golf Outing on August 7<sup>th</sup> and Bob Schooner for chairing the promotion and sponsorship for the outing. Thank you to Robert Park for preparing our business meeting minutes and as assistant editor for the newsletter. Thank you to Stephen Gall, a new brother knight for stepping up as a new board member and usher. I appreciate all our council board members and directors for the fine work they do. Thank you in advance to all members and volunteers that will be helping with our many events this summer and fall.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that once again our council has earned the Columbian Award for the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year. We are now one step closer to earning Star Council.

Respectfully,  
Bill Robert, GK 3956

## **COMMUNITY DIRECTOR RAY BILYK REPORT**

Please contact me to purchase tickets to the Diamond Jack River Boat Tour on Wednesday, July 14, 2021. This has always been a great time to have great fun and well worth the \$25.00 ticket costs. If two tickets are purchased, the cost is \$40.00. Because of Social Distancing Guideline still in effect, we will be on the bigger "Boblo" Boat with lots of room to move around. Pizza and Snacks are included. TICKETS ARE GOING SUPER FAST! DO NOT WAIT TO PURCHASE OR YOU WILL MISS OUT!!! Proceeds from the boat tour will go toward the K of C Picnic at Centennial Park on Grosse Ile, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$5 per family or carload. Picnic activities include games for kids, prizes, soft drinks, raffles.

Our next recruitment push will be Father's Day. Cards are printed to sign up new members with hole punched and affixed to the Rosaries planned for giveaway at the Father's Day Mass.

## **PROGRAM DIRECTOR BRIAN BATKO REPORT**

Thank you to all who participated and helped out with the Motorcycle Blessing on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The John Tibbs Concert is still scheduled Friday July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and chips will be served in the parking lot behind the Social Hall or in the event of bad weather, we will move into the activity center.

The Desert Meal will return on Sunday, February 27, 2022, two weeks after the Super Bowl. In September there will be a Seminarian selected to coordinate with activity. Events coming up in the months ahead include: Coats for Kids, Chili Cook Off and the MI Drive.

We also discussed the Trunk or Treat for October, which in the past was spearheaded by the late friend Tony Cerezzo. Once the new Principal of St. Pius is chosen, the council will coordinate our efforts for the Trunk or Treat, Spelling Bee and potential membership drives.



## JOHN TIBBS CHRISTIAN CONCERT SCHEDULED FOR JULY 23, 2021



Christian Artist, John Tibbs will be performing for us once again. This is a **FREE EVENT** - Free Will Donations will be accepted. The Concert will be in our Parking Lot from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Bring lawn chairs, enjoy some food prepared by our Knights of Columbus outside behind Social Hall or inside the activity center if it rains. Bring friends and family. Check John's music out at [www.johntibbsmusic.com](http://www.johntibbsmusic.com)



### GOLF OUTING UPDATE

Chairman Mark Garcellano advised our council that we are in need of more volunteers and sponsors for our First Annual Golf outing. Southwinds Golf Course is the venue for August 7<sup>th</sup> with 7am check-in. 56 carts will be available. Plans include a BBQ at the social hall afterwards.

Brother Mark is in need of a volunteer photographer and volunteer cleanup. This would be a great opportunity for confirmation candidates in need of volunteer hours. "I am in need of volunteers for this event. I need a 50/50 raffle sales person, a putting contest coordinator, a black jack dealer, lunch setup, lunch cleanup and more."

Please use Signup Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c49a4a623a3f85-first>. There is also a sign-up sheet in the St. Pius X Usher room. You do not have to be a Knight to volunteer. All are welcome!

Promotional Chairman Bob Schooner stated the Marketing plan includes preparing flyers for Hole Sponsors. Flyers will be posted for the other councils and assemblies. Deadline for hole sponsors is July 15<sup>th</sup> for printers. You may also print and use the sponsorship form below and drop off to any of the ushers to give to Bob.

