

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

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SECOND ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

PASSING OF THE TORCH



BEST WISHES TO DOMINIC ROANO

We were surprised to receive notice from our District 105 Deputy Dominic Raona that he will be resigning his post to pursue a career move to Florida. DD Raona has been an outstanding partner to our council 3956 here at St. Pius. We wish Dominic and his wife Vanessa God's abundant blessings as they embark on a new chapter in their lives. Please look for an open message from our worthy District Deputy further into this newsletter.



CONGRATULATIONS TO RAY BILYK

The new District Deputy for District 105 is our own worthy Past Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and current District Warden Ray Bilyk. When news got out of his promotion to District Deputy, the accolades followed and well deserved. DD Raona referred to Ray as "totally capable and willing to work with all councils and continue the upward trend of this district". We could not agree more. Ray has been the anchor of this council for many years. On behalf of the council officers and brother knights we wish him well in his newest responsibility to the Knights of Columbus.



JUNE 2, 2021 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

The first meeting of the newly installed 2021-2022 Council Officers will be on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 in the Social Hall. An ambitious schedule is projected for the year ahead. Please join in a social hour beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. As we have done over the last several months, members may participate via zoom. To learn how to "Zoom" in, contact Brother Ray Bilyk at raybilyk@kofc3956.org

This coming year, one of our goals is to broaden our participation. We are asking each member to assist in one of our upcoming projects. There is a great deal we have to offer. We look forward to seeing you there!!



HERE ARE YOUR K OF C COUNCIL 3956 2021-2022 OFFICERS

Grand Knight	Bill Robert
Deputy Grand Knight	Mark Garcellano
Treasurer	Walt Kabalka
Chancellor	Dick Gregoire
Recorder	Robert Park
Advocate	Dave Sajdak
Warden	Larry Rossi
Inside Guard	Stephen Gall
Outside Guard	Nicola Vignola
1 Year Trustee	Francis Cuschieri
2 Year Trustee	Anthony Chirco
3 Year Trustee	Brian Batko
Chaplain	Rev. Suresh Rajaian SAC
Lecturer	Brian Batko

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

Dear Brother Knights, I was very thankful of all who attended and very impressed with the May crowning Tuesday May 4th. Thank you to everyone that made our Blessing of the Bikes a success! Under Brian Batko's leadership, we had 23 motorcycles for Father Suresh to bless.

I appreciated those who participated in a very successful Doughnut Sunday on May 16th. Dave Sajdak gave a very nice summary of our work at St. Pius Parish. I hope we are able to recruit many new members. It was a pleasure to work with such a caring and driven group of Knights!

Local councils of the Knights of Columbus will be walking in the Wyandotte Independence Day Parade, this year on Saturday, July 3rd and will carry a decade of the Rosary; I encourage our officers and membership to participate. Contact me for details at billrobert218@gmail.com

We have learned that we are losing our District Deputy Dominic to an opportunity for him and his family in Florida. As unfortunate as this is, it is not all bad news; our new District Deputy is a familiar face, a terrific person and a very hard worker, Ray Bilyk! Please join me in congratulating him and help support Ray in his new role.

We will still continue to collect cans and bottles for the seminarians. Robert Jones will collect them, or you can take them in and turn cash into Father Saylor. Contact Ray Bilyk for details at raybilyk@kofc3956.org

Sincerely,

Bill Robert
GK 3956



DIAMOND JACK BOAT TRIP IS BACK!

July 14th the Diamond Jack boat trip is back. Boarding begins at 7 pm. Pizza and snacks plus a cash bar. Because of the current Covid climate they are giving us the bigger boat, but with 200 people. Tickets will likely sell fast. The picnic will be on Saturday August 28th. Grosse Isle's Centennial Park. Food, Games, Bingo, and Raffles. More Details will follow at our next General Membership Meeting.

NEW KNEELERS FOR THE CHURCH ARE ORDERED COURTESY OF OUR K OF C COUNCIL

At our May 3 membership meeting, Fr. Suresh requested our investment into new kneelers throughout the church. The kneelers have lost their structural integrity and caused hardship to many of our church members over the past several years.

Fr. Suresh explained that the new foam is a composition that will not lose its elasticity for years to come. The total cost to the parish will be approximately \$12,500.00. A deposit is required of \$3,700.00 is necessary to place the order and it will take at the most, Eight weeks to receive. The Knights passed a motion to put up the deposit amount and use proceeds from our Charity Family Breakfast or Doughnut Sundays to replenish our account.

MOTORCYCLE BLESSING WAS A ROLLING TRIUMPH



Our St. Pius Knights of Columbus Motorcycle Blessing took place on Saturday morning, May 15, 2021. Beginning at 8:30 am, Breakfast Burritos were served. Approximately 30 riders came to have their bikes blessed, including members from the American Legion plus our local chapter of Knights on Bikes came to have their bikes blessed.

Thank you to Fr. Suresh for offering prayers and blessings to the bikers. Thanks to our brother knights who prepared the meals and assisted with the event. Special shout out to Trustee Brain Batko who planned the event, DD Ray Bilyk who assisted with the preparation of the event and Grand Knight Bill Robert who solicited help for the event.



