

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

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## LET'S HAVE ANOTHER SWING AT GOLF FOR CHARITY!

Here we go again. There are so many reasons to get out on the golf course to have a great day among friends to raise money for the seminarians.

**IT'S THE SECOND ANNUAL TONY CEREZO MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING  
SPONSORED BY YOUR O'BRIEN COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Our inaugural golf tournament was enjoyed by all how participated. For those of you who enjoy Golf please purchase your tickets to this very special occasion.

THIS EVENT WILL RAISE FUNDS FOR:

## SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARIANS

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

**When-** August 6, 2022 Rain or Shine

Check-in 7AM, Shotgun Start 8AM

**Duration-** approximately 4 hours

**Lunch** at St. Pius X Social Hall immediately after the golf outing  
14101 Superior, Southgate MI 48195

**Starts** approximately 11:30 AM, **Ends** approximately 2:00 PM

## **CHARITY GOLF OUT DETAILS (Continued)**

### **SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER AT LUNCHEON: PHYLLIS CEREZO (Tony's Wife)**

#### **Costs-**

\$70 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. Vegas hole (Black Jack)
3. Longest drive hole 18th- (driver)
4. Straightest drive hole 1st- (driver)
5. Closest to the pin holes 2nd, 15th (2)- (putters)
6. 50/50 Raffle (\$2 each, \$5 for 3 tickets, \$10 for 6 tickets, \$20 for 13 tickets)
7. Tournament winner- K of C tournament champion trophy
8. Highest Score winner- Gag Gift

#### **Volunteers Needed!**

Golf Outing Chair- Mark Garcellano

Golf Sponsor Chair- Robert Schooner

Raffle Sales - NEED VOLUNTEERS

Black Jack Dealer for Vegas Hole (10th hole) - NEED VOLUNTEERS

BBQ Cooks . Lunch and Beverage Servers - NEED VOLUNTEERS

Set up and Clean up - NEED VOLUNTEERS

Please use Signup Genius at <https://www.kofc3956.org/golfouting>.

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 Trademark Building and Management, Golf Program 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.



## AUGUST 3, 2022 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

### **K of C Council 3956 Regular Business Meeting (St Pius Social Hall)**

Special invitation to you golfers. Also those of you who have been thinking of getting back, this is the time.

Each of us has a purpose. **Let's do this together!!**

Please come around 6PM to the St. Pius Social Hall for some socializing and planned food and beverages.

**BIG ON THE AGENDA THIS MONTH;**  
Second Annual Tony Cerezo Golf and Lunch Event, Picnic and Festival.

Please make the time to attend.  
Your community needs you!



### MESSAGE FROM GRAND KNIGHT MARK GARCELLANO

My brother knights, With your support I have been called to lead the Bernard P. O'Brien Council at St. Pius X. I humbly accept and pledge to execute the duties of Grand Knight to the best of my ability.

During this upcoming fraternal year, I will focus on the following initiatives:

1. Continued and strengthening of support of the St. Pius X church and Father Suresh and Deacon Chuck.
2. Continued commitment of our council's support of St. Pius X School and Principal Kathleen England.
3. Expansion of our fraternity by means of religious events, charity events, recognition events, and social events

Our small council (130 brothers) coordinate and host a lot of events in comparison with other K of C councils three times the size. The list of events clearly shows our council is an active fraternity. All of these events serve not only as supporting the Parish but to support our brotherhood as well in our effort to expand the fraternity membership. I would like events that Catholic men want to attend which may lead these men into joining our fraternity.

In our ongoing commitment to support and strengthen our relationship with St. Pius X church, our council has been coordinating the following religious, charity and social events.

1. Donut Sunday (social/charity event)
2. Family Breakfast (social/charity event)
3. Council Barbeque (social event)
4. Tootsie Roll Drive (charity event)
5. Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner (social/charity event)
6. Christmas Party in conjunction with the usher's club (social event)
7. Jazz Night (social event)
8. Motorcycle Blessing (religious event)
9. Desert Meal (social/charity event)
10. Tony Cerezo Memorial Golf Tournament (social/charity event)
11. Religious Concert (social event)
12. Support of 11AM Mass as ushers (religious event)
13. Dime Toss (charity event) 14. Knight and Family of the month (recognition event)

In our ongoing commitment to our support St. Pius X School, our council has been coordinating Faith in Action Programs at the school. This next school years events include:

1. K of C Soccer Challenge
2. K of C Spelling Bee Challenge
3. K of C Free Throw Contest
4. K of C support of the Trunk or Treat Event
5. K of C Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
6. K of C support of the St. Pius X Field Day

The support and relationship with the school is strengthening. We reestablished the K of C scholarship for needy students at St. Pius and I would like to continue strengthening that scholarship.