### HOLE SPONSORSHIP FORM

**Please note on check:** Hole Sponsor

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME ON SIGN: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**1st Annual Anthony "Tony" Cerezo Memorial Golf Outing**

**Location:** Southwinds Executive Golf Course, 14600 Reaume Pkwy, Southgate, MI 48195

**Lunch:** St. Pius X Social Hall, 14101 Superior Southgate, MI 48195

**When:** Saturday, August 7, 2021 rain or shine

**Registration:** 7:00 AM      **Shotgun Start:** 8:00 AM  
**Lunch:** Noon

**Make Checks Payable to:** Knights of Columbus 3956  
**Mail Checks to:** K of C, 28266 Heather Way Romulus MI 48174

**Contacts:** Mark Garcellano 734-968-6900  
or Robert Schooner 734-231-9940

**Payment Deadline:** July 26, 2021

**Sign Up @:** <https://www.kofc3956.org/golfouting/>



# Sign up for important updates from K of C Council 3956.

Get information for K of C Council 3956 - Southgate right on your phone—not on handouts.

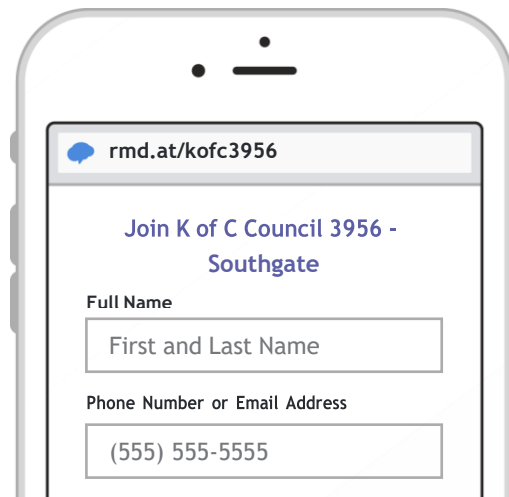
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Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



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Text the message [@kofc3956](https://www.kofc.org/councils/3956) to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to [rmd.at/kofc3956](http://rmd.at/kofc3956) on a desktop computer to sign up for email notification

## BEST WISHES TO PRINCIPAL MICHELLE SEWARD AS SHE RETIRES

Michelle has been a great associate to our Knights of Columbus. I am proud to know her as a personal friend for longer than she has been the Principal at our St. Pius X school. She has been an outstanding role model for the staff and students. She has been instrumental in many of the programs our K of C has offered for the school over the years, including the recent Free Throw Competition and Spelling Bee. She will truly be missed. God Bless you Michelle and may you have a wonderful safe, healthy and happy life in retirement.



## FOURTH DEGREE REPORT

### Upcoming Events:

- 6/22/21- Memorial Mass, 7PM-8PM, @ K of C Wyandotte, Father Brennan will celebrate. 6:00 PM Color Corp . Dinner after Mass
- 7/3/21- Wyandotte Fourth of July Parade, (All Knights Welcome, Color Corps)

General Assembly Meetings- 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM - 8:00PM @ Wyandotte K of C Rosary before the meeting at 6:30PM.

### KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Anthony (Tony) Chirco

We recognize all the little things this council and parish do for us.

### FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

The Chirco Family: Tony and Angela, Joey and Catie, Anmarie and Sean. On behalf of the family: Thank you to our K of C friends. We appreciate the example they set in making time for the church, family, and career.

## MESSAGE BOARD



- Bob Bailey reminded council and members of the recent Life Walk with Downriver Right to Life.
- Tom Jackson, Worthy Insurance Agent sent a message the Supreme offers Investment Opportunities. Please attend our next membership meeting for more details.
- Trustee Brian Batko suggested we may have a Jazz Night as early as August.
- Louise Weglarz, a parish member who receives our newsletter has volunteered herself, husband and ladies of the parish for our upcoming events. Thank You Louise.
- We recommend all Brother Knights to stay informed with our council activities by attending our monthly meetings and visiting the council's website at [www.kofc3956.org](http://www.kofc3956.org).



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 20, 2021

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!

Recruitment Sunday. Cards and Rosaries to be handed out at Masses

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Msgr Van Antwerp Assembly 475 General Membership Meeting at 7:00pm Memorial Chalice mass inside the Wyandotte K of C.

Sunday, June 27, 2021

Exemplifications of Charity, Unity and Fraternity hosted by O'Brien Council 3956 at St. Pius Church, Following 11:00 am Mass concluding at 1:00 pm.

