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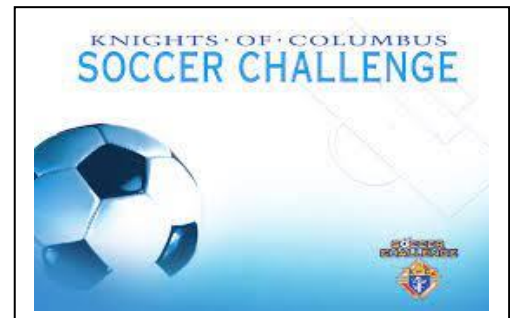
Newsletter

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GOOOAAALLL!!!



The St. Pius challenge was held on Sunday, September 12 at the Fr. Bob McCabe Athletic Field. According to event organizer Mark Garcellano, children of the same family, from Nigeria each won the competition for their age group: Nine year old Uzo Ukegbu scored 105 points and achieved the highest score. Eleven year old Chiedozi Ukegbu scored 85 points and Oluchi Ukegbu scored 80 points. All are students of St. Pius. From here, the children will compete to a district event or move on the Regional Competition on September 25 at Our Lady of the Lakes, 5481 Dixie Hwy, Waterford

DONUT SUNDAYS AND RECRUITMENT DRIVE



Our first Doughnut Sunday of the season is after each Sunday mass, September 19, 2021 in the Social Hall. This will also be Recruitment Drive. Your participation is needed and much appreciated. We ask that members that have joined over the last several years be there to show your pride.

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OCTOBER 6, 2021 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

There are quite a few projects coming up, including Soccer Challenge, Catholic Citizens Essay Contest, Chili Cook Off, Keep Christ in Christmas, Free Throw Championship, Coats for Kids, Spelling Bee and Hockey Challenge is planned as well. We need your help. I assure you, it will be very rewarding. We particularly encourage members that joined in the last few years and those who were at one time active to come back.

What: General Membership Meeting
Where: St. Pius Social Hall, Across the corridor from Church
When: **Wednesday, October 6, 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.

A MESSAGE FOR OUR GRAND KNIGHT BILL ROBERT

There are a number of reasons why we consider going down a path in life. Will I be recognized as a person? Will it help me financially? What will I get out of it? Well, joining the Knights of Columbus, for me was redirecting purpose in my life. I knew I was retiring in about a year and the customer visits and Trade Association activities were winding down. I needed to begin giving back to my community and Parish. While taking my Mom and Mother in Law to church, I met a couple of Ushers that asked me if I would be interested in becoming a Knight. My first few encounters with these Ushers was that I was just too busy at work and home right now. But on reflection, my wife pointed out that I had time to attend a meeting once a month and help on a Sunday if needed, for breakfast help.

I said yes to the jolly smiling usher. Little did I know, he was the Grand Knight, It was quick to go through the exemplification process to become a full knight, I met two other individuals that joined with me who have become very close friends. I have enjoyed helping the number of people the K of C charities support. Being an active member has helped me grow in my faith and filled a need of being part of something much greater than myself.

Being a Knight demands as much time as you want to give. Whether it is helping at one event per month or just showing up at our business meeting to voice your opinion on proposed projects. It's up to you! I do know that you will not meet a nicer group of Catholic guys trying to help their neighbors.

A while ago, our Council selected a Seminarian, Lizandro Barba to receive donation from our council as part of the Knights of Columbus RSVP program, to assist with his studies and expenses. This Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. we will be presenting a \$500.00 check to Lizandro at St. Pius. He has been very busy and accepts our donation stating “I appreciate the check as well as all the Knights do for me, the seminary, and the Body of Christ”. We invite and encourage all officers to attend the presentation and get acquainted with this impressive young man.

Knights of Columbus



FREE COATS FOR KIDS!!!!!!!!!!

Where: Most Holy Trinity Church

1050 Porter St, Detroit MI 48226

When: Saturday, October 30th 2021

Time: 11 am to 2 pm

Coat Sizes: Boys and Girls size 4 to Teen size XL

**Sponsored by Michigan Knights of Columbus
And Ste Anne Council 8697**

**CHILD MUST BE PRESENT AND ACCOMPANIED BY AN
ADULT
SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE ENFORCED
MASKS REQUIRED For UNVACCINATED**



SPELLING BE UPDATE - DISTRICT DEPUTY AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY, RAY BILYK

This just in from Michael Haughey, State Community Director: The Michigan Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee (Dates, locations, updated form, etc. COUNCIL 3956 - This will change the discussion with St. Pius School with respect to timing for the Council level event!

Worthy District Deputies,

The State Spelling Bee Final is scheduled for March 13th in Essexville. Hopefully there will be no need to delay, as there was this past fraternal year due to covid restrictions.