In conclusion, we have over 20 events and donate a multitude of man hours to our Council, our Church and our School. These man hours result in significant charitable donations to St. Pius X church, our school, Holy Cross, Right to Life, the food pantry, mentally disabled children, Special Olympics to name some of the charities we support.

I thank you all in advance for your support in volunteering for these events and I look forward to working with all of you again in this upcoming fraternal year.

Lastly, I want to make myself available to my brothers. If you have any questions, concerns, ideas or would like to get to know me better, feel free to contact me.

Vivat Jesus!

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#### MESSAGE FROM TRUSTEE/PROGRAM DIRECTOR BRIAN BATKO

Saint Pius X One Day Festival is August 6, 2022.  
Selling hot dogs, chips, water and running dime toss.  
Ray will be chair of dime toss if no one else volunteers.

Crisis pregnancy center has asked for help to lay some linoleum in the vestibule. We plan to reach out to Jabro's and other flooring contractors to see if they will donate time and materials. Need volunteers to put it in.

Local councils have been talking about doing a council crawl. We would be a food stop, that will need a lot of planning., possibly piggybacking on another council's event (Jones council has event on August 13, 2022, (from 12:00 -5:00 pm.)



#### THE SHOT HEARD AROUND THE WORLD

Many of us enjoyed this past 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend as we celebrated our Independence from oppression and tyranny that was prevalent in the new Americas. In truth, the Declaration of Independence in 1776 was not the beginning but rather the result of many skirmishes and battles already fought since Lexington and Concord back in April of 1775.

The Supreme Court overturning Roe v Wade last month can be viewed the same way, both as a start and a continuation.

We can liken it to the Battle of Lexington and Concord, which came to be known as "the shot heard around the world." Like Lexington and Concord, this landmark decision with its ramifications will have rippling effects across the globe. So it is the start of something new for many less than 50 years old.

But it is also a continuation. The decision, like the Declaration of Independence, is the undoing of an injustice that started long ago. Namely, the realization by our highest court, like our Founders, that everyone is "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Brothers let us be cognizant that this war is not over, even though we have won a major victory. Although, and rightfully so, we celebrate July 4, 1776 as our day of independence because of the Declaration, the truth of the matter is, the war did not really end until the Treaty of Paris in 1783. Hopefully this small historical fact will keep us sober to know that our work is not done.

As Knights, we must be vigilant, faithful to the cause, standing up for those who cannot, and be the voice of those unable to speak. In many ways it's just the beginning. "Trust in God and keep your powder dry." (Oliver Cromwell)

Vivat Jesus,  
Deacon Chuck



#### HERE ARE YOUR K OF C COUNCIL 3956 2022-2023 OFFICERS

|                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Grand Knight-                 | Mark Garcellano    |
| Deputy Grand Knight-          | Dave Kudla         |
| Chancellor-                   | Dick Gregoire      |
| Recorder-                     | Steve Poccini      |
| Treasurer-                    | Walt Kabalka       |
| Advocate-                     | Bill Robert        |
| Warden-                       | Larry Rossi        |
| Inside Guard-                 | Stephan Gall       |
| Outside Guard-                | Nic Vignola        |
| 1st Year Trustee-             | Tony Chirco        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee- | Brian Batko        |
| 3 Year Trustee-               | Franz Albrecht     |
| Financial Secretary           | Ray Bilyk          |
| Chaplain-                     | Fr. Suresh Rajaian |

#### MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT DEPUTY RAY BILYK

Family picnic in Grosse Ile is August 27, 2022- Since it is Downriver, it would be fantastic to get as many brothers to support it as possible. Our council will support kid's games. Motion for council approval will be next month.

Talk of a small picnic for our council and families. Maybe open it up to other local councils, could help increase interest in future events if we get to know each other and local councils.

Wyandotte parade - good representation, a lot of clapping for the knights.

We are trying to start back up doing the rosary every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - we would just be passing out rosaries, supreme has a kit with finger rosaries and how-to-pray the rosary booklets; would need to coordinate with the Rosary confraternity. It's in our calendar to join them. Liz Ridenour leads the confraternity.