Saturday, July 3, 2021

Independence Day Parade in Wyandotte, K of C to carry Rosary

Sunday, July 4, 2021

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

Installation of Officers after 7:00 pm Mass

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

Regular Business Meeting. Social Hour 6:00 - 7:00. Meeting 7:00 - 8:00.

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

K of C Knights of the River (Diamond Jack's River Boat Cruise).  
7:00 - 9:15. At Bishop Park (2701 Van Alstyne St, Wyandotte)

Friday, July 23, 2021

John Tibbs Christian Concert, 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Hamburgers hotdogs and chips will be served in the parking lot behind the Social Hall or Activity Center if bad weather.



### **IN OUR PRAYERS: Please pray for healing for our brother knights, their family and friends:**

Past Grand Knights Bob LaForest

Past Grand Knight Frank Racano

Usher Joe Hernandez (Leg Surgery)

Trustee David Hughes

Kathyrne Robert, Niece of Grand Knight Bill Robert

Emily Foster, Daughter of Chancellor Richard Gregoire

Valarie Husar (wife of Brother John Husar)

Dan McGuire and his mother

Joey Manzella, Fighting cancer, 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.



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

## YEARS OF SERVICE

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

- John M. Yuhasz (June 5) 44 Years of Service
- David M. Sajdak (June 26) 25 Years of Service
- Sean A. Roland (June 2) 11 Years of Service
- Bryan J. Hughes (June 14) 11 Years of Service
- John H. Nemish (June 14) 11 Years of Service
- Alexander McLean III (June 4) 6 Years of Service
- Richard J. Kinzler (June 8) 6 Years of Service
- Bruce J. Kresslein (June 8) 6 Years of Service
- Anthony J. Chirco (June 21) 4 Years of Service
- William P. Robert (June 21) 4 Years of Service
- Robert D. Schooner (June 21) 4 Years of Service
- Mark Garcellano (June 21) 4 Years of Service
- Frank W. Kootsillas (June 25) 4 Years of Service
- Mark A. Farrah (June 13) 3 Years of Service
- John M. Lazere Jr. (June 24) 3 Years of Service
- Mitchell E. Garcellano (June 18) 1 Year of Service

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

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 McLean III (June 28)
- Scott A. Corso (June 29)



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Special Congratulations to our Grand Knight Bill Robert and his wife Linda as they celebrated their 48<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Angela and Anthony (Tony) Chirco are celebrating their 32<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

*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](mailto:raybilyk@kofc3956.org)*



## REFLECTION

*As Assistant Editor, Robert Park is a tremendous asset to me, this newsletter and council in so many capacities, including as our Worthy Recorder. This month, Brother Robert has taken time away from his lovely bride Pauline and their beautiful daughter Aveline to eloquently reflect on the parable of the poor widow's offering and what that example means for us.*

And there came a certain poor widow: and she cast in two mites, which make a farthing. {12:43} And calling his disciples together, he saith to them: Amen I say to you, this poor widow hath cast in more than all they who have cast into the treasury. {12:44} For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want cast in all she had, even her whole living

We know the parable of the poor widow's offering. There are many among us who like her feel they have little to give, but give she does. Although we may bear no resemblance to any widow you can think of, we have many examples of members among us who give generously of their time. In this sense they are like the widow that Jesus speaks of because they don't have an abundance of time or resources, but never the less give what they can. Our time is a commodity that should be first given to those that we love and then to those that need our love. Besides our time, we have more resources to offer, including financial gifts, experiences we could share, and relationship with family, friends, local business and community leaders, each who can be of service to our Knights of Columbus council programs.

## PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

*Dear Lord, when our life on earth is done, may we stand before you and hear the words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant." Father, we know our time on earth is but a few words in the cosmic story. Help us to use our time wisely, and leave our mark when our time is done. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.* (prayerist.com)

Vivat Jesus

Anthony J. (Tony) Chirco, Newsletter Editor, PR Director and Trustee

Robert Park, Assistant Newsletter Editor and Worthy Council Recorder

Ray Bilyk, Special Contributor, Worthy Financial Secretary and District Director