New word lists for 2021-2022 should be posted on our website within a week or so. Councils can conduct their spelling bees anytime for the remainder of the calendar year. Please check with your Diocesan Program Directors in the coming weeks for the dates of the diocesan events. These diocesan competitions should be held in January or February of 2022.

As a reminder, council winners and up to three runners up from each of the two age groups are eligible to participate in the diocesan competition. From the diocesan competition, the winner and runner up for each age group are eligible for the state competition. The rules are available on our state website. Thank you.



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL, STUDENTS AND STAFF

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, we the Knights of Columbus Council 3956 are committed to assisting them with many of the programs planned by Principal Kathleen England and her staff. Our first event of this new school year was the Soccer Challenge. Thank you to Mark Garcellano, his family and his brother knights who helped organize the event.

RIGHT TO LIFE

Please stay up to date by visiting the Michigan website for Right to Life at <https://rtl.org>. During this pandemic, let's not forget the unborn. We encourage brother Knights, family and friends to continue to pray and stay active regarding the Born Alive Abortion concern.

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)



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-Installation of officers is on September 28, 2021.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT MARK GARCELLANO

Being a 4th degree Knight of Columbus earns the title of Sir Knight. Furthermore, it provides the opportunity to join the Color Corps and wear the uniform of the Knights of Columbus. However, being a 4th degree Knight is much more than that, it is for the Knights who have chosen to embrace the Order's 4th principle of Patriotism. The Patriotic Degree encourages Knights to have loyalty to both God and country. Being a Knight gives us the advantage of having a moral compass to guide us. It also means, you are a Knight of the highest rank, and therefore you are a leader within the Church, within the Assembly, within the Council, within your family. Being a good leader means leading by example and exemplifying all degrees of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Good leaders mentor and teach others to become future leaders so they too reach their full potential. The world, our country, and our local community are in dire need of more good leaders. These new leaders who should have traits of integrity, self-discipline, accountability, empathy, honesty, respect, courage, and vision.

The Bernard P. O'Brien Council 4th Degree Knights belong to the Monsignor Van Antwerp Assembly #475. The Assembly is located in the Wyandotte, Michigan in the same hall as the Wyandotte Knights of Columbus Council #1802. The Assembly meets once a month on the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 PM. If you are a Third Degree Knight who is interested in advancing to the 4th Degree, please see myself or the Grand Knight, Bill Robert and we can begin the process.

Mark Garcellano, DGK



WELCOME OUR TWO NEWEST BROTHER KNIGHTS: MARIO AND GIUSEPPE PASCUCCI!

We are pleased to welcome Mario and Giuseppe to our Council of the Knights of Columbus. You will recall these gentlemen were the craftsmen who rebuilt the long needed wall behind our property on Dix-Toledo. We are so excited to have men of their skill and honesty join us! Mario and Giuseppe are father and son who are great examples of sharing their God given gifts to help "rebuild" the structure of our community. We look forward to getting to know them as brother knights. Thank you and God's Blessing to you and your families!



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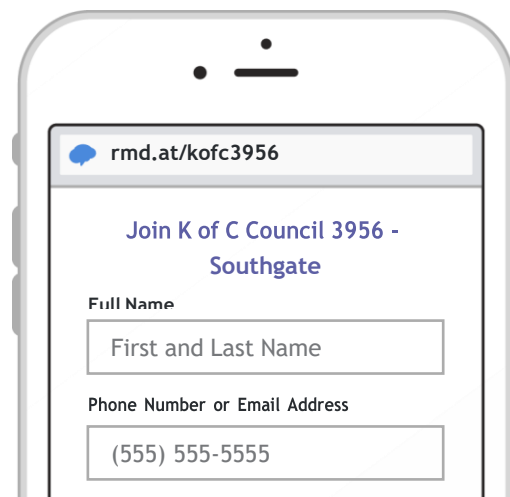
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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Robert (Bob) Schooner

Congratulations to Bob for being recognized as our September Knight of the Month. Since joining our council, Bob has been relentless in his dedication to family and community. Bob has served as Deputy Grand Knight, Retention Chairman, Usher, and Hole Sponsor Chairman for our First Annual Golf Tournament. Bob achieved 100% of the sponsorship.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

The Ray Bilyk Family

Ray and his wife Jennifer, along with their children continue to be an instrumental part of each of our many projects. Ray is our new District Deputy, he is our council's Financial Secretary and has been our Community Director. Jennifer is not just a patient wife, but a partner with Ray and all that he does for this and other local councils. This past month was extra busy for this council and the Bilyks helped us reach and exceed our goals.