The transition of officers was July 1, 2022. Congratulations to your new Grand Knight Mark Garcellano and his new officers and directors. I am in agreement with the Grand Knight that we should do a review of all events for the coming year. We should know ahead of time who is going to be the chairmen for the events. After the event, we should have a formal lessons learned to make it better the next time. Starting with the golf outing.

**Ray Bilyk**

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

**Financial Secretary - Bernard P. O'Brien Council #3956 Knights of Columbus**

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#### Upcoming Events:

Next Event this fall -4<sup>th</sup> degree has asked to hold the Memorial mass along with the O'Brien council's 4<sup>th</sup> degree mass- normally happens September/October.

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))

#### WHAT A DEAL!!!

#### DOWNRIVER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY PICNIC

The Downriver chapter of the Knights of Columbus invite all brother knights to come and enjoy each others company and a day of fun and games. Food and Beverages will be available.

**When** Sat Aug 27, 2022 11am - 4pm

**Where** Grosse Ile Twp Centennial Farms, 25797 3rd St, Grosse Ile Township, MI

#### JULY KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

The July, 2022 Knight of the Month is awarded to Brother Ryan Daw,

Ryan is a recent transfer from another Council and is active as a volunteer for St. Pius events. Ryan is involved in several organizations associated with St. Pius X School and Church. Thank for your support and transferring to our council! Congratulations!


The July, 2022 Family of the Month is awarded to Pochini Family.

Kathy is an active choir member of the parish and her children are active as well. Brother Knight Steven is Lector at masses and serves as our K of C Recorder. Brother Knight Henry and his sister Anna are alter servers. Their sister Marie is a teacher at St. Pius X School.

Thank you, the Pochini Family, for serving our Church and School. Congratulations!

## 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*.



**protect**  
the bond between  
mothers & their children

For more information: [www.supportmiwomenandchildren.org](http://www.supportmiwomenandchildren.org)

**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



## MESSAGE BOARD



### Bottle and Cans for Seminarians

Still collecting Cans and bottles for seminarians. Can hold at Robert Jones, or hand to District Dep Ray Bilyk

### Looking for Hole Sponsors, Golfers and Volunteers

Second annual Tony Cerezo golf outing-Hole Sponsorship is still \$100.00. Sign up at [kofc3956.org/golfouting/](https://www.kofc3956.org/golfouting/)

### Looking for Chairmen.

Please consider chairing our upcoming Coffee and Doughnut Socials. We have helpers, just need someone to take charge.

### St. Pius X day is August 20<sup>th</sup>

Close to the feast day of St Pius the X. Promoting Food Trucks, Dime Toss,

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

St. Pius Day Planning Meeting in Social Hall. Beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 31, 2022

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary. Begins on half hour (10:30) before 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

O' Brien Council 3956 Regular Business Meeting in Social Hall.

Social Hour begins at 6:00 p.m. and General Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 6, 2022

Second Annual Tony Cerezo Golf and Luncheon. 7:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Southgate Golf Course, 14600 Reaume Pkwy, Southgate, Michigan

Go to <https://www.kofc3956.org/golfouting/> for more information.

Saturday, August 13, 2022

Council 3956 families invited to Robert Jones Family Picnic.

Gregory Park (Youth Center Park), Lincoln Park, MI. \$10 per family

Monday, August 15, 2022

Feast day of the Assumption of Mary.

Saturday, August 27, 2022

Downriver Knights of Columbus Family Picnic.

11am - 4pm at Grosse Ile Twp Centennial Farms, 25797 3rd St, Grosse Ile Twp, MI

Monday, September 5, 2022

Labor Day.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

- Steven E. Pochini (July 1)
- Donald B. Mullins (July 2)
- Joe F. Youngs (July 4)
- Richard J. Kinzler (July 10)
- Gary T. Maveal (July 14)
- Christopher G. Poirer (July 18)
- Miguel Lugo (July 19)
- Burrell Hughes (July 21)
- Michael C. Lewis (July 22)
- Patrick A. Guentner (July 25)
- Kevin G. Pelkey (July 28)
- Thomas E. Monteleon (July 29)
- Joseph C. Cassette (July 30)
- Dennis E. Assenmacher (July 31)
- Bryan J. Hughes (July 31)



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

DGK David and Valerie Kudla as they celebrated their 36<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Robert and Dolores Schooner are celebrating their 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

*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](mailto:raybilyk@kofc3956.org)*



# KNIGHTS 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:

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|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| • Robert J. LaForest  | (July 1)  | 36 Years of Service |
| • George W. Kelly     | (July 12) | 27 Years of Service |
| • Joseph C. Cassetts  | (July 22) | 13 Years of Service |
| • Richard M. Gregoire | (July 7)  | 9 Years of Service  |
| • Mark Garcellano     | (July 12) | 5 Years of Service  |
| • Donald B. Mullins   | (July 12) | 5 Years of Service  |



**IN OUR PRAYERS: Please pray for healing for our brother knights, their family and friends:**

Darryl Zylka  
Bob LaForest  
Bob Schooner  
Frank Cuschieri's brother in Law.

