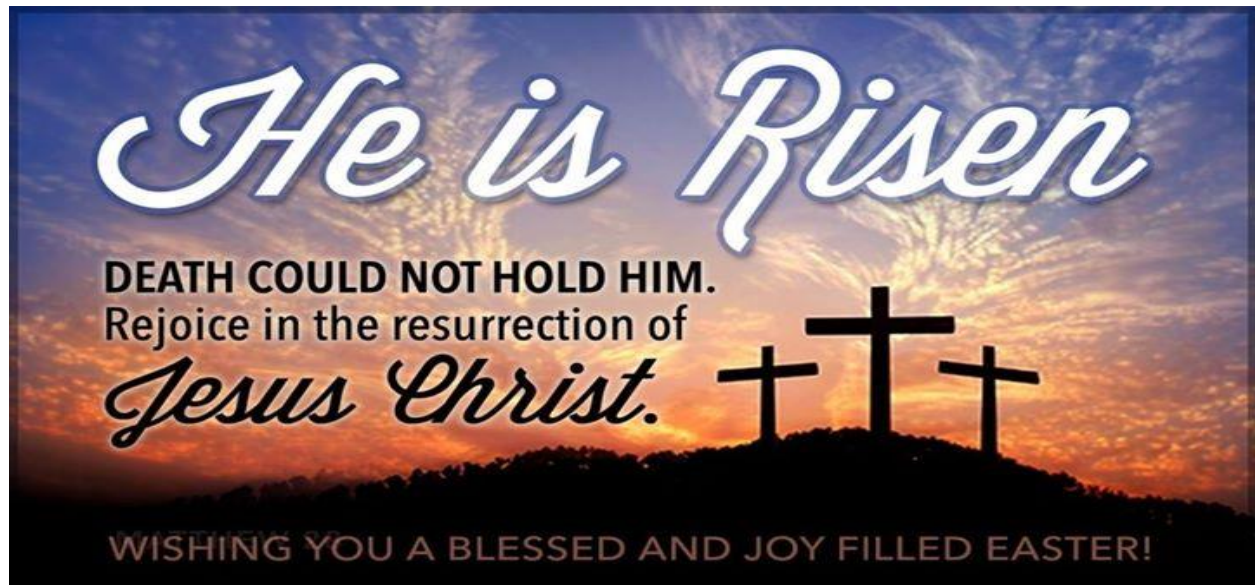


# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

St. Pius X, Southgate, Michigan Issue #36

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Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28: 18 - 20



## WE ARE ON A ROLL!

This Palm Sunday Weekend, look for us at the intersection of Eureka and Dix-Toledo and after masses as we raise money for Special Olympics and persons with special needs.

Our Goal is to raise \$1000.00. Saturday, we again witnessed the generous support and by days end raised over \$450.00. With support of our brother knights and community, we expect to reach our goal.



#### DAVE'S LAST HURRAY

Please join us for coffee and donuts after masses on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> as we bid farewell to our beloved Donut Chairman Dave Sajdak as he retires to Florida. Over many years of unselfish generosity of his time and energy, Dave has been instrumental in chairing our Doughnut Sundays and more importantly, recruitment of many of the knights that contribute tirelessly for the benefit of those less fortunate than ourselves.

#### GRAND KNIGHT BILL ROBERT REPORT

The success of the bottle and can drive for Seminarians continues. \$7,000 worth of cans have been collected to date at Robert Jones Council. Barrel is located just inside council building. Donations can now be dropped off at both the Robert Jones Council at 3528 Fort Street in Lincoln Park and the Wyandotte Council at 3530 Biddle Avenue.

The Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner went well. After expenses, we raised \$250.00. We plan to invite people to attend Good Friday Services for their spiritual enrichment.

May Crowning of Mary on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Grand Knight will do the actual Crowning and we will do the flower presentation.

The Boat Trip on our Detroit River will soon be returning for the summer.

Received a letter from Sacred Heart Seminary- Gifted them \$3,000. We received a thank you note from Family of Bob Dorosz who had been in our prayers for many months. His family made \$150.00 donation to the K of C in his memory.

I am very please at the turn out of our April 6<sup>th</sup> general membership meeting and to the gentlemen who nominated and accepted positions to our upcoming board of officers. I look forward to working with many new faces as I step aside as Past Grand Knight yet remain active accepting another position on this board.

Our Tootsie Roll Drive looks to be another success, thanks to the many drivers who gave enthusiastically to assist the needs of charities such as Special Olympics. Larry and Glenda Rossi who have been tremendous as the worked with the City of Southgate to allow us to solicit for this very necessary cause.

