



The Crusader

Voice of the Membership
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Serving the parishes of St. Mary's and St. Patrick-St. Anthony
Celebrating 141 years of Faith in Action

State Council Web Site

- www.micofc.org
- www.fathermcgivney.org
- www.priestforlife.org
- www.Rosarypilgrimage.net

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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The Answer to Prayer. *And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.*

Luke 11:9-10

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Grand Knight's Update

May 2023

Vivat Jesus

Obituary

Mrs. Helen Irene Boomgaard, age 94 of Palm Harbor, Florida (formerly of Spring Lake and Grand Haven), passed away on Sunday, April 30, 2023, at her home. She married Peter Boomgaard in 1983 (a former member of our council and assembly) he preceded her in death in 2017.

Helen was a member at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Spring Lake until she moved to Florida. She is survived by her four sons, two

stepdaughters, and one stepson, and several grandchildren.

A Family Memorial Service will be held later with a burial in Manton, Michigan.

Elections will be held at the Membership Meeting this month.

Van Andel Fundraisers Please try an event. Joe Laethem is back. Please contact Joe and sign up, friends and Family can help too.

Star Council – Our SP7 has been accepted for the Columbian Award. Thank you for all that you do. We still need to meet our membership goal of 12 (we have 9 and we just did a Delta drive) and we did get credit for the second Fraternal Benefit Night to make Star Council.

Priest Appreciation is coming up, some have already spoke up – Please let me know if you would like to attend.

Exemplification at St Pats on May 30th Welcome our 3 new 3rd degree members made it through the Sam, Roger and Mark.

State Convention update: Tom Biros and I are signed up to go, Details are coming in. I have been appointed to a 'Good of the Order' Committee Web Page: <https://kofcgh.org> Always looking for suggestions & comments.

Delta Drive was held, Dominic will give us his update at our next meeting.

Doughnuts: St Pats: Between Steve Erickson and Doug Lansky we are committed to the first Sunday of the month, both Masses. Please contact them if you're available to help.

Doughnuts: St. Mary's: Contact *Brother Jim Huyge* if you are able to help the 2nd Sunday of every month after both the 9am and 11am Masses.

Van Andel Fundraisers, please try 1 of the it will be a major part of raising money this year for our Council, Contact Tom Biros for any details 616-690-6719

Ultrasound Machines Did you know: Michigan Knights of Columbus has donated 82 so far?

Facebook page Don't forget to check out our Facebook page and invite all to participate in posts and events. [2975 Council Facebook Page](#) Please comment on this.

ALSO, a Web Page: <https://kofcgh.org>
Please check it out, make suggestions.
Comments

The proposed slate of officers for 2023 – 2024

- GK – Chip Monroe
- DGK - Tom Biros
- Chancellor – Dominic Ciccantelli
- Recorder - Steve Erickson
- Treasurer – Joe Laethem
- Advocate - Sam Young
- Warden - Tony Ciccantelli
- Inside Guard – Sean Lawrence
- Outside Guard – Mitchel Tennyson
- 1st year Trustee - Bob Wassick
- 2 Year Trustee – Terry Johnson
- 3rd Year Trustee – David Schaner

Appointments

Chaplin – Fr. Chuck Schwartz

Financial Secretary – James Huyge
Lecturer - Open

If you are interested in any of the above offices let me know so that you may be included on the slate.

Vivat Jesus,

Chip Monroe
Grand Knight

Blood Drive

These dates are Sunday.

May 14, 2023
July 16, 2023

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

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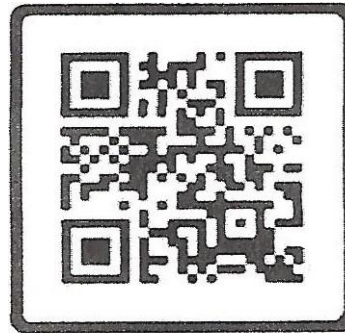

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Jason Epplett 18
Fr. Chuck Schwartz 18
Douglas Lansky20
Anthony Ciccantelli 26
James McGregor 29

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

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

Free Gift!



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 Di



Family for the month of May
Steve and Rene Erickson

Knight for the month of May
Bob Wassick

May Birthdays

Paul Carey 01
Louis Draeger 02
Timothy Tarczynski 02
Timothy Wheeler 02
Paul Winter 07
Dennis Lord 16

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Fourth Degree Exempt at St. Patrick-St. Anthony's in October 2023

Brother first and second- and third-degree knights. This coming October there will be a fourth-degree exemplification held at St. Patrick – St. Anthony's parish.

This would be an opportune time for you to prepare for advancement into our order's highest degree, Fourth Degree also known as the Patriotic Degree.

To qualify you must be a third degree in good standing. For first- and second-degree members to advance to third degree is easy. Sign up for the first-degree exempt get through this event, usually after the last Sunday mass of the month, about an hour at most. You will have advanced to the third degree. We have also done these at the Council before regular meetings. I will have more info soon. If you can't wait, contact our district deputy, his info is on the back page.

Plan for this Tax Day and into the Future

April 15 (Tax Day) is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax saving vehicle. Or perhaps someone has tried to convince you to open an account, touting the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And, our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that you cannot outlive-guaranteed- sound to you?

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into the annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee- along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember- absolute safety of principal)- really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you- at your convenience and in your home- to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.

Doug Nurenberg, 989-292-1583 or
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Did You This About the Knights

As members of the Knights of Columbus we have joined a charitable, fraternal organization. Together, we're helping Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community. Here at the George McCarthy Council 2975, we achieve that mission through our active support of:

Ministries at our two home Parishes, St. Patrick's/St. Anthony's, and St. Mary's Support seminarians and religious in our diocese

Charities in our state through the Michigan State council of the Knights of Columbus

Culture of Life activities locally, Statewide and through the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, out National Organization.