Our Wives, Children, and all our other family members

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.



## REFLECTION

How many times have you encountered a reading from mass in your life? A particular passage of scripture or an anecdote from the homily presents itself in a real life situation specific to your life. For me it happens often enough to notice, but not frequently enough. They would occur more often if we were more open to seeing them and if more of the lessons from the readings took hold.

We are constantly reminded of how God wants us to live. Sometimes these scenarios are played out in little nudges, sometimes they are giant billboards with clearly spelled out instructions. In hindsight I have missed both through distraction and willful blindness. The result would always have been better if I had taken the Lord's guidance.

What if you could make the occurrence of those lessons more prominent in your everyday life and your natural reactions more aligned with God's will? It's a simple solution, but not an easy one. Start going to daily mass. Pray to be more open to hearing God's will. My life dramatically improved when I stopped thinking of the Bible as a bunch of ancient stories that had no relevance to modern life. I was humbled by the discovery of God's Word and the many church scholars who poured over the smallest detail of each book. My encounters with the weekly mass readings became more relatable and alive.

Robert Park, Co-Editor  
The Bernard P. O'Brien Council of the Knights of Columbus

*Introducing our newest addition to the newsletter. Inspired by the thoughts of our Membership Director and Co-Editor Robert Park...*

## CHALLENGE FOR THE MONTH

The Catholic Biblical School of Michigan is beginning another class in the downriver area at St Timothy's in Trenton. I encourage you to bring a friend or loved one to one of the information sessions. If you decide to attend, you will learn about every book of the Bible from a Catholic perspective. The context of how each prophecy pointed towards the coming of Jesus Christ will be taught. You will learn about how many parts of Mass have origins leading back to Moses. You will make some of the closest friends you have. At the end of the class they will ask you to do something simple, but not easy. They will ask you to take what you've learned and share it with others.

15 No one **lights** a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house.

16 In the same way your light must shine in people's sight, so that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:15-16

<https://cbsmich.org/>

### Summer 2022 Info Night Schedule

Our Lady of Victory (Northville)

7-8 pm on Mon May 23, Tue July 19, and Mon August 29

St. Isidore (Macomb Twp.)

7-8 pm on the Third Wednesday of the Month (June 15, July 20, August 17)

St. Patrick (Brighton)

7-8 pm on the Last Wednesday of the Month (June 29, July 27, August 31)

St. Timothy (Trenton)

7-8 pm on Tue June 7, Tue July 26, and Tue August 30

Sacred Heart of Jesus (Grand Rapids)

7-8 pm on Mon June 27, Thu Aug 4, and Tue August 16

Online Video-Conference Info Nights

8-9 pm on Sunday June 12, July 31, and Aug 28, and Tue September 6.

[Click Here to Join Live Video-Conference](#) or dial: (US) +1 234-719-4081 PIN: 279 821 273#



## PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

... I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family<sup>[a]</sup> in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

Amen.

Ephesians 3:14-19

## A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

On Wednesday, July 13, following a very productive Golf Outing preparation meeting, we had a Newsletter Work Session. Yours truly and Robert Park Co-Editor for the newsletter asked that each member there; officer, director and other respected members take 15 minutes a month to write to the best of their ability a paragraph relating to their position in the council.

This is an opportunity for each member to reflect and articulate personal experience why they are Knights, what makes them tick, particularly as it relates to the Knights of Columbus and its purpose to build the church.

Grand Knight Mark Garcellano endorsed putting hard copies of the bulletin in social hall and church vestibule to build interest from parishioners and visitors. I will look into the cost. Robert and I are willing to meet with anyone who needs help preparing an article before the meetings. We invite more brother Knights to participate. The response from the group was enthusiastic. My hope is this will improve the newsletter to become more than ever a device to bring members back and encourage more men to step forward.

Vivat Jesus

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