

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

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Courtesy of Detroit Catholic. (detroitcatholic.com)

Detroit seminarians pledge to continue discernment as they begin theology studies, may wear clerics on Sacred Heart grounds.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO LIZANDRO BARBA AND THREE OTHER SEMINARIANS AS THEY ENTER THE
'PUBLIC PHASE OF THEIR PRIESTLY FORMATION**

From left to right Lizandro Barba, Karl Finkbeiner, James Musgrove and Daniel Whalen with Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron (center) following the rite of Candidacy liturgy.

We are so proud of these men. Our K of C council 3956 at St. Pius X Parish has been very active in the support of seminarians such as Lizando who has been a recipient of our financial assistance and prayers as he and others follow their calling to be men of God. We are proud to be actively participating through fundraisers such as our recent Tony Cerezo Second Annual Golf Tournament, Desert Meal and other activities that have contributed on their journey towards the priesthood.



2nd Annual Anthony Cerezo Memorial Golf Tournament A

The 2nd Annual Anthony Cerezo Memorial Golf Tournament held on Saturday, August 6, 2022 at Southwinds Golf Course was another successful Knights fundraising and social event.

REPORT FROM GRAND KNIGHT AND MEMORIAL GOLF EVENT CHARIMANMARK GARCELLANO



The weather that day was perfect. The tournament was set up as a scramble. **This year's tournament winners are the team of Sam Naimi, Jim Periano, John Armstrong.**

Other contest winners were held for Strightest Drive. Won by Sam Naimi, longest drive, won by John Zotter and closest to the pin (2 holes), won by Brian Batko and Jim Periano. Each contest winner won a wedge or a putter. This year we added a putting contest won by Rob Bejark. The 50/50 raffle winner was Brian Batko. The Knights of Columbus portion of the raffle will be donated in the name of Anthony and Phyllis Cerezo to the Seminarians.

After the golf tournament, the players headed to the St. Pius Social Hall for lunch. The players enjoyed a picnic style lunch consisting of hamburgers, chicken breasts, bratwursts accompanied by pork and beans, potato salad, cole slaw, chips and cookies. The beverages served were soft drinks, water and crafts beers brewed by our District Deputy, Ray Bilyk and his wife Jennifer. During lunch, the Knights were able to introduce the guest of honor "Phyllis Cerezo", wife of Anthony Cerezo and her family and memorialize "Tony". The memorial concluded with a gift from the Knight's, which was a snow globe that plays "Amazing Grace".

Another tournament success was many holes sponsors. The sponsors by hole were:
Downriver Veterans Honor Guard, Lawrence and Glenda Rossi

1. Mobil Naim's Oil Inc.
2. Fudgy's Ice Cream, 14725 Dix Toledo Southgate MI 734-285-0855
3. Fully Promoted, 13655 Eureka Southgate MI 734-281-1500
4. Eureka Farm Market, 14591 Eureka Southgate MI
5. Angelina's Mexican Restaurant, 13655 Eureka Southgate MI 734-288-0496
6. Alex Kabob House, 13360 Eureka Wyandotte MI 734-284-5666
7. Georges Used Cars
8. KofC Riverview Council #13980
9. KofC Robert Jones Council Lincoln Park #3078
10. Chirco Construction Company
11. Biggby Coffee, 16215 Dix Toledo Southgate MI
12. Ray and Jennifer Bilyk, District Deputy #105

“ALL WHO JOINED THE TOURNAMENT ARE PLANNING TO COME AGAIN!

Golfers enjoyed the golfing and lunch and are planning to join again next year. Special thanks go to the volunteers including: Bob Schooner, Ray Bilyk, Bill Robert, Dick Gregoire, Robert Park, Dr. Stephen Gall, Nicola Vignola, Tony Chirco, Larry Rossi, Brian Batko, Steven Pochini, Dave Kudla, Mitchell Garcellano, Chuck Degroat, Deacon Chuck Dault, Samson Park, Jennifer Bilyk, Jocelyn Garcellano and Lauren Garcellano

Vivat Jesus!