Our council recently completed its survey of Annual Fraternal Activities for 2022. We had another great year as a council, both in terms of volunteer hours (time and talent) and money (treasure) donated. The Annual Survey tracks our activities in 4 categories:

Talent	Time	Treasure
Faith Activities	478	\$7134.
Family Activities	1,104	\$1,110
Community Activities	4944	\$10,904
Life Activities	1,558	\$4,309

In 2022, we continued our long-standing commitment to our parish ministries and our primary fundraising activities, Weekly Bingo, Lenten Fish Frys, and the Tootsie Roll Drive. As a result, we have made a significant

positive impact in two key areas in our community, supporting both Pro-Life activities and Special Needs People in our community through our support for **Positive Options** and for **Area 12 Special Olympics**. The support we provide for these two activities is truly a manifestation of God's presence here in Ottawa County.

There is, however, some disappointing news. In 2023, K of C Council 2975 has decided to suspend our annual Lenten Fish Frys. Although Fish Frys are a staple of Catholic activity during the Lenten Season, the lack of available fish and increasing prices for foods and sundries needed to conduct the Fish Frys drove the decision. The Lenten Fish Frys have not been an effective fundraiser for several years now. We will review the possibility of reinstating Fish Frys for the 2024 Lenten Season.

Lastly, I ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your level of support for the activities of our council by volunteering to work Van Andel Arena concessions, if possible. By increasing the amount of your time & talents that support local K of C activities here at Council 2975, you can help us maintain & expand how we live our faith through action.

If you are willing make the effort, please contact Brother Tom Biro at (616)-690-6719 or Jim Huyge at (616)201-8363 to sign up for Van Andel Arena dates.

Vivat Jesus!

Chip Monroe
Grand Knight

SEE PICTURES ON THE BACK PAGE OF THE NEWLY LITE FLAG THAT FLIES AT OUR HALL. THANKS TO THE MOTIVATION OF CHRIS JARVIS.

BINGO on MONDAY'S

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. Also, you can contact Tom Biros at 616-690-6719 or tom_biros@yahoo.com

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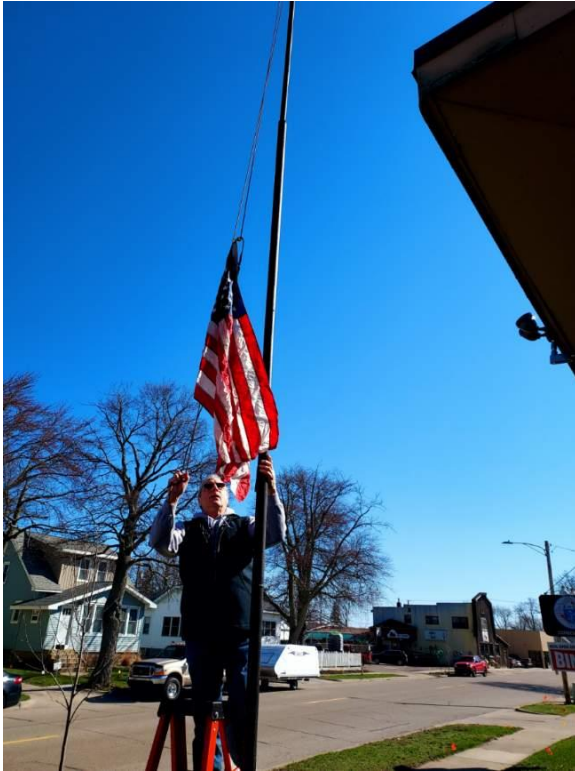
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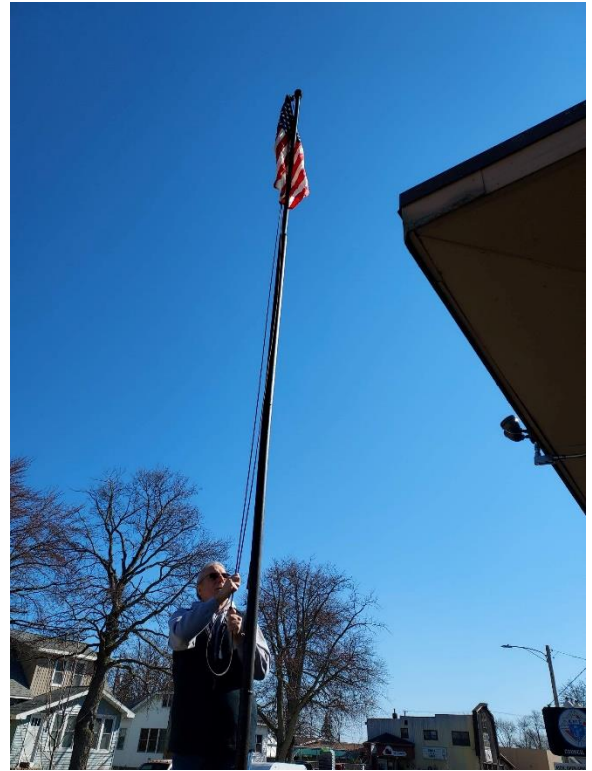
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Our flagpole motivator Chris Jarvis is preparing the flag for raising.

Our flagpole had not been used for years. Chris motivated us to fix the pole. A light



Chris has the flag to the top.

was installed with photo eye so the flag may fly 24/7. Electrical work done by Mike Olivier and Terry Johnson. Thank you, Chris.

