

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

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GET INTO THE SWING!!!

Our first Annual O'Brien council Golf Outing, dedicated to the memory of Tony Cerezo is now weeks away. For those of you who enjoy Golf please purchase your tickets to this very special occasion. This event will raise funds for a host of programs to help the less fortunate in our community.

K of C GOLF EVENT DETAILS

What- 1st Annual Tony Cerezo Memorial Golf Outing

Where- Southgate Municipal- South Winds Executive Golf Course,
14600 Reaume Parkway, Southgate MI 48195

When- August 7, 2021 Rain or Shine

Check-in 7AM, Shotgun Start 8AM

Duration- approximately 3 hours and 15 minutes

Lunch at St. Pius X Social Hall immediately after the golf outing

14101 Superior, Southgate MI 48195

Starts approximately 11:30AM, Ends approximately 1:00PM

Why- Honor and Memorialize Tony Cerezo, Proceeds donated to K of C Community Charities

Costs- \$60 per player (lunch included) (Same cost for Golf with or without lunch)

\$20 (lunch only)

\$100 Hole Sponsorship

Tournament and Contest

1. 4 person scramble (best ball)
2. Putting contest at the turn
3. Vegas hole (Black Jack)
4. Longest drive hole 18th- (driver)
5. Straightest drive hole 1st- (driver)
6. Closest to the pin holes 2nd, 15th (2)- (putters)
7. 50/50 Raffle (\$2 each, \$5 for 3 tickets, \$10 for 6 tickets, \$20 for 13 tickets)
8. Tournament winner- K of C tournament champion trophy
9. Highest Score winner- Gag Gift

K of C GOLF EVENT DETAILS (Continued)

Volunteers

1. Golf Outing Chair- Mark Garcellano
 2. Golf Sponsor Chair- Robert Schooner
 3. 7AM Check-in Officials- Tony Chirco, Lauren Garcellano)
 4. Putter Contest Coordinator - NEED VOLUNTEER
 5. 50/50 Raffle Sales - NEED VOLUNTEER
 6. Black Jack Dealer for Vegas Hole (10th hole) - NEED VOLUNTEER
 7. BBQ Cooks- Lawrence Rossi, Richard Gregoire
 8. Cooks Helper / Servers- NEED TWO VOLUNTEERS
 9. Beverage Servers- Ray Bilyk, Jennifer Bilyk
 10. Set up- Robert Park, Mitchell Garcellano - NEED TWO MORE VOLUNTEERS
 11. Clean up - NEED FOUR VOLUNTEERS
 12. Photographer - NEED VOLUNTEER, photos to be displayed in Social Hall during lunch
- 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!

Start Up

1. Golf carts, total 26 carts, first 52 players can ride, more than 52 will walk
2. Check-in bag containing: granola bar/sleeve of balls/tees
 - K of C logo stickers for check-in bag donated by Paragraphix, tees donated by Fully Promoted, Golf accessories bag donated by Chirco Construction Company, Golf Program volunteered to be developed by Tony Chirco
3. Breakfast bag containing: Burrito, Juice, Apple, Napkin (Coffee available?)
4. Beverage cart will be available on the course

Lunch

1. Immediately following the tournament at St. Pius Social Hall.
2. Menu Suggested: Picnic food- burgers, chicken, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, salad, vegetable, assorted chips and snacks, pop, water, beer, condiments
3. May Need Grills and grillers.

Marketing Plan:

1. Hole Sponsorships- \$100 (Sign) Paragraphix \$15 per sign
2. Flyers in Church Bulletin and K of C Newsletter (Tony Chirco)
3. Flyers posted in other Councils/Assemblies (Mark Garcellano, Ray Bilyk)
4. Flyer posted at Southwinds (Mark Garcellano)
5. Church Sign and Facebook (Contact Brian Batko)
6. Southgate/Wyandotte Sign (Tony Chirco)

Thank you to the volunteers, sponsors and golfers for supporting this year's tournament.

Passing of PGK Frank Racano

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our fellow Brother Knight and Past Grand Knight Frank Racano. Frank relocated here from New York several years ago to care for his mother and had been experiencing his own health issues. He had been very active in many of our events. It was Frank who proposed our upcoming golf outing and dedication to the memory of Tony Cerezo. Please pray for him, his family, and particularly his mother.