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September 7, 2022 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

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

Please come around 6PM to the St. Pius Social Hall for some socializing and planned food and beverages. Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

BIG ON THE AGENDA THIS MONTH;
Review of golf outing, picnics and Parish Festival. Plus return of Charity Family Breakfasts and Doughnuts Sundays

Please make the time to attend.
Each of us has a purpose. **Let's do this together!!**



Upcoming Events:

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

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

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT DEPUTY RAY BILYK



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.

This is one of the best and most fun events we have during the year. We all deserve to enjoy ourselves among new and old friends. Our recent joint council picnis were great fun. This will be better. Visit our website for more information or contact District Deputy Ray Bilyk to learn more at <https://www.kofc3956.org> . It would be fantastic to get as many brothers to support it as possible.

**Ray Bilyk - District Deputy #105 - Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus
Financial Secretary - Bernard P. O'Brien Council #3956 Knights of Columbus
Southgate, MI - raybilyk@kofc3956.org - DD105@mikofc.org**

When: Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 11:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

Where: Grosse Ile Centennial Farms., 25797 3rd. Strett, Grosse Ile Township, MI**Snack**

MESSAGE FROM PAST GRAND KNIGHT AND ADVOCATE BILL ROBERT

To Dust We Shall Return

This is saying we have all heard from the Gospels and if you recall it was mentioned when you were inducted into the order. “Tempus fugitive. Memento mori” or in English “Time flies. Remember Death”. I guess it may be my age but these words have really begun to make me think. Recently I lost a good friend to cancer. She was in good health, enjoying retirement and still helping others with speech difficulties (Her job in the Taylor schools). In May she was diagnosed with stage 4 Pancreatic cancer and given 2-4 months to live. She preferred to look at the diagnosis as a blessing and proceeded to plan for eventual demise. Both Linda and I couldn’t believe how, to the last detail, she had planned for her funeral. She even wrote a goodbye to her family and friends through the pain she endured. She was quite a person! But, really isn’t that what we all hope will be our legacy.

Some of us are given long lives and others short but, from a human perspective, it’s never enough. That is where our faith should make us see that while we are here on this earth we can make a difference in our family and other people’s lives. Reaching out to others! For me, being a Knight provides that opportunity. It has allowed me to volunteer as a Knight at our St. Pius School, raise money for the physically and mentally challenged, help in the funding drive for Coats for Kids and the many events we sponsor throughout the year. Not only has it been rewarding but allowed me to meet many of our parishioners and make good friends in the Knights of Columbus.

As I continue my life journey I hope when my time is up the Lord recognizes me at the gate for a life well lived. I don’t want to think he would say: Who are you? Yes, I know I am not perfect. I still lose my temper, complain about how things are going but I do hope that with faith and working with the Knights I can change to be the person God wants me to be.

SUPPORT OUR PARRISH RAIN OR SHINE

ST. PIUS X ONE DAY FESTIVAL !!!!!

AUGUST 20, 2022

12pm - 10pm

Mass at 4pm**AND RAFFLE PRIZES**

\$10,000 1ST PRIZE

\$1,000 2ND-6TH PRIZE

SELLER OF GRAND RAFFLE: \$500
2ND-6TH SELLING WINNER: \$100 EACH

Tickets \$5 each

Drawing at 10pm



MESSAGE FROM TRUSTEE/PROGRAM DIRECTOR BRIAN BATKO

Saint Pius X One Day Festival is August 20, 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 are looking for volunteers to offer their talents to prepare and install the flooring. We already have a generous contractor that will be donating the material. Please contact myself at 313-550-1330 or Tony Chirco at 734-558-5446. Thank you for helping.



Growth of the Soul

All of us want to grow in virtue, it's what makes us Knights and Catholic Gentlemen. There are two proven ways of growing in the virtues of faith, hope, and charity; the reception of the sacraments (particularly the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation) and prayer.

Any Knight wishing to grow in virtue should receive these Sacraments regularly. It is through the reception of the Eucharist that our souls are strengthened and cleansed from the effects of venial sin. For more serious sin (what we call mortal), the Sacrament of Reconciliation is given us to combat its effects. Sin expels divine life from the soul, separating us from God. The Sacraments restore divine life of grace by returning us to right relationship with God and virtue

Another avenue to grow in virtue is through prayer. Prayer increases virtue by actively uniting us to God. We often think of prayer as asking for things from God, but the essence of prayer is much simpler and much more profound than petition.

