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The Crusader

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Visiting Knights always welcomed
Officers Business Meeting
1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM
Membership Meeting
3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM

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Grand Knight's Update

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Vivat Jesus,

Ukraine Solidarity Fund

As of April 1, we have raised \$2125.00 to be donated to the Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity Fund. If you still would like to contribute, please send in your check, or drop off the cash donation as soon as possible. Someone will be at the hall on Monday for Bingo, Tuesday for the Officers Meeting, and Friday for fish fry. Checks can be mailed to 8482 Bleeker St, West Olive 49460.

Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

Our next exemplification is scheduled for April 24th after 11am mass at St. Patrick-St.

Anthony. If you are a First-Degree member (48 in the council), please plan to attend the exemplification to become a 3rd degree member. Please let me know by e-mail or phone call if you plan to attend by April 21st. We need to know who will be attending.

Council Progress on Star Council

As we enter the final quarter of the fraternal year, we are on track to make Star Council again this year. We have added 6 members to our council this month thanks to the Delta Drive that we held at the end of February. This included three new members, two out-of-state transfers and one reinstatement. These additions helped us to make our goal of 10 for the year.

Our goal on program points for Faith, Family, Community and Life are either met or will be with the programs that we have in place. We will document and submit all council activities to Supreme the remainder to the fraternal year.

The final activity that we need your help to achieve start council is to attend the final Fraternal Benefit Night. Please register, watch the event, and complete the survey at the end. See the detail below.

Fraternal Benefits Night

The next online Fraternal Benefits Night will be on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 7 pm featuring Joe Jordan discussing Purpose Drive Retirement Strategies. A flyer will come

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out soon, however we wanted to get the link out to you to help members plan.

Please use the link below:

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

If you have questions, please contact, Douglas Nurenberg at 989-292-1583 or at Douglas.Nurenberg@KOFc.ORG

Van Andel Fundraising

We completed the paperwork and have been accepted as charity organization by Savor Grand Rapids. Savor manages the concession at the Van Andel arena. When we work the concession stand the council will receive a percentage of the sales and all tips that we collect. We can volunteer for all events including Griffins Hockey, concerts, truck rallies, etc. If you are interested in volunteering for this activity, please contact Joe Leathem at the contact information listed at the end of the newsletter.

Council Dues

We have many Knights that have not paid their 2022 council dues assessment. The second notice have been mailed. Please pay this assessment soon. If you are under financial stress and are unable to pay, please let us know and we can work with you. You are a bother in the Knights of Columbus.

Membership

Even though we have met our goal on membership for the year, please continue to recruit men to the order. I strongly urge you to have the candidate use the online process through the kofc web site.

Free Membership! Promo Code MCGIVNEY2020 Use at kofc.org/joinus

This has been Extended to 6/30/22.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

When the hour came, he took his place at table with the apostles. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it [again] until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God." (Gospel for April 10, Lk 22:14-16) Every Palm Sunday, we hear the account of Christ's Passion. The story is quite familiar to us by now. Has it lost any of its impact for us from repetition? The Passion of Christ is not just a rote story we recall once a year, but a reality that lies at the heart of our Catholic faith. My brothers, may we never let the recollection of the Passion of Christ fail to move our hearts to greater love for him. Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to participate in the Stations of the Cross — alone or with your parish — to enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Second, I challenge you to carry out the Faith in Action Good Friday Family Promotion program. Questions for Reflection: Do you sometimes "glaze over" or lose focus when listening to the readings at Mass? What can you do to better prepare for Mass so that you reap more fully the spiritual benefits of hearing the word of God? What devotions — such as the Stations of the Cross or the rosary — can you take up to engage more deeply with the stories and events of our faith?

Vivat Jesus,

Bob Wassick

**The proposed slate of officers for
2022-2023**

GK- Chip Monroe
DGK- David Bukala
Chancellor - **Dominic Ciccantelli**
Recorder- Steve Erickson
Treasurer - Joe Laethem
Advocate - Sam Young
Warden - **Tony Ciccantelli**
Inside Guard -Sean Lawrence
Outside Guard-Mitch Tennyson
First Year Trustee- Bob Wassick
Second Year Trustee-Terry Johnson
Third Year Trustee- **David Schaner**

Appointments

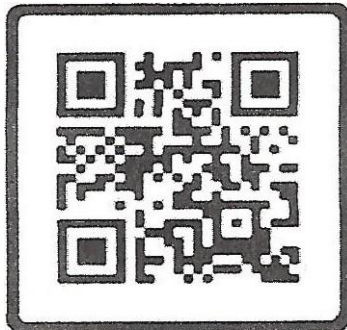
Chaplain- Fr. Chuck Schwartz
Financial Secretary- James Huyge
Lecturer- Gregory Benjamin

Worthy Grand Knights,

Please consider using business cards, bulletin articles or signage on your membership tables with a QR square advertising a FREE GIFT.

