

**Knights of Columbus  
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November 2019

## Grand Knight Comments

Brother Knights,

The month of November is the traditional time we remember all of our family and friends that have passed on to eternal life before us marked by the sign of faith. This celebration of life spans the entire month as we pray for the souls of the departed. As a council we celebrated the lives of our deceased brothers during the Corporate Communion mass on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> with the Council Memorial Tower on the altar proudly displaying their names. We also supported the parish celebration of those buried from St. Thomas a'Becket in the past year by hosting a reception following the Remembrance Mass Tuesday evening on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Of course, we had several other events take place to fill this month. The month started with our once a month gathering for daily mass on All Saints Day. We continued with another pancake breakfast with special recognition to our veterans. This month 36 veterans enjoyed a complimentary pancake breakfast of which 234 people attended. Thank You for your service! It was great to see all of our new brothers at this month's pancake breakfast. The council resources stood up to the challenge this month as we participated in another Charity Poker event, hosted the pancake breakfast and held a membership drive all on the weekend of November 9th and 10th. The council calendar is included later in the newsletter.

There were several things the council participated in this month. I would like to thank all of you that participated in and/or supported the following:

- Remembrance Mass (Faith)
- Pancake Breakfast (Community)
- Corporate Communion (Family)
- Christmas Refugee Relief (Life)

Vivat Jesus!

*Remember to wear your RED shirts to mass and events!*

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## Remembering our deceased brothers

Rev Timothy F. Babcock	Charles J. Mayfield
Donald S. Bledowski	Brian K. Metzger
John F. Brady	James Minton
Wayne A. Buchanec	Thaddeus M. Plaza
Nicholas M. Coluccelli	Rev Ernest M. Porcari
Alfred J. Dembeck	Lionel F. Radofski
August R. Difazio	Eugene W. Rakoczy
Stanley F. Dziuba	Gerald J. Ross
Raymond P. Ernst	Henry J. Sacha
Floyd I. Ertman	Horst J. Schmid
Alfredo Fernandes	Marvin L. Schulz
Robert G. Flynn	Raymond J. Selewski
Francis F. Glentzer	Earl E. Simpson
John A. Haas	Chester F. Sobell
Julian T. Kozlowski	Robert Sultana
Carl J. Krawczyk	Steven S. Titus

Every Knight of Columbus is entrusted to the care of Mary, the Mother of God. We carry the Rosary as the sign of our dedication to her and to her Son. Confident in her motherly love for us all, we entrust the soul of our Brother Knights to her, so that she may present them to her Son. Amen

## Holiday Season 2019

The holiday season is well under way as many of you would have already celebrated Thanksgiving by the time you have read this newsletter. I hope you enjoyed the holiday with family and friends as we especially appreciate our many blessings and give thanks.

With Advent season upon us, we prepare for Christmas. I read an interesting post that reminds you what Christmas is all about. Beginning on December 1<sup>st</sup>, read one chapter of the Book of Luke in the bible each evening. There are 24 chapters. On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus's life and wake up Christmas morning knowing WHO and WHY we celebrate. Consider taking on this tradition.

Our annual council Christmas Dinner will be on Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> with the program beginning at 4pm in the FLC at church. Please sign up online so we have an accurate count and let us know if you are bringing a dish. Arrive early to enjoy the good time and food!

**Sign up:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4ba9ad22a2f94-20193>

## Awards and Recognitions

At the November general meeting we recognized our Knight of the Month. The success of our charity poker continues to prosper due to the hard work and dedication of our poker chairman Mike Pisano. His leadership keeps us on task and in compliance with the state of Michigan gaming regulations. Mike puts in several hours preparing, running and following these events so that run smooth. The state requires us to have three members at each event. He also covers the shifts that aren't filled and in instances when there is a last-minute vacancy. Mike does it all, from securing the event date, getting the license, filling the shifts, reconciling, submitting invoices and turning funds over to the F.S.



Pictured above is Mike Pisano and Larry Guastella.

## Breakfast with Santa

The tradition continues with the Youth Group and Knights working together to host a pancake breakfast. In this event, the youth performed all the work including food prep, cooking and clean up that normally takes place during a pancake breakfast under the supervision and guidance of the volunteering Knights. It was a good time for the 150+ people attending with all the children taking a turn sharing their wish list with Santa and partaking in all the activities. Thanks to the Youth Group for the outstanding work with all the food, serving and clean up. Also, thanks to all the brother Knights (pictured from left to right: Bill Des Ormeau, Dennis Thinel, Rob Bovitz, Larry Guastella, Ken Pietryga as Santa, Mike Goodhart, Joseph Nader, Ben Keyserling, David Frye) and Youth Group working the breakfast to ensure our youth remained focused and safe.



## Charity Poker

The November event finished up with great results for the council. This helps us to continue to fund our charitable work in our parish and community. Thanks to all the volunteers that filled the slots and special thanks to those who signed up for multiple slots. The full sign up by volunteers permitted our chairman with flexibility to be the fourth person to make the beginning of the shift run smooth when there usually is a tournament starting up. More information will be shared about our next event as we get closer to the event in 2020.

### **Coats for Kids**

This year we are changing up the coat drive by joining the parish coat drive team. Traditionally we have purchased coats through Supreme and donated them within our community. The parish team has held bake sales and collected coats to support various organizations. The combined efforts will collect more coats and reach more families within our parish community. We kicked off the program with a donation to the drive so the shoppers could get started. The parish chairs, Stef Clewley and Cathy Bammel along with Maureen Hassien attended our November meeting with snacks and treats to provide us a background and understands expectations to make the "Be a Buddy Coat Drive" a success at our parish. The coat drive was started in memory of the late Buddy Hassien (Maureen's husband), known for his willingness to give someone the coat off his back. The parish has collected over 20,000 coats since 2007!

### **Upcoming Council Birthdays**

As a regular feature in our newsletter, we list our council member birthdays for the next month so you can wish your brothers a special "Happy Birthday" if you like! The following are the **December** council birthdays:

#### **Happy Birthday!**

Michael L. Jewett (12-09), David P. Trost (12-10), William T. Simmerer (12-12), David J. Nowicki (12-15), Ernest A. Cesarone (12-18), Thaddeus R. Bonkowski (12-24), Lawrence F. Guastella (12-26), David M. Costyk (12-27), David C. Lengel (12-27).

### **In Memoriam**

We also wish to honor our council brothers who have preceded us in death by remembering the date that they went back home to the Lord. These are the brothers we have recognized on our council memorial tower as well.

For the month of **December**, please remember all of our brothers:

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

### **Let us pray**

Please remember all council brothers and family members sick or in distress in your prayers.

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**Upcoming calendar dates:**December

- 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday morning mass 9 am
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Officers meeting 7 pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Council Christmas Dinner 4pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Keeping Christ in Christmas posters due
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Rosary in Chapel 6:45 pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> - General meeting 7:30 pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> - Hand our prayer cards
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Game night
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Consecration of the Holy Family

January

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday morning mass 9 am
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Officers meeting 7 pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Pancake Breakfast
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Rosary in Chapel 6:45 pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> - General meeting 7:30 pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Council Free Throw Contest
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Game night

Watch your email for more details or changes.

Any questions, email to [gk8284@mikofc.org](mailto:gk8284@mikofc.org)

**Council clothing** - Need some new council “threads”? Contact [Mike Goodhart](mailto:Mike.Goodhart@mikofc.org) ([md8284@mikofc.org](mailto:md8284@mikofc.org)) to place your orders or for any questions.

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