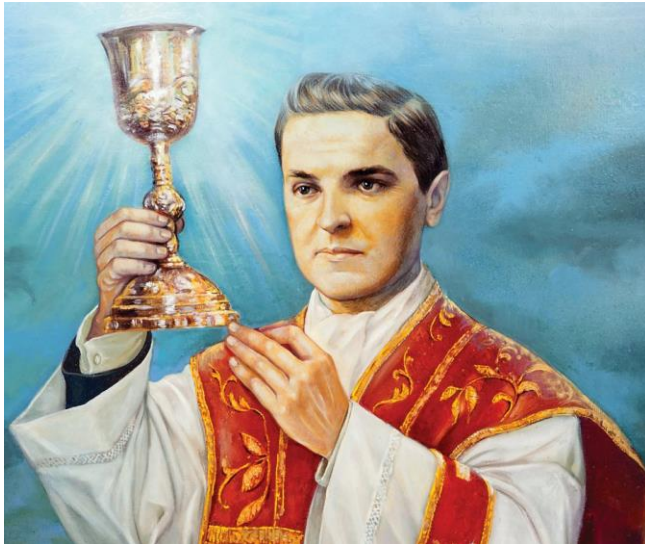


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

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AUGUST, 2021



OUR FOUNDER'S FIRST FEAST DAY

Message from Supreme Knight Brian Kelly:

Brother Knights, August 13, 2021 is a historic day for the Knights of Columbus and for the Catholic Church – it is the first feast day of our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney. This is a day of celebration, reflection and prayer. The Church has chosen August 13 to honor our Founder because it falls one day after the anniversary of his birth and one day before the anniversary of his death, when he entered eternal life.

Father McGivney answered God's call to defend the family and faith, most notably by founding the Knights of Columbus. In the words of our Supreme Convention theme, which were drawn from the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis on St. Joseph, our Founder truly embodied "creative courage" in service to God – and his example should inspire us all to live boldly in faith.

THANK YOU TO GOLFERS, HOLE SPONSORS, AND VOLUNTEERS FOR MAKING FIRST ANNUAL ANTHONY CEREZO GOLF TOURNAMENT. ALL WINNERS!

This year's tournament champions are the team of Sam Naimi, Collin Naimi, John Armstrong and Mike Furst. The other contests held were straightest drive, won by David Oakley, longest drive, won by Bonnie Clark and closest to the pin (2 holes), both won by Paul Zotter. Contest winner won a wedge or putter. The 50/50 raffle winner was Dave Campbell. The Knights of Columbus portion of the raffle will be donated in the name of Anthony and Phyllis Cerezo to their favorite charity, "Right to Life".



Mark Garcellano and his wife Joselyn and children did an outstanding job putting the event together. Thank you to all his brother Knights, particularly Bob Schooner, his Hole Sponsor Co-Chair who sold out each hole!



GOLF TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN MARK GARCELLANO REPORT

The 1st Annual Anthony Cerezo Memorial Golf Tournament held on August 7, 2021 at Southwinds Golf Course was a resounding success. The weather that day was perfect. The tournament was set up as a scramble. After the golf tournament, the players headed to the St. Pius Social Hall for lunch.

The meal was preceded in prayer lead by Father Suresh. The players and guests enjoyed a picnic style lunch consisting of hamburgers, chicken breasts, bratwursts and Italian Sausage accompanied by pork and beans, potato salad, corn on the cob, chips and cookies. The beverages served were soft drinks, water and crafts beers brewed by our District Deputy and Financial Secretary, Ray Bilyk. He served American Ale and Orange Blossom Crème Ale. During lunch, the Knights were able to introduce the guest of honor “Phyllis Cerezo”, wife of Anthony Cerezo and her family and memorialize “Tony”. The memorial concluded with a gift from the Knight’s, which was a plaque with a picture of Tony and a written tribute.



THANK YOU TO FR. SURESH FOR HIS BLESSING AFTER THE TOURNAMENT AND BEFORE THE LUNCHEON.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS WHO HELPED MAKE THIS FIRST ANNUAL EVENT A GREAT SUCCESS!

WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE EACH OF OUR HOLE SPONSORS. YOUR GENEROSITY WILL GO A LONG WAY TO HELPING OUR COMMUNITY.

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THANK YOU ESPECIALLY TO ALL OUR
FAMILY MEMBERS AND PARISHONERS FOR VOLUNTEERING!!



Special Thanks to Joslyn Garcellano, our photographer extraordinaire for these and many more photos that she took during the golf tournament and luncheon.



THE CHALLENGE IS ON FOR 2022!