Interested people will scan the QR code with their phones and it take them to kofg.org/joinus and the free 1-year membership promo code of MCGIVNEY2020.

FreeGift!



The QR code image above was taken from our weekly constant contact newsletter. Please make use of this weekly communication as it has useful ideas for your council.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is a priceless opportunity and does change the lives of our members. As Knights we change lives and save lives so share the opportunity with everyone in your catholic communities.

Vivat Jesus,
Dan Fuller, State Membership Director

Obituaries

Past Grand Knight Mel Camp

Herminia Salinas (Valdez)
Mother of council member Tom Valdez

May they rest in Peace.

State Raffle

Sell your tickets and get them sent in. \$1.00 of each ticket sold is returned to our council.

The drawing is on Thursday
April 21, 2022

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Blood Drive

This date is on Sunday

May 15, 2022

July 17, 2022

Blood drives are held in the gym at St. Mary's Church. To make an appointment for any of the above listed blood drive dates call or text St. Mary's and Knights member Chris Jarvis at 616-402-1598 or email at cjretsf97@hotmail.com

April Birthdays

- Brian Blanchard 01
- Jason Fogel 01
- Benjamin Turgeon 02
- Dr. Daniel Farrell 03
- Andrew Ratke 06
- Christopher Girard 10
- Larry Murphy 10
- Laurence Marcinak 11
- William Langlois 12
- Thomas Fricano 13
- Sean Lawrence 15
- Matthew Czajka 20
- William Ellingboe 20
- Eric Kaelin 21
- Mitchel Tennyson 29

If see any of these gents wish them a Happy Birthday.

Free Money

Our Knights of Columbus Council #2975 can earn \$1,000.00 from Spartan-Nash, by shopping at one of their 160 participating stores, including the D&W Fresh Market store in Grand Haven. Through the Direct Your Dollars program, we can turn eligible receipts into cash. Please save your receipts when you shop at D&W Fresh Market. There is a collection box for the complete, original receipts in our K of C Hall, on the bar. For

every \$150,000.00 in receipts we collect, we will earn \$1000.00 donation from Spartan-Nash. Start saving those receipts! For more information, please see the following link: <https://www.spartannash.com/direct> your dollars. If you gave questions, please contact Joe Laethem at joseph.a.laethem@gmail.com or 248-761-2310



Family for the month of April
Jim & Mary Lou Marks

Knight for the month of April
Tom Biros

2022 DUES ARE DUE

\$36.00 Annual Dues required
\$10.00 Take Ten, voluntary

Dues are to be paid to:

Jim Huyge
13617 E. Park Ct.
Grand Haven, MI 49417

Please help us by sending in your dues as soon as possible. Thank you

**Form #100
Belongs in
All of These Places**

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!

**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BINGO on MONDAY'S

We are open again. We are still in need of help, especially in the kitchen. If you have any culinary talent your help would be appreciated. Maybe just stop by and see what is going on.

Brother Knights, we have a wonderful Fundraising Opportunity with Van Andel Arena

Brother Knights, we have a wonderful Fundraising Opportunity with Van Andel Arena. Historically, there have been 20-30 charitable groups that have served in the concession venues at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids. Today, there are only 6 groups serving during hockey games and various concerts. Note: Elton John, Doobie Brothers, REO Speedwagon, Styx, etc. are all scheduled over the coming months. We have been invited to provide 2-10 volunteers to serve food and drinks at the concession stands. This may involve some limited cooking, cutting pizzas, running a cash register, etc. We would receive a percentage of the sales (8-10%) with guaranteed minimums. We've been advised that we could make \$300 - \$1000 per night. Shifts are generally ~5 hours of work on your feet. A representative from Van Andel presented at our Membership Meeting in December and described the "fun" she's had doing this work while fundraising. Wives, friends and children 18 or older are welcome to join. If you have questions or are interested in participating, even just once a month, please contact Joe Laethem at joseph.a.laethem@gmail.com or 248.761.2310

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