Finally, thank you to Dave Sajdak as he hosts his final Doughnut Sunday and passes on the baton. Dave has done a great job noy just hosting and promoting these great social opportunities, but as a fantastic Recruitment Chairman. Thank you, Dave.

## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT MARK GARCELLANO REPORT

In our ongoing commitment to our support St. Pius X School, the Knights of Columbus have been coordinating Faith in Action Programs with the school. This year's school events include:

1. KofC Soccer Challenge
2. KofC Spelling Bee
3. KofC Free Throw Contest
4. KofC support of the Trunk or Treat Event

The support and relationship with the school is strengthening. An example of this is when the school supported the Knight's Coats for Kids Program and donated new coats, backpacks and a check for \$1437. This support was on the school's own accord and own initiative.

Our last event for this school year is to support the Field Day, the Knights are planning to help by running some of the field day games. If anyone is interested with helping out St. Pius X School Field Day, please contact Robert Park.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Regards,

Mark Garcellano, DGK  
KOC Bernard P. O'Brien Council #3956  
734-968-6900[markgarcellano@yahoo.com](mailto:markgarcellano@yahoo.com)

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND TRUSTEE BRIAN BATKO REPORT

Desert Meal Recap-Jeff Gilliam PGK was very helpful. Just over 200 people attended. We previous raised \$11,000 with over 400 attendees. This year, with 200 people, over \$10,000 was raised. Got approximately 10 Seminarians. Special thanks to Worthy Insurance agent who purchased 2 tables. Cross Council support and fellowship was strong as with previous Desert Meals and it was good to see a return to form.

We are planning our annual Motorcycle Blessing for May 14th. More details will follow. We are considering another Christian Music event. More information regarding these and other activities, dates and venues will be forth coming on our website, Facebook, and Newsletter.

Breakfast Burritos will be on the menu again for Motorcycle Blessing Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am. We look forward to another great turn out. Let's pray for nice weather!

Recap of Fellowship meeting. Had approx. 32-33 people. Good to get off-site, a lot of good feedback attended by Knights and their wives.





### DESERT MEAL RECAP

Ten Seminarians mingled, dined, and shared their experiences with over 200 people who helped raise \$10,100.00 towards a planned pilgrimage to the Eternal City, Rome Italy. A lot of help was received from district councils. Special thanks to Brian Batko and Ray Bilyk who did much of the preparation for the event at Arnaldo's in Riverview. Also, Jeff Gilliam and Worthy Insurance agent Tom Jackson for selling tickets and purchasing tables.



### DECLINE SIGN!

Please be aware that there is a pro-abortion petition circulating in our state that would enshrine abortion as a constitutional right in our state. Obviously, I expect that none of our pro-life friends would intentionally sign such a petition. But please be aware that this is out there and help educate others so that they too will know to oppose this petition by *not signing*.



**Decline to sign petition circulated by Reproductive Freedom for All.**

**Among other dangerous consequences, this ballot initiative will result in:**

- ✓ Forced tax-payer funding of abortion-on-demand
- ✓ Teen abortions without parental knowledge
- ✓ Schools to provide contraceptives without parental knowledge
- ✓ Unsanitary clinics with no regulations and licensing
- ✓ Unregulated abortions by non-doctors
- ✓ Elimination of 25 health and safety laws
- ✓ Viable unborn children aborted due to denial of medical care
- ✓ Increased late term and partial birth abortions

Decline to Sign



## WORTHY DISTRICT DEPUTY RAY BILYK REPORT

We are at the 50-yard line and on our way to a membership drive touch down! Three new brother knights have joined our council, three more to go to reach our “quota” goal. As we have said, every member is part of our recruitment committee. It's really important to meet our quota and bring in more active members!!!

Please sign up to help sell Michigan K of C State Charity Raffle Tickets after masses and other venues. Tickets are only \$5.00 and \$1.00 from every ticket we sell goes towards the St. Pius School Scholarship. Our goal is to sell 500 tickets. Please see flyer within this newsletter for more information about the raffle.

I would like the Council to discuss hosting Delta Membership Drives in April, May, and June!

We have a LIVE Exemplification planned for St. Pius on Sunday, June 26th, plus we can do it at any time (since I have all the equipment needed.)

There is great on demand training and materials available from Supreme on this:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/webinars/091621.html>

There is even help from our own State Council (including a very useful checklist and pulpit announcements):

<https://mikofc.org/resources/delta-drive>

Please contact me regarding the following opportunity!