Prayer is any raising of the mind to God. As Knights we should be praying continuously throughout the day. Not so much the rote prayers we learn as a child but rather as a conversational communication that establishes a more intimate relationship.

For this month's contemplation let us reflect on:

- How the virtues of faith, hope, and charity come directly from God and are directly linked and ordered to God.
- The two primary ways of growing in virtue are through the reception of the sacraments (Eucharist, Reconciliation) and through prayer.
- As Knights and Catholic Gentlemen how it's imperative we do both.

Vivat Jesus,
Deacon Chuck

Voyagers in a New World

Message from our council Lecturer Deacon Chuck Dault

The landscape of America society has changed over the years. What many of us thought as truth has now been challenged with obscure realities appealing to emotion and individual depravities. In many respects the United States once again has become a New World. Without a doubt 2022, like 1492 has had some rough uncharted waters for Catholics.

Like our namesake, Christopher Columbus, we too are voyagers in a new world with its different perspectives on life, marriage, and sexuality. Truth be told, not everyone we meet accepts us or the Gospel message we profess. In many ways we are viewed as countercultural and our ways out of touch with the new. But as true missionary disciples like Columbus, we must press on in the belief of a better tomorrow. Just as Columbus faced adversity, Knights and Catholic Gentlemen, we must be willing to accept our cross, stand firm in our convictions, and stay the course of being true to the teachings of the Lord, his Church, and our guiding principles.

Just like our namesake found ways to navigate through unfamiliar waters, we too can do the same by preparing, seeking understanding of our position (and theirs), and look to heaven to guide our way in difficult times. We must be willing to voyage into treacherous waters if we want a new world likened to the Kingdom of God. Take courage, preserve, and happy sailing.

Vivat Jesus,
Deacon Chuck

Editor's Note: I would like to thank Deacon Chuck for his monthly inspirational messages. They have always been a tremendous asset to the newsletter. This month, he adds his thoughts as Lecturer. We are so fortunate to have someone so willing to share his time and talents with us.. I challenge all board members to share their thoughts in our upcoming issues as we press on! (No pun intended).

JULY KNIGHT OF THE MONTH - Brother Bob Schooner

Bob has been a tremendous asset to our council. Bob has served as a Past Deputy Grand Knight, Family Director and chaired or co-chaired many a project including hole sponsor coordinator for our Golf memorial tournaments. Bob has been an active member at St. Pius X church for 24 years and as an Usher since he joined the Knights. He is retired from Great Lakes Steel. Bob is a father, grandfather and married to Delores for 45 years. Congratulations Robert!

JULY FAMILY OF THE MONTH - Melinda "Mindy" Randall

Mindy is a family of one. Her parents have passed away. She has two sisters and two brothers. She has belonged to St. Pius X Parish since infancy. Mindy is a lecturer, volunteer at our festivals, assisted at weddings and funerals. Mindy's favorite aspect of St. Pius life is our closeness as a community, our school and family outreach. She was a little embarrassed when informed that she was chosen. She said many others do more. In the future we hope to recognize many of those other people. Congratulations Mindy!

Respectfully submitted by Dave Kudla, Deputy Grand Knight and Council director of Knight and Family of the Month.

MESSAGE FROM CHANCELLOR RICHARD (DICK) GREGOIRE

I became a Knight in the mid-seventies as a young man with ideas of making a difference in my Catholic Life and being with guys. That had like Ideals. But honestly while I thought that was a good idea I was in the wrong community. (Not the Parish/St. Pius) where I grew up, practiced and worshipped. My participation was limited to soliciting donations to help the developmentally disabled Palm Sunday week-ends. It wasn't long before I no longer even did that. Didn't feel like I belonged. Just the wrong place for me I guess. So after a long hiatus from the K of C I was re-installed in my parish of St. Pius O'Brien council. Reason being, I could see good things the Knights here were doing. To my absolute surprise within the year I was nominated and elected to the position of Chancellor. An office I knew absolutely nothing about!! I looked up the responsibilities of the office in the K of C website. It was primarily to recruit and retain Knights. Set up events that display values and principles of the K of C and serve on admission and retention committees. Looking at the dictionary-