Our First Annual Tony Cerezo Golf Tournament was a huge success. Plans are already under way for our Second Annual K of C Golf Tournament. We would like to encourage more of our brother knights particularly, our council membership, to get involved in the planning and participate next year. A special award is under consideration for the best golfer among us. What better way to raise much needed money for Right to Life and other community outreach programs than by having a great time on the golf course among friends. Our goal next year is to exceed both the number of golfers and sponsors.



SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING AS WE PLAN OUR AGENDA FOR THE FALL AND WINTER. WE ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT JOINED IN THE LAST FEW YEARS TO ATTEND.

What: General Membership Meeting
Where: St. Pius Social Hall, Across the corridor from Church
When: **Wednesday, September 1, 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, please contact District Deputy and Financial Secretary Ray Bilyk at raybilyk@kofc3956.org. We are asking each member to please join us.

GRAND KNIGHT BILL ROBERT

We really outdid ourselves in August. I am really pleased that many of our newest members are stepping forward to help us. I am so proud of our tremendous board of officers and directors. The event of the month was the Tony Cerezo Memorial Golf Tournament. Mark Garcellano and his family worked tirelessly to assure the event was a success. Thank you to Bob Schooner for assuring that all 18 holes were sponsored. All our volunteers deserve a round of applause as well. Thank you as well to the usual suspects, Brian Batko for the Barbeque and Christian music of John Tibbs, Mario and Giuseppe Pascucci for restoring our cinder block wall and quite possibly may be our newest members. For District Deputy and Financial Secretary Ray Bilyk for all his behind the scenes work he puts in. I honestly don't know how he does it. I have limited space to thank anyone else, but as I always say "You know who you are".

DISTRICT DEPUTY AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY, RAY BILYK

Our District K of C Family Picnic is coming up on Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at Centennial Park, Grosse Ile, MI. The cost is just \$5.00. How can you not take advantage of that? The food and entertainment will be plentiful. There will be a raffle for a large screen television and Coffee Makers. I look forward to seeing you all there!

That Robert Jones Council has opened their Women's auxiliary, open to all women, not limited to just ladies associated with that council. More information is available on their website at rhjoneskofc.org.

Joe Jordan Zoom Webinar is Aug 18th at 7pm. More details in flyer attached. This is Columbia award-fraternal benefit participation. General Agents are paying for him to come in. It is tailored to K of C, but not limited to members, so tell your friends. It can help for retirement. Brian Batko informs me the Desert Meal, our sponsored event to support our seminarians is scheduled for February 27, 2022, which is two weeks after the Super Bowl. We need to reach out to sponsored seminarian to invite him to participate in our many upcoming events.

THE WALL IS FINALLY RESTORED

After months of soliciting help to restore the wall behind our former building on Dix-Toledo Road in Southgate, the work is completed. Father and son team Mario and Giuseppe Pascucci did an admiral job of taking down the crumbling cinder block, what was left of the old cap, then replaced them with new. They went the extra step to add steel rods where needed to straighten out the lower wall. They even repaired some of the broken walk requested by the tenant. Special thanks to Brian Batko for finding just the right persons we needed.



JOHN TIBBS CONCERT

Program Director Brian Batko reported that the Community Barbeque and Christian Music Artist John Tibbs Concert was well received by many of the guests who enjoyed themselves among friends. Our mission is not limited to fund raising, but to engage the community in Christian fellowship. We look forward to this and other events to bring our fellow parish members and council together for a day or night out to meet up with old friends, and make new ones.



GREAT PARTICIPATION AT JONES COUNCIL BREAKFAST



At the request of our fellow Knights of the Jones Council in Lincoln Park, we made breakfast for their volunteers. They purchased the food and we prepared and served it. The crowd loved it! We were very pleased that so many of us made the time early on a Saturday morning to help. It is so much easier when you get a little help from your friends.

WELCOME PRINCIPAL KATHLEEN ENGLAND TO ST. PIUS X SCHOOL

Among our most important missions of the Knights of Columbus is to partner with our St. Pius X School to offer programs including Spelling Bees, Free Throw Competitions, Coats for Kids, and many other programs for the benefit to assist with the community school. We look forward to continuing that relationship with their new principal Kathleen England. She comes to us with impressive credentials: She taught at St. Robert Bellarmine and Ladywood High School. Knowing how high Fr. Suresh sets the bar and the endorsement of Michelle Seward who is retiring as principal, we can be assured Ms. England will be an outstanding leader for the staff and students. We have already scheduled our first meeting with Kathleen to discuss how we may begin that new partnership.