***FREE MEMBERSHIP (for the 1<sup>st</sup> year) EXTENDED UNTIL JUNE 30, 2022, WITH THE PROMO CODE MCGIVNEY2020. Make sure you give the candidate this information:***

- *I am interested in joining a local council = **Click checkbox & enter 3956***
- *How did you hear about us? = **Select K OF C MEMBER & enter PROPOSER MEMBERSHIP NUMBER (found on proposer membership card)***

Vivat Jesus!

**Ray Bilyk**

**#105 - Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus**

Southgate, MI - [raybilyk@kofc3956.org](mailto:raybilyk@kofc3956.org) - [DD105@mikofc.org](mailto:DD105@mikofc.org)

## TREASURER WALT KABALKA REPORT

Our Tenant has requested that the driveway in need of repair be paved. We have received four bids and accepted the best proposal from Al's Paving.

The tenant had spoken to Walt about its repair before signing the newest lease.

If any members of our council either work in the trades or have recommendation for professional they would recommend, please provide us with those names and contact information for future needs.



**DEACON CHUCK**

### **SPRING IS IN THE AIR**

He is risen! So, we sing at this time of year. Easter is a joyous time of renewal in the hope of eternal life. Death concurred; Darkness overcome. We feel it in our hearts as surely as we feel it in the air as surely as winter's chill is slowly replaced by spring's warmth. All around us things are budding and greening up.

As our world in the north opens up to new life, we too should consider opening up our lives to being the Catholic men that we are noted for; renewing what made us become Knights in the first place.

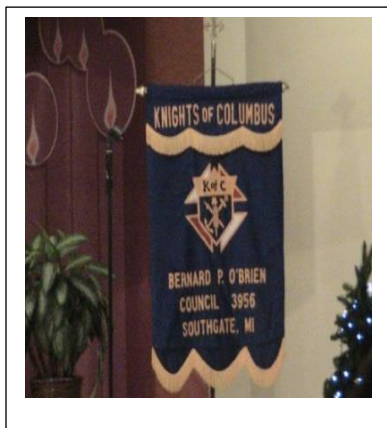
If it was comradery, then reengaging in fellowship by coming to the monthly meetings is a good start. Like new plants in the garden, there are new faces in the council as well as familiar ones too. So come out and smell the roses.

If it was helping to making the community a better place to live, there is a project with your name on it. The O'Brien K of C has many activities. Like a hive, it is alive. The fruits of its labor and sweetness of its honey makes St. Pius a great parish and Southgate a better place.

Brothers, let us emerge from the cocoon of COVID and show the world our true colors. It is also our time to rise to embrace life once more. To take in the beauty of God's creation. I look forward to seeing you along the way.

Vivat Jesus,  
Deacon Chuck

**\*\*ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT OUR NEXT 7:00 PM MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022\*\***



### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS MAY 4, 2022**

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

**What:** Second Nomination and Election of Officers.  
Discussion of upcoming events.

**When:** Wednesday, May 4, 2022

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



#### Upcoming Events:

General Assembly Meetings- 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM - 8:00PM @ Wyandotte K of C.  
4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification scheduled throughout the year. For more information, please call Mark Garcellano at 734-968-6900 ([markgarcellano@yahoo.com](mailto:markgarcellano@yahoo.com))

#### FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

##### FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO STILL OWE DUES:

There are still some members in arrears. There are several ways you can pay your dues:

- Send your payment (made out to KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 3956) to me at 15728 James St, Southgate, MI 48195-1313
- Pay online using your credit card (for a small fee) by going to <https://www.kofc3956.org/pay-dues/>
- Arrange for pickup or drop-off by email [raybilyk@kofc3956.org](mailto:raybilyk@kofc3956.org) or phone 313-247-2110

We not only do not want to lose you as a member. If you are having problems paying contact me by email or phone and we can work out a plan or some other arrangement.

Ray Bilyk, DD  
Financial Secretary

#### KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The April 2022 Knight of the Month is awarded to Larry “Ironman” Rossi.

Larry has been an active K of C Officer who regularly attends meetings, leads the Knights “Usher Team”. Thank you, Larry, for your dependable support and leadership of KOC events! Congratulations!

#### FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

The April 2022 Family of the Month is awarded to Larry and Glenda Rossi.

Larry and Glenda lead the annual Knights of Columbus O’Brien council Tootsie Roll Drive for the Mentally Impaired. Thank you, Larry and Glenda, for your leading the K of C Tootsie Roll Drive for the Mentally Impaired!