Chancellors are chief executives in some countries and states of higher education. A seemingly unworthy and scary position for me. I am not alone and not without a lot of HELP and ENCOURAGEMENT from my Brother Knights here. Interesting to me is the Latin derivative of chancellor-cancellarius- meaning: a doorkeeper, a secretary. Checking the dictionary again regarding "retention" it's keeping something to one's memory; the act of continuing to keep possession and to hold. This says to me, we are all important to each other, we all matter, caring about the well being of all of us and our Families.

When we don't see them around anymore, we miss them and we always hold them in our thoughts and prayers. All are welcome now and all are welcome here always! Presence is Precious. There is more I'd like to say but I have to stop now!

Vivat Jesus Jesus
Dick Gregoire
P.S. Tutti Fratelli

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 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 20th

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

MESSAGE FROM DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT DAVE KUDLA

“Can An Old Man with Bad Legs work at the Festival”

Our upcoming festival will be Saturday August 20, 2022 from Noon until 11pm. I told my wife that I wanted to help out with my fellow K of C members. She asked me, “What are you going to do? If you worked at the dime toss, you would not be able to get up after you picked up the dimes.”

At our last K of C meeting, I noticed that I wasn’t the only person who had trouble walking, and I certainly was not the youngest. However, many of these old guys are planning to come out and help. So if they could do it, so can I, and so can YOU. You do not have to be a K of C member to help, just be willing to work with a great bunch of people. And if you wish to join us, we certainly will not say NO.

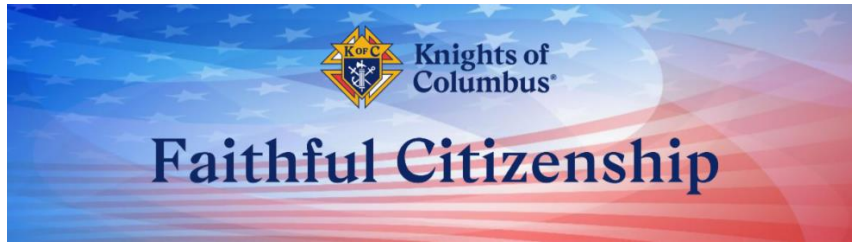
See you there so you could help get me up.

Deputy Grand Knight, Dave Kudla

A check-in from Joe Hernandez

I joined K of C in Lincoln Park. Believe me, my faith in the Holy Spirit is very good! I’ll never forget the K of C.

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As faithful citizens, we are called to take an active part in the civic lives of our country, states, and local communities.

The Knights of Columbus stands ready to encourage and provide you information and potential opportunities for active engagement.

Additional resources include the [U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops](#) and your [state catholic conference](#). These organizations speak for the Church and our bishops and depend on the involvement of all the faithful.

Dobbs V. Jackson Women's Health Organization

Key Holdings

- The Supreme Court holds that no provision of the Constitution contains a right to an abortion and, therefore, overturns its decisions in *Roe v. Wade* (1973) and *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey* (1992).
- By clarifying there is no constitutional right to abortion, the Court further holds that abortion laws at the state and federal level should be considered, like most other laws, on the standard of rational basis review.
- In response to those who might say such a ruling would imperil the protection of other unenumerated rights protected by the Due Process Clause, the Majority Opinion is explicit in its scope saying:

K OF C RESPONSE TO THE DECISION

'Proclaim the Dignity of Every Human Life'

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly's Statement on the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*.

Mothers and Children First

On June 10, Supreme Knight Kelly announced the ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program, a new initiative to strengthen K of C assistance of pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes.

Proclaim the Dignity of Every Human Life

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, August 15, 2022

Feast day of the Assumption of Mary.

Saturday, August 20, 2022

ST. PIUS X ONE DAY FESTIVAL. PLEASE COME HELP, COME PLAY, COME ALL DAY!!

Volunteers Needed for Coin Toss and Hot Dog Concession

12:00 pm - 11:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Picnic Meeting at 5:00 p.m. (Tentatively in Social Hall)

Saturday, August 27, 2022

16th Annual 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.