GOLF OUTING UPDATE

My brother Knights and friends, we have a confirmed date for the 1st Annual Tony Cerezo Memorial Golf Tournament! It is scheduled Saturday morning, August 7, 2021, rain or shine. In order to make this a successful event, I am asking for your help. I am in need of volunteers for this event. I am in need of a 50/50 raffle sales person, a putting contest coordinator, a black jack dealer, lunch setup, lunch cleanup and more.

You can sign up 2 ways. The first way is online through Signup Genius.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c49a4a623a3f85-first>.

The second way is through a sign-up sheet in the St. Pius X Usher room. You do not have to be a Knight to volunteer. All are welcome! We hope you will enjoy lunch and mingle with the Knights and guests.

We plan to introduce the Project committee members and board members, and announcing winners during the meals. Winners are proposed to include Best Putter, Longest Drive, Straightest Drive, and Closest to the Pin. Wrapping things up by 1pm. \$60.00 for golf and lunch and \$20.00 for lunch only. Sponsorship for a hole is \$100.00

Flyers and Sponsorship Forms will be delivered to other councils, published in this newsletter and in the bulletin. Phyllis Cerezo will be our special guest since we are naming our first Golf Outing in memorial of her husband Tony.

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, and Judges

CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED: Cash Donations, Breakfast Bag Items (Granola Bars, Sleeve of Balls, etc.), Beverages (Water, Coffee, and Sodas), and Snacks at turn Lunch (Burgers, Chicken, Sausage, Beans, Potatoes, Salad) Holes Sponsors, Trophies, Prizes (Putters, Drivers, etc.)

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

Please help us with an early start. As we get closer to the date, more details will follow. We are in need of volunteers starting now to get the word out.

Respectfully Submitted - Mark Garcellano, Chairman



Knights of Columbus Bernard P. O'Brien Council #3956
1st Annual Anthony "Tony" Cerezo Memorial Golf Outing
Golf: 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

<https://www.kofc3956.org/golfouting/>

Golf and Lunch: \$60

Lunch only: \$20

Hole Sponsorship: \$100

HOLE SPONSORSHIP FORM

Please note on check: Hole Sponsor

NAME:

NAME ON SIGN:

COMMENTS: _____

JOHN TIBBS CHRISTIAN CONCERT SCHEDULED FOR JULY 23, 2021

CHRISTIAN MUSIC TO FEED YOUR SOUL!!

Popular Christian Artist, John Tibbs, a friend of our St. Pius School and Parish will be performing for us once again. This is a FREE EVENT - Free Will Donations will be accepted. Spread the Word!

The Concert is planned to be in our Parking Lot from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy some food prepared by our Knights of Columbus to fill your stomach and some Christian music to feed your soul! Food will be served outside behind the social hall and inside the activity center if it rains. Bring along friends and family. This will be a kid friendly event.



CONCERTS DETAILS

5:30- 7:00pm BBQ - Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips and Beverages

7:00 - 8:00pm - John Tibbs - Popular Christian Artist and a friend of St Pius who's performed in our church and for our students in the activity center. Check John's music out at www.johntibbsmusic.com

CATHOLIC MEN (17-1/2 and older) INVITED JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPCOMING EXEMPLIFICATION - SUNDAY, JUNE 27TH

Here is the last chance of the fraternal year to bring your new members into The Order with a live exemplification. The Exemplification will take place shortly following the 11:00 am Mass at **St. Pius X Church, 14101 Superior Street, Southgate.** Plan on attending Mass or arrive by noon for the 12:10 start of the Exemplification.

The Exemplification should take no longer than 35-40 minutes, depending on how many candidates participate. Families and parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend! Contact your Council Grand Knight, Financial Secretary or Membership Director

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

My Brother Knights and Council Leaders,

It is with bittersweet sadness that I announce the resignation of my position as District Deputy for the State of Michigan's District 105. I have accepted a position for a new job in a new career and it will be taking Vanessa and me to Florida.

I want to thank each one of you who have helped to make District 105 **THE BEST** district in the State of Michigan. I do not say that lightly. Our District under your leadership has had the most membership growth, earning our District the prestigious **DOUBLE STAR DISTRICT!** This is not easy in any year, more less a year of a pandemic; when councils struggled terribly with The Covid that ran rampant in our larger councils, with many members extremely sick and some brothers and officers losing their battle from the virus and its complications.

As Catholic men and leaders of your councils, you have done what the State Deputy has asked of you, "you rose up, and answered the call". Your councils' strong programs like Leave No Neighbor Behind had many of you answering the call of the community and your parishes. Other strong programs plus our two district-wide Fraternal Benefits Night, have earned each one of our four councils Star Council Award, and after final tallying may even earn Double Star Council in our two largest councils!

The leaders of Robert Jones Council 3078 and Monsignor Champion Council 2819 worked hard and diligent to work out a merger of their two councils; a feat that was talked about for many years. I have witnessed the tighter bond of faith that our Order was established on, grow stronger in all our councils with the help of your faithful men. I am so proud of all the work we accomplished together.