WANTED: CLASSROOM TEACHERS

St. Pius X Elementary School is regarded as among the best learning institutions with the Archdiocese of Detroit. As they prepare for the upcoming school year, they are searching for Classroom Teachers. As parents of students, and some of us past students ourselves, this is an outstanding opportunity for an educator seeking fulfillment in a faith based, highly regarded learning institution. We have been asked by their new principal Kathleen England to get the word out to anyone we know that may be of interest. Ms. England can be reached via email at kengland@saintpius-x.org

NEW KNEELERS



THE CHURCH KNEELERS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED

Our O'Brien Council 3956 made an initial deposit towards these much needed church kneelers.



Our donation would not have been possible if not for the projects we organize and the charitable work we perform together as a team to raise money for the needs of our church community. As you enjoy these comfortable kneelers, think about how you can help with your time and energy. Come join us for food and conversation at our next membership meeting, Wednesday, September 1st in the Social Hall beginning at 6:00 pm.

THE SIGN OF A CRAFTSMAN - THANKS FRANK



THANKS FRANK!

We thought it would be nice for everyone to see the beautiful job Frank Cuscheiri did in repairing our book case. It looks even better in person so come take a look. This is a perfect example of sharing the skills and talents God gives to each of us for the betterment of our community

FOOD PANTRY SHORTAGES

Dear Brother Knights, Ladies and Friends,

The Downriver Food pantry determined there is an acute shortage of the following items:

- Hamburger Helper (Lasagna & Cheeseburger)
- Rice-a-Roni (Beef & Chicken)

I know many of you are regular contributors to the pantry and your help is deeply appreciated.

When able, please consider providing the above listed food items in your next donation.

Despite the pandemic concerns, we were able to deliver **8,869 lbs. of food** to the pantry this fiscal year.

Thanks for your help.

God Bless to All!

Brother Knight Dennis Hamilton
Food for Families Chairman



Upcoming Events:

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

4th degree exemplification-Night is on September 11, 2021 in Marysville Mi.

4th Degree-Installation of officers is on September 28, 2021.



15th Annual Downriver Knights Family Picnic!

ALL KNIGHTS AND THEIR
FAMILY INVITED!

\$5.00

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family...

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Saturday, August 28, 2021

11am - 4pm

Centennial Farms Park

(On beautiful Grosse Ile)



Menu

*Broasted Chicken Hamburgers Hotdogs
Baked Beans Corn on the Cob Potato Salad Chips
Cookies Fruit Pop Water & Craft Beer (beer for \$5 donation)*

Games for all! Win a flat screen TV, Keurig, or
other raffle prize! Or not!

For More Info: FA Tom Jackson at thomas.F.Jackson@kofc.org
AoD PD Jeff Dombrowski at: j.dombrowski@mikofc.org
or contact your Grand Knight

Joe Jordan Presents

Stress Free Retirement Planning



Join us for an informative online presentation by inspirational speaker, behavioral finance expert and brother Knight, Joe Jordan.

Joe will discuss “Stress Free Retirement Planning,” including how to plan for your financial future and a secure retirement. His talk will give you new insights into your financial affairs without losing sight of your faith and values.

Sponsored by Your Knights of Columbus Borrelli Agency

Date: August 18, 2021

Time: 7pm to 8pm

Registration link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kpiu-vyPRLd1viQka5Lw

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Statewide Fraternal Benefit Event Wed Aug 18, 2021 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

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DEPART AT 8:00AM

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DEPART FROM AND RETURN TO
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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Steven Pochini

Congratulations to Steven, one of our newest members for stepping up as soon as he became a brother knight. In the past month, Steven has participated in our council sponsored exemplification and attended our recent membership meeting. He helped make breakfast for Jones Council volunteers, made lunch for our First Annual Golf Tournament participants and dinner for attendees of the John Tibbs concert and Barbeque. Steven is an alumnus of St. Pius X School.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

The Robert Park Family

The future of our council is in good hands. Robert is among our youngest officers and with his wife Pauline and first born Aveline, are great caretakers for our council. Robert has contributed to our many events this past month, all while recording our meeting minutes, assisting with our newsletter, keeping his day job, and raising a family. Special thanks to Pauline for understanding the importance of his contributions.