## MESSAGE BOARD

The following brother have been nominated and accepted positions on our upcoming board of officers. Elections will be at our general membership meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2022.

Grand Knight- Mark Garcellano

Deputy Grand Knight-Dave Kudla  
Larry Rossi

Chancellor- Dick Gregoire

Recorder- Robert Park  
Steve Poccini

Treasurer- Walt Kabalka

Advocate- Bill Robert

Warden- Larry Rossi  
Chuck Degroat

Inside Guard- Stephan Gall

Outside Guard- Nic Vignola  
Henry Ybarra

3 Year Trustee- Franz Albrecht 3-year trustee-Accept

Asking for help May 28-until end of June. Field Day project-June 6<sup>th</sup>. Need 6 Volunteers for Stations. Helping run the Games and awarding the 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbons. Show up and Help- Provide Soap.

Announcement of Ushers-Check List and Sign up for Holy Week.  
There are needs for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil

Fraternal Benefits night. Joe Jordan-Zoom only event. Wanting to set up Wed 4-27 at 7pm. Looking for 10 people to watch the event.

## LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Grand Knight Bill Robert has received more letters of appreciation by organizations this council has helped through its fund-raising efforts. On the pages to follow are some of the many letters received. We will share others in the months ahead.



2/1/2022

Knights of Columbus Council #3956  
15728 James Street  
Southgate, MI 48195-1313

Dear Knights of Columbus Council #3956:

Thank you for your gift to Special Olympics Michigan! Your donation helps us continue to create a world for inclusion, one where every single person is accepted and welcomed, regardless of ability.

But your donation goes beyond just sport – Special Olympics Michigan provides many health and wellness programs, in-school programming, and a home for athletes to showcase who they are. By your efforts, you're providing community and opportunities for thousands of athletes across the State of Michigan.

Again, thank you for your donation to Special Olympics Michigan. We rely on your support like yours and are grateful for your commitment to help provide a more inclusive world. If you would like more information about any of our programs, visit [www.somi.org](http://www.somi.org)

Together, we are making a difference – thank you!

Tim Hileman  
President & CEO  
Special Olympics Michigan



**"I love that Special Olympics has allowed me to meet people from all over Michigan, the country, and the world. It's has given me opportunities!"**

- Max Hinga, Area 16 Athlete

**"Without Special Olympics Michigan we might not be able to participate, feeling like we don't fit in, aren't fast enough or aren't coordinated enough. Special Olympics has changed our confidence - proving we do belong and we do fit in."**

- Tyler Lawton, Area 11 Athlete

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Credit Type:	
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Gift Description:	From Council #3956
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Charitable Contribution Amount:	\$256.16

*Special Olympics Michigan is a qualified 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Your gift is tax deductible to the full extent of federal and state tax laws.*



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February 7, 2022

Bill Robert, Grand Knight  
Bernard P. O'Brien Council #3956  
Knights of Columbus  
13355 Phelps Street  
Southgate, MI 48195-1278

Dear Mr. Robert,

On behalf of the Arc Downriver, we would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$256.17 from your Tootsie Roll Drive. Your continued support and prayers are very much appreciated, especially in these trying times.

Our programs and services at the Arc Downriver are based on the needs of the individuals we serve. The programs that we provide include:

- A comprehensive Sports Program that operates year-round.
- An Advocacy Program that assists families with educational programs and service issues.
- Adventure Club, which is a social-recreation program that meets weekly on Wednesday evenings and provides the opportunity for persons with developmental challenges and cognitive impairments to come together with their friends.
- Art at the Arc, which is a therapeutic acrylic painting class that meets on Wednesday evenings and is taught by one of Downriver's finest artists. Each year, an Art at the Arc Exhibit is held to display the art pieces completed during the year.
- Field trips to the movies, restaurants, sporting events, and other activities in the community.
- A monthly dance that is attended by over 100 people.
- Monthly Advocacy social craft class.

The Board of Directors and members express sincere appreciation for your support. We are all grateful for your commitment to quality services for persons with developmental challenges and cognitive impairments.