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

K of C Council Regular Business Meeting. Social Hour at 6:00 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm (Social Hall)

Saturday, September 17, 2022

Knights of Columbus Tiger Baseball Knight

6:10 pm.

Sunday, September 18, 2022

St. Pius Council 3956 return of Coffee and Doughnuts after Sunday Masses

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Mngr. Van Antwerp Assembly 475 General Meeting

(In person and Virtual). Contact DD Ray Bilyk raybilyk@kofc3956.org for more details

Sunday, October 2, 2022

LIFE CHAIN

More details to be given at September General Business Meeting

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Proposed Officers Meeting (Rate to be confirmed and time TBD)

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

K of C Council Regular Business Meeting. Social Hour at 6:00 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm (Social Hall)



YEARS OF SERVICE

Congratulations to Brother Knights celebrating their membership anniversary in August:

- George Kotronis 27 years
- Gerald Gonyea 9 years
- Robert Munroe 7 years
- Alexander Brown 3 years

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

- Henry A Ibarra (August 4)
- John McFadden Jr. (August 5)
- Frank Allevato (August 10)
- Dennis Levko (August 11)
- Steven Crandall (August 13)
- Bruce Kresslien (August 25)
- GK William Robert (August 25)
- Craig McKinney (August 26)
- John Lazere Jr. (August 27)
- Dr. Stephen Gall (August 28)
- Happy Birthday Liz Ridenour, wife of Larry celebrated her birthday of August 6th.



Congratulations to Joey and Catie Chirco

Celebrating their Second Wedding Anniversary on August 15th.

If there are any missing birthdays, anniversaries, wife birthdays or ordination anniversaries please send them to District Deputy 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!



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

Deacon Bob Bovitz

Darryl Zylka

Bob LaForest

Bob Schooner

Dr. Stefan Gal (Touch of Pneumonia/Covid)

John Husar Jr. (Kidney Stone)

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

Saturday, August 6, 2021 was the second annual Tony Cerezo golf outing. Tony's wife Phyllis told us the story of how Tony came to join the Knights of Columbus at St Pius X. She said he initially joined and went to a meeting. A few meetings later he was asked to do a job as Recorder. Phyllis was initially hesitant because this was something Tony was interested in and she didn't want to get roped into something she hadn't signed up for. A little time passed, and Tony took another position as financial secretary. He started to help with donuts and coffee after mass and invited her to help out. Phyllis shared that she was initially reluctant but went along and began to get involved. She came to enjoy helping at coffee and donuts and spending time with her friends from St Pius.

Phyllis shared this story and a few other thoughts because she wanted to tell us about the sense of community that she and Tony came to know within the Church. She said that Tony would have been surprised to know that we started a golf tournament in his name.

I'm not surprised by this at all. When I joined the Knights of Columbus, Tony took me under his wing. I recognized him from earlier church events, and he would tell me about various travels from his cowboy shooting competitions. He was an important figure because he and Phyllis became so involved in helping the Church through the Knights.

The loss of an active Knight like Tony really hurt. Partially because of our small council size, but mostly because of the man he was to us. We came to know his character through his actions. We honor him by continuing his service in his absence.

Robert Park, Co-Editor

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

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Father, Allow me to serve others with a joyful heart;
Never keeping score; Always giving;
Never expecting to receive.
Allow me to give of myself,
To give of my talents and of my goods,
To give of my time and of my energy,
To give of my heart and of my soul.

Help me understand the needs of others,
Never criticizing, Never demeaning, Never scolding, Never condemning.
You have been so gracious to me,
Always Loving, Always forgiving, Always restoring;
Never gloating over my defeats,
Even when I have been so wrong.
Father, keep a condemning spirit
Far from my heart and further from my lips.

Allow me to serve others as You serve,
With gentleness, compassion, and tenderness,
Never diminishing the worth of another,
Choosing to extend mercy to the brokenhearted,
Like You have repeatedly shown it to me,

Amen.

[Prayers For Service To Others - Powerful & Uplifting Words For Prayer \(prayerist.com\)](http://prayerist.com)

Vivat Jesus

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