FIRST IN LINE AWARD

Congratulations to Worthy Deputy Grand Knight and Golf Tournament Chairman Mark Garcellano who wins *First In Line Award* for being the first Officer to submit his article for this month's newsletter. Honorable mention goes to worthy Recorder and Assistant Editor Robert Park who came in a close second. Thank you!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 7:00pm

Msgr Van Antwerp Assembly 475 General Membership Meeting (In person and virtual)
Knights of Columbus Wyandotte Council, 3530 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte, MI 48192, USA
Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/96277365505?pwd=YmdJVGPtNFQ5R0ZKS0pvWlZQRzcxZ09>

Saturday, August 28, 2021 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Downriver K of C Family Picnic
Centennial Park, Grosse Ile, MI

Officers meeting (Tentative) Sunday, August 29, 2021

7:00 - 8:00 pm in Social Hall(In person and virtual).
Contact Grand Knight Bill Robert for confirmation

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

K of C Council 3956 Regular Business Meeting (St Pius Social Hall and Zoom)
14101 Superior St., Southgate, MI 48195

Fellowship meal served beginning at 6:00 pm. Business meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

Monday, September 6

Labor Day

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Awards Progress									
			Month to Date			Year to Date			
	Quota	Double Star Goal	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%
MBR	6	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	
INS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Membership Totals as of 8/1/2021:	
Associate Members:	74
Insurance Members:	37
Inactive Members:	5
TOTAL:	116
Honorary Members:	8
Honorary Life Members:	25
Exempt Members:	2



IN OUR PRAYERS:

It is with great sadness that we notify you of the passing of Brother Knight Bob Dorosz on July 23rd. He was a very active member of our Council for a long time, and he will be missed.

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

Linda Robert, Spouse of our GK Bill Robert who is recovering from knee surgery. Her second procedure is planned for October.
 Past Grand Knight Bob LaForest
 Margaret LaForest who lost her brother earlier this month
 Stephen Gall's friend Mike is still hospitalized but doing better.
 Usher Joe Hernandez
 Trustee David Hughes
 Kathrynne 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.



YEARS OF SERVICE

Congratulations to Brother Knights celebrating their membership anniversary in August:

- George Kotronis 26 years
- Gerald Gonyea 8 years
- Robert Munroe 6 years
- Alexander Brown 2 years

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

- Henry A Ibarra (August 4)
- John McFadden Jr. (August 5)
- Frank Allevato (August 10)
- Dennis Levko (August 11)
- Steven Crandall (August 13)
- Bruce Kresslien (August 25)
- GK William Robert (August 25)
- Craig McKinney (August 26)
- John Lazere Jr. (August 27)
- Dr. Stephen Gall (August 28)
- Happy Birthday to Elizabeth (Liz) Ridenour, wife of Larry Ridenour who celebrated her birthday of August 6th.



If there are any missing birthdays, anniversaries, wife birthdays or ordination anniversaries please send them to District Deputy and 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!



REFLECTION

"Make it easy on yourself." Those were some of the first words Tony Cerezo said to me as he handed me a well-worn binder with a pen, a tape recorder, and an Officer's jewel that we wear around our necks during meetings to denote our elected position. They were words of advice that I'm not sure he followed himself. He looked at me like he had done the job before, so I believed him. I got to know him at our monthly meetings and during K of C breakfasts after mass. I found out he previously held my post along with several others. He was the Financial Secretary when he died suddenly shortly before the beginning of quarantine. It's a job that requires taking on a lot of responsibility. He was a devoted husband and family man as well as an avid western gun competitor.

I don't know why he said those words, but I remember the look in his eyes. They were saying something different. They may have been saying, make this job easy on yourself because we're going to need you for a lot more. Or, make it easy on yourself when you're just starting out, you've got a lot of support from the men around you who've done this before.

His words were memorable because they were the opposite of the man I came to know through his service to the parish and the Knights. He was a fixture at every opportunity to help others. He took on extra roles and projects.

We live in a convenient world. Sometimes it seems like the slightest delay, an extra-long line, or a couple more days on an Amazon delivery is the most frustrating thing in our day. The Knights ask you to sacrifice some of that convenience in the service of your Church. It's not always an easy commitment. Family and work take up so much of our time. But, I promise you'll get to know some great friends along the way. They're men who don't just show up when it's convenient, they go the extra mile.

This Saturday we held the first annual Tony Cerezo Memorial Golf outing. I'm sure he was very proud as he smiled down from heaven and saw all the Knights who showed up to help out and honor his legacy.

Special thanks for Mark Garcellano and his family who really embodied Tony's can do attitude towards a challenging project the council hasn't taken on before. (*Robert Park, Assistant Editor*)

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Lord, lift me up for Your blessings today. I pray that you will anoint me with strength and self-care today, tomorrow, and always. I pray that You will grace me with patience and wisdom. I pray that You will encourage me throughout the day to take the correct steps to walk proudly, and behave well. I pray all of these things in Your name. Amen.

- Unknown

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May God Bless each one of us, our families and all others that we love with good health in body, mind and spirit.

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 District Deputy and Financial Secretary