THANK YOU FATHER SURESH

Father Suresh continues to be a good friend to our Knights of Columbus Council 3956 at St. Pius. He is in fact our Chaplin. Since coming to St. Pius X Catholic Church two years ago, he has been an outstanding spiritual leader. He has challenged us to be good citizens and Catholics. He has been there in each of our individual times of need.

As Pastor, Fr. Suresh has also worked diligently with our K of C council and other community members of the parish to install the electronic media sign at the front of the church; repaired the heating and cooling system; painted the church; replaced lights and windows in the Social Hall and is now in the process of having the kneeler cushions in the pews replaced.

At our recent meeting, as a demonstration of our appreciation, we presented him with a beautiful inscribed Cross which he immediately displayed on the altar. Thank you to Mark Garcellano and Brian Batko for taking the time and initiative to show Fr. Suresh our appreciation.



WELCOME OUR TWO NEWEST BROTHER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We are pleased to welcome Dave Kudla and Joe Youngs who recently joined our council of the Knights of Columbus. Dave is 56 years old and married to Valerie. Joe is also 56 and is married to Marcia. We are so glad you have joined us and we look forward to all the wonderful contributions you each will make to our community. Thank you and God's Blessing to you and your families!





AUGUST 4, 2021 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

THIS WILL BE A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING AS WE WILL BE MAKING FINAL ARRANGEMENTS THAT WILL BE CRITICAL FOR A SUCCESSFUL GOLF OUTING THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY!!!

What: General Membership Meeting

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

When: Wednesday, August 4, 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. We are asking each member to please join us.

EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONY HOSTED BY O'BRIEN COUNCIL WAS OUTSTANDING

After the 11:00 am morning mass on Sunday, June 27th, we were honored to host this exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity as we witnessed members of our own council as well as those from local chapters advanced to second and third degrees.

Brother Knights had the opportunity to have their family members present. It was quite an impressive event. District representatives included Tony Lalli and speakers included outgoing District Deputy Dominic Raona and in coming DD Ray Bilyk among others. Comments were favorable, particularly after over a year of either postponed or virtual events.



GRAND KNIGHT BILL ROBERT

I am very proud to have received a letter from our State Council recognizing our O'Brien Council as among the finest councils in Michigan. We are again a Star Council. A lot of the work in achieving this recognition goes to our Financial Secretary and District Deputy Ray Bilyk. I honestly don't know what I would do without him. Thank you to Mark Garcellano for chairing the Golf Tournament and Bob Schooner for working with the Hole Sponsors. Thank you also to Brian Batko who continues to host programs to build relationships with the community, including the upcoming Picnic in the Parking Lot and the music of John Tibbs. I am blessed with so many other friends who do so much for our council. You know who you are.

COMMUNITY and FINANCE DIRECTOR, DISTRICT DEPUTY RAY BILYK

On behalf of Worthy Grand Knight, congratulations to our newest members Dave Kudla and Joe Youngs. We are excited to have you and can't wait for you to share your talents with us.

The Supreme Council announced this new degree, called The Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, first introduced by Past Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson. Now candidates can reach full Knighthood in a single ceremony. I have announced to each of our district councils that they should plan to host an Exemplification each quarter. On this schedule, somewhere throughout the district, there will be one such meeting per month.

For those of you who can make it. There is a Region 5 Archdiocesan meeting on Monday July 12th at St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road in Canton. Dinner is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Exemplification begins at 7:00. For those responsible, please bring rosaries and 3rd Degree pins for candidates. Meeting will begin promptly after ceremony.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR BRIAN BATKO

Barbeque and Live Music of John Tibbs is coming to St. Pius on July 23, 2021. Enjoy Fellowship among family and friends. This will be a great evangelical event. Pray for good weather

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.

JOHN TIBBS CHRISTIAN CONCERT SCHEDULED FOR JULY 23, 2021



THIS IS GOING TO BE FUN!

Christian Artist, John Tibbs will perform for us once again. This is a FREE EVENT - Free Will Donations will be accepted. The Concert will be at the parish Parking Lot from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Bring lawn chairs, enjoy food prepared by our K of C members Bring friends and family. Special Thanks to Brian Batko for putting this event together for us. You can learn and listen to the music of John Tibb's at www.johntibbsmusic.com



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.