Although I am sad to leave you, I feel truly blessed to have gotten to know so many of you, work with you and grow with you! Friendships in the Knights of Columbus are priceless, and I will treasure each of you with all my memories of the years. You all have given me so many reasons to look back and smile.

I was fortunate to have succeeded so many fine Former District Deputies who have served this District. With that, I want to announce that our State Deputy Walter Winkle has concurred with me, that my successor be our District Warden Ray Bilyk. I know you all know Ray as he has been to your meetings. He is totally capable and willing to work with all of you and continue the upward trend of this district. I will let the new DD Ray introduce himself with all his qualifications when the time is right.

In closing, I just want to say how proud I am to be a Knight of Columbus. I am proud to have served my Bishop Foley Council 2660 as Grand Knight for 5 years and sad to have only served as District Deputy for one. The friendships I have made throughout the state in this Order are countless. I would strongly encourage any Brother Knight who is reading this, to take a leadership role in your council and possibly beyond. The rewards are endless!

God bless you all and forever

Vivat Jesus
Dominic Raona FDD, PGK



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Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/kofc3956 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notification



The banner features the Knights of Columbus logo on the left, which includes a shield with a cross and a sword. To the right of the logo, the text reads "Knights of Columbus®". Below the logo, it says "Visit kofc.org/joinus use Promo Code **MCGIVNEY2020**". Further down, it states "Now through June 30, 2021 enter code **MCGIVNEY2020** for **FREE** first year membership." On the right side of the banner, it says "Fr. McGivney Beatification Celebration!" and "Become an Online Member for **FREE**.*". Below that, it says "Preferred Council # 3956". On the far right, there is a photograph of a man in a dark blue t-shirt and cap, looking down at something in his hands.

FREE online membership promotion has been EXTENDED UNTIL June 30, 2021!!

BECOME AN ONLINE MEMBER FOR FREE!*

Through June 30th, enter Promo Code **MCGIVNEY2020** for 12 months of free membership

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Richard Gregoire is our May, 2021 Knight of the Month. He has always been active far beyond what is expected. He has participated and contributed to every event the knights have chosen to be involved with. Richard is an ongoing example of what a dedicated knight and catholic man can be.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

Fr. Suresh was to visit his family in India this month. Due to the surge in Covid cases, his trip was postponed. He certainly deserved the time he was to spend with his family, and they certainly deserved to be together with him. For that reason, they were selected as the family of the month. Our wishes for God's blessings and our prayers for good health are extended to them.



FOURTH DEGREE REPORT

Congratulations to Mark Garcellano, elected Faithful Captain

Upcoming Events:

- 6/22/21- Memorial Mass, 7PM-8PM, @ K of C Wyandotte, 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.

MESSAGE BOARD



- Spelling bee had participation from the two winners who traveled to Utica. One of the Spelling Bee winners advanced to the next round and then to the State competition. Our free throw local winner did not progress.
- Mackinac convention has been cancelled. State council will not have a live living rosary, at Mackinac. There will be a living rosary in front of the State capital.
- Bob Bailey as Life director recommended that we announce that parishioners who would like to bring diapers bring them to the next Doughnut Sunday for right to life.
- We still need to repair the wall behind the building we own. Anyone who can help, please contact yours truly at prdirector3956@gmail.com.
- We highly 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

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Memorial Mass, 7PM-8PM, @ K of C Wyandotte, dinner after Mass

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

Monday, May 31, 2021

Memorial Day

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

K of C Council 3956 Regular Business Meeting

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

Sunday, June 20, 2021

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

- Christian Abello (May 3)
- Dennis Hamilton (May 3)
- Frank Kootsillas (May 3)
- Steven Minella (May 6)
- Bruce Presutti (May 6)
- Timothy Jones (May 10)
- Alexander Brown (May 16)
- Gilbert Ortiz (May 19)
- Guy Vitale (May 20)
- Harold Paddock (May 23)
- Patrick Phillips (May 23)
- **Father Suresh Rajaian (May 24)**
- Val St. German (May 26)



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. John and Valerie Husar who celebrated their 46th Wedding Anniversary on May 6th

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

Past Grand Knights Bob LaForest and Frank Racano
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)
Jim Pies-Former District Deputy
Saylor Council Grand Knight Joe Martinez with Covid.

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.

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

Are we there yet?? Think about where we were this time last year, in terms of the pandemic. It was, to say the least, depressing. Sickness and death, if not in our midst, was for sure all we heard from our government, social media and the news.

Here we are now seeing signs of life getting somewhat back to normal. The Covid 19 virus is not gone, but at least it is not nearly as bad as it was. We are anticipating a relaxing of the mask mandates and soon family gatherings, social and public events will return. This is happening, by the grace of God and answered prayers. The vaccine arrived remarkably quickly, again, by the grace of God. Keep Praying. Don't let up. It's our most powerful defense to whatever may be challenging us in our lives.

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endures forever...Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses...He makes the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still...The righteous shall see it, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth...Who so is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

(Excerpts from Psalm 107)

Vivat Jesus

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