Sincerely,

The Arc Downriver

*An organization that services individuals who are developmentally challenged or cognitively impaired and their families.*

**Affiliated With:** The Arc U.S. • The Arc Michigan

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New Boston • River Rouge • Riverview • Rockwood • Romulus • Southgate • Taylor • Trenton • Woodhaven • Wyandotte

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Saturday, April 8, 9, and 10, 2022**

**Spring Tootsie Roll Drive. Main Intersection is again Eureka and Dix-Toledo**

**Sunday, April 10, 2022**

**Palm Sunday**

**Sunday, April 10, 2022**

**Donut Sunday (after every Sunday Mass)**

**In Social Hall**

**Thursday, April 14, 2022**

**Holy Thursday**

**Friday, April 15, 2022**

**Good Friday**

**Sunday, April 16, 2022**

**Happy Easter!**

**Tuesday, May 3, 2022**

**May Crowning with Rosary Altar Confraternity and Mass**

**St. Pius Church**

**6:00 PM.**

**Wednesday, May 4, 2022**

**K of C Council 3956 Regular Business Meeting and ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**6:00 PM. Fellowship (Food and Beverages)**

**7:00 PM. General Meeting**

**Thursday, May 5, 2022**

**Cinco de Mayo**

**Sunday, May 8, 2022**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!**

**Saturday, May 14, 2022**

**Blessing of the Motorcycles and Burrito Breakfast**

**St. Pius Parish Parking Lot**

**8:00 AM. - 10:30 AM.**



## K of C Senior Men's 2022 Golf League

**OUR ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD  
NOON, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>. IN OUR COUNCIL.**

This is a contract, League. League must pay up front golf fees. The Golf Course (Riverview Highlands) has raised the golf and cart fees from last year. The golf cart fee is \$6.00 per person and two people to one cart unless your partner is walking.

Golf fee increased a \$1.00. Therefore, the league will be paying \$13.00 per person for 9 holes of golf. If you can't golf on any scheduled day, there will be no refund. Our league by-laws state that Subs must be requested by the golfer who will not golf, and the sub must pay \$13.00 for the round to the league treasurer.

The league fee is \$35.00 per golfer; and goes toward our scramble golf fee and prize fund. We will need to discuss at our annual meeting if this amount should increase. The reason for an increase is because food prices are increasing and to cover the cost of our banquet needs to be considered.

As always, there will be two golf fee payments. The first payment of \$130.00 plus league fee (\$35.00 or \$40.00) must be paid by May 6<sup>th</sup>. The second payment of \$130.00 before July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Every Friday:	8:00 am
Golf Course:	Riverview Highlands
Starting Date:	May 6, 2022
Ending Date:	Sept 16, 2022
Scrambles & Banquet:	Sept 23, 2022

Every year information changes. Even if yours remains the same please send me the following: I plan on golfing - YES or NO. Your name, address, phone, email, and the best way to contact you - phone or email.

When paying by check, make check payable to **Senior Men's Golf League**. When paying by cash, please bring the correct amount.

Gene Gross  
League Secretary/Treasurer  
[Etgross1959@live.com](mailto:Etgross1959@live.com)  
313.605.4718



# SENIOR MENS GOLF LEAGUE



***RIVERVIEW HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE***

**STARTS, 8:00 AM FRIDAY, May 6th**  
**COST \$260.00 PLUS \$35.00 LEAGUE FEE (CARTS  
OPTIONAL)**  
**INCLUDES TWENTY ROUNDS OF GOLF, SCRAMBLES, AND  
BANQUET**  
**GOLF FUNDS CAN BE PAID BY THE HALF - \$130.00 PER HALF**  
**LEAGUE HAS 3 FLIGHTS - FLIGHT A, FLIGHT B, FLIGHT C**  
**EVEN THOUGH YOU WILL HAVE A PARTNER YOU WILL BE COMPETING  
AGAINST YOUR FLIGHT**

**SENIOR GOLFERS MUST BE 50 OR MORE YEARS OF AGE**

**YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!**

TO BE PLACED ON THE LEAGUE'S SCHEDULE CALL LEAGUE'S  
SECRETARY **BEFORE APRIL 10TH.**

**Golf Annual Meeting Noon April 22, 2022, at our Council**

Gene Gross  
(313) 605.4718



# 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: April 27, 2022**

**Time: 7pm**

**Registration link:**

**<https://bit.ly/36A4WrMIKOFc-PURPOSEDRIVENRETIREMENT>**

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*Help Us Help St. Pius Students!*



# Michigan K of C State Charity

## Raffle Tickets—\$5 each



**\$1.00 OF EVERY TICKET SOLD GOES  
TOWARD STARTING A ST. PIUS SCHOOL  
SCHOLARSHIP! - \$500 GOAL!**



### CHARITY - 1st DEGREE PRIZE



**STAFFORD PERRY HOTEL, PETOSKEY, MI**  
4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms  
\* Deluxe King Room with Balcony and Lake View  
**PLUS \$12,000.00 CASH**