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

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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/>

Vacsino Bus Trip

*Casino Bus Trip for those who
have recieved COVID Vaccination*



- +MUST SHOW PROOF OF COVID VACCINATION
- +ONLY 50 SEATS AVAILABLE ON THE BUS
- +GAMES AND ACTIVITIES ON THE BUS
- +50/50 ON THE BUS
- +BEER FOR SALE ON THE BUS
- +PIZZA UPON RETURN TO THE COUNCIL

**COST:\$40 PER PERSON
RECIEVE:
\$20 FREE PLAY &
\$5 POINTS FOR FOOD**

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SATURDAY, AUG 21ST

DEPART AT 8:00AM

RETURN AT 4:00PM

DEPART FROM AND RETURN TO
ROBERT JONES K OF C COUNCIL
3078
3528 FORT ST
LINCOLN PARK, MI

PAY FOR TICKETS AT COUNCIL



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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Walt Kabalka

Can you believe this guy is in his Eighties? Full head of hair and he can run circles around most of us and he's sharp as a whip. Walt has been an outstanding Treasurer for many years. He is also active in the Fourth Degree. Long overdue and well deserved.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

The Kabalka Family

The generosity of the Kabalka's fruitfulness can be seen in works they do for our parish. Besides the Knights of Columbus, Walt and Myrna are involved in St. Vincent DePaul Society, the Usher's club, and been Eucharistic Ministers. I'm sure there are other things they've done to serve the church that I we don't know about.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, July 12, 6:00 pm

Knights of Columbus Detroit-West Archdiocesan Meeting

Wednesday, July 14, 7:00 pm

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)

Saturday, July 17, 9:00 am

Volunteer Opportunity - Gabriel Richard Student Center Clean-up

Friday, July 23, 6:00 pm

Community Barbeque and 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.

Tuesday, July 27, 7:00 pm

Msgr Van Antwerp Assembly 475 General Membership Meeting
(In person and virtual)

Saturday, July 31, 7:00 am

Making Breakfast for Robert Jones Council

Wednesday, August 4, 6:00 pm

K of C Council 3956 Regular Business Meeting (St Pius Social Hall and Zoom)

Saturday, August 7, 7:00 am

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IN OUR PRAYERS:

Special Prayers for the soul of PGK Frank Racano and keep his family in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen



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

Linda Robert, Spouse of our GK Bill Robert scheduled for knee surgery later in July

Past Grand Knight Bob LaForest

Usher Joe Hernandez

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.



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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:

- Robert LaForest 35 Years of Service
- Thomas Phillips 35 Years of Service
- George Kelly 26 Years of Service
- Kenneth Wagner 15 Years of Service
- Joseph Cassette 12 Years of Service
- Richard Gregoire 5 Years of Service
- Donald Mullins 4 Years of Service

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

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 Pekley (July 28)
- Joseph Cassette (July 30)
- Dennis Assenmacher (July 31)
- Bryan Hughes (July 31)



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Special congratulations to Walt and Myrna Kabalka who celebrated their 61st Wedding Anniversary on July 9th.

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



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FIRST IN LINE AWARD

Congratulations to Worthy Recorder and Assistant Editor Robert Park who was the first Officer to send his article for this month's newsletter. Robert joins other officers who stepped up first to do the same for previous issues, including DD Ray Bilyk, Program Director Brain Batko, DGK Mark Garcellano and GK Bill Robert. Thank you!



REFLECTION

Genesis 1:28, "God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground'".

Walt and Myrna Kabalka have been married 61 years. They have four great grandchildren with another on the way, ten grandchildren, and four living children. They are stalwarts of the St. Pius community. They are an excellent example of the strength of marriage and family. That is part of the reason why Walt was named Knight of the Month and the Kabalka Family was named family of the month.

An exemplification mass was held after the 11:00 mass on June 27th. We saw our ranks increase with a few new faces. Many times the thing that stands out is the "multiply" part of God's command to us. It is the easiest to see and quantify. Catholics are well known for having large families. If you're one of the new faces that have recently joined the K of C, we're delighted to welcome you. We also strongly encourage you to volunteer and jump into a project or committee in any way that you think will help out. *(Robert Park, Assistant Editor)*

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

God, our Father, I offer You my day. I offer You my prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys, and sufferings in union with the Heart of Jesus, who continues to offer Himself in the Eucharist for the salvation of the world. May the Holy Spirit, Who guided Jesus, be my guide and my strength today so that I may witness to your love. With Mary, the mother of our Lord and the Church, I pray for all Apostles of Prayer and for the prayer intentions proposed by the Holy Father this month. Amen. (Pope Francis)

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