FIRST IN LINE AWARD

Congratulations to Worthy Grand Knight Bill Robert for getting his message to his brother Knights ahead of the crowd and winning the *First In Line Award*. *Worthy Recorder and Assistant Editor Robert Park and Deputy Grand Knight Mark Garcellano receive honorable mentions for submitting their articles soon after*. Thank you!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 19, 2021

Donut Sunday after every mass in Social

Tuesday, September 28, 2021 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Msgr Van Antwerp Assembly 475 Installation of Assembly Officers

Knights of Columbus Wyandotte Council, 3530 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte, MI 48192

Sunday, October 3, 2021 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Faith in Action: Life - Life Saver Drive (after all Masses)
and

Faith in Action: Life - LIFE CHAIN MICHIGAN - Southgate 2:00pm - 3:30pm
Fort St (M-85) & Eureka Rd, Southgate, MI, 48195, United States

Officers meeting (Tentative) October 3, 2021

7:00 - 8:00 pm in Social Hall(In person and virtual).

Contact Grand Knight Bill Robert for confirmation

Monday, October 4

Feast of St Francis of Assisi

Wednesday, October 6, 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 4819

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

Friday, October 8 - Sunday October 10, 2021

Fall M.I. Drive Weekend aka Tootsie Roll Drive

MESSAGE BOARD

- Our First Annual Golf Tournament generated modest profit, which was an unexpected pleasant surprise. Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle went to Right to Life, which was Tony and Phyllis Cerezo's favorite charity.
- November 13rd, Our 2nd annual Chili cookoff.
- Desert meal coming up. Planned for the weeks following Superbowl Sunday. More details to follow as event gets closer.
- Congratulations to Dr. Stephen Gall, who has accepted the position as new community director. Stephen will be working with community partners, particularly St. Pius School.
- Upcoming officers meeting to discuss the possibility of building teams within the council to build relationships for the benefit of encouraging current members to be more active in fund raising and community events.
- Invitation to the membership to bring forward new ideas for new and existing projects.
- Next Parade Thanksgiving weekend in Wyandotte on November 11th. Last parade on July 3rd was a good turnout with Papal Flag and others displayed. There was a living rosary.
- 4th degree is trying to raise funds with charity poker tournament. Run by a 3rd party company. Need to find a new company to administer the tournament.
- Coats for Kids distribution on October 30th in Detroit. Please note the new location. I hope all of your Councils can participate and even consider joining us in Detroit to help distribute the coats!



IN OUR PRAYERS:

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.
- Past Grand Knight Bob LaForest
- Stephen Gall's friend.
- Kathyne Robert, Niece of Grand Knight Bill Robert
- Emily Foster, Daughter of Chancellor Richard Gregoire
- Dan McGuire and his mother

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 the following Brother Knights celebrating the anniversary of their membership to the Knights of Columbus O'Brien Council #3956 in September:

- John S. Molnar (September 1) 49 Years of Service
- Edward D. Stol (September 1) 44 Years of Service
- Rev. Suresh Rajaian (September 12) 11 Years of Service
- Robert M. Liddle (September 17) 6 Years of Service
- John G. Husar Jr. (September 21) 21 Years of Service
- John G. Husar (September 25) 21 Years of Service

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

- George S. Kotonis (September 4)
- Cary J. Polaski (September 5)
- Sam S. Lamb (September 8)
- Daryl E. Kilka (September 9)

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

September means the start of school. For St Pius X we are beginning a new journey with a new principal Kathleen England. The O'Brien council is hoping to provide even more support for principal England than we did for Principal Seward. We have a unique opportunity to help the dedicated teachers and support staff of St Pius. It's their vocation to guide the children of the parish in our faith. It is our duty to help them in any way we can.

I attended St Pius for a short time. Many of the officers trusted their children to be educated here. I expect to send my daughter to St Pius School. It's a special place where the foundation of faith can be established. We all know someone who was profoundly influenced by their religious education. But, it's continued existence isn't guaranteed. Think of how many local schools have closed. The national numbers of Catholic schools have been on a downward trend for decades. We can stand by and watch as more schools close, or we can be stewards of this tradition. If you have an idea, offer it up at the next meeting. Say yes the next time Grand Knight Bill Robert asks for help with a soccer tournament, free throw contest, essay contest, or spelling bee. *(Robert Park, Assistant Editor)*

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

As the new school year begins, our hearts and minds focus on the young children.

Almighty father in heaven, I ask for your strong arms of protection to be around our children; that they may be held safely within your love. Fill their days and nights with hope and joy fill their hearts and minds with your truth and light. We trust in you. Amen.

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May God Bless each one of us, our families and all others in need of our prayers 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