### UNITY - 2nd DEGREE PRIZE



**AMWAY GRAND HOTEL, GRAND RAPIDS, MI**  
4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms  
\*Includes Guided Beer Tour with Transportation  
**PLUS \$3,000.00 CASH**



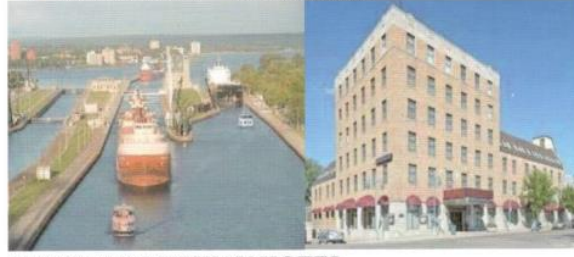
### FRATERNITY - 3rd DEGREE PRIZE



**HOTEL SAUGUTUCK, BED AND BREAKFAST,  
SAUGUTUCK, MI**  
4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms  
**PLUS \$2,000.00 CASH**



### PATRIOTIC - 4th DEGREE



**HISTORIC OJIBWAY HOTEL,  
SAULT SAINT MARIE, MI**  
4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms  
**PLUS \$1,000.00 CASH**

5<sup>TH</sup> – 10<sup>TH</sup> Prizes = \$400.00  
21<sup>ST</sup> -30<sup>TH</sup> Prizes = \$150.00

11<sup>TH</sup> – 20<sup>TH</sup> Prizes = \$200.00  
31<sup>ST</sup> – 40<sup>TH</sup> Prizes = \$100.00

Lic. #R61883

Drawing: Thursday, April 21, 2022 Doors Open @ 5:00 pm Drawing @ 8:00 pm  
St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Rd., Canton, MI 48187 (586) 436-0121



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

- Deacon Chuck G Dault (April 1)
- Kevin Martin (April 4)
- Brian T. Cronan (April 5)
- David L. Houston (April 5)
- Patrick D. Tidwell (April 17)
- Gerald L. Gonyea (April 18)
- Robert R. Park (April 19)
- Brian J. Heasley (April 25)
- Nathan P. Neubecker (April 25)
- Valerie Kudla (April 18) Wife of David Kudla
- Nancy Somenauer (April 28) Wife of Dan Somenauer
- Marie Vitale (April 29) Wife of Guy Vitale



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- Dan and Nancy Somenauer (April 19, 1995) 47 Years
- Kurt and Barbara Enders (April 28, 1997) 25 years

## YEARS OF SERVICE

- Ronald C. Cassette (April 23) 55 Years of Service
- Darryl E. Zika (April 1) 50 Years of Service
- Henry A. Ibarra (April 11) 38 Years of Service
- Lawrence J. Rossi (April 18) 13 Years of Service
- Francis X. Cuschieri (April 13) 12 Years of Service

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](mailto: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

Thank you to all who accepted a nomination for officers and to all who have served the K of C O'Brien council these past few years. It is a privilege to be able to use our time and talents in the service of the church. The commitment to get more involved was demonstrated by all the men who were open to accepting new roles of leadership at the last meeting. Our growth will depend on the new perspectives of our incoming officers.

The open secret is that you won't be alone in any of the challenges you take on. You will be able to carry forward the traditions of the many men who came before you with the support of your brother knights. Men who may have held your role in a previous term. The more involved you get, the more you'll start to notice the great and small things that our brothers and sisters do on a weekly basis. Your eyes will be opened to the generosity that your fellow parishioners live out with no desire for recognition. It's truly a gift to behold.

There is so much good to be done in our parish. It can start small by helping serve breakfast or coffee on a Sunday after mass. At some point The Holy Spirit may come over you and fill you with the urge to do more. When that happens, you will be in the company of some of the finest men I've ever known.

*(Robert Park, Co-Editor)*

The Bernard P. O'Brien Council of the Knights of Columbus

## PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Lord God, You loved this world so much, that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon Your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world. All for your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen.

John 3:16-18



#### IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

- Daryl Zilka
- Bob LaForest
- Ed Graney,
- Larry Rossi
- Bob Schooner
- Alfred Kovacik-Lifetime member and former Deputy Grand Knight
- Many of our own are Victims of Covid. Please pray for us and our families that good health is our blessing.

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.

#### Vivat Jesus

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

Robert Park, Newsletter Co-Editor and Worthy Council Recorder

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