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## Welcome new Brother Knights

- ◆ Joseph Angelosanto
- ◆ Victor O'Donnell
- ◆ Tom Koenigbauer

**December 2nd @ 6PM**  
**Children's Christmas Party**  
**Bring the family to see Santa**

**December 4th**  
**Pancakes for Priests @ OLL**  
**After the 8AM, 9:30AM & 11AM Masses**

**YOUTH PROGRAM, AGES 10 TO 18**  
**Squires and Knight's Daughters meet on the**  
**first Tuesday of the month at 5:30PM.**

**Men's Christmas Party**  
**December 15th @ 6:30PM**  
**Bring your favorite tailgate food or munchies**  
**to share and be ready to party Council Style.**

**Help us build our Christmas Parade Float on**  
**December 10th at 9AM.**  
**Contact Jack Will at 248-969-2286**  
**to volunteer.**



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Call for rental information

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# **Grand Knight Article**

## **Merry Christmas to all!**

We do have an important change to our monthly membership meeting for December. As you know we normally have our meeting on the second Thursday of the month. The second Thursday of December is when we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and many of you will be attending mass that evening.

To accommodate our members, we have moved our membership meeting to Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will be very short, with only the required business being conducted. Once the meeting is over we will have our members Christmas gathering, with a "Tailgate Party" theme. Please bring your favorite tailgate dish to pass. We hope to see you there.

Our council will be participating in the Clarkston Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please arrive at Community Education/ Renaissance High School (6558 Waldon Rd, Across from Clarkston Elementary School) by 4:30PM. Only vehicles in the parade will be allowed to enter the community education parking lot. Any other vehicles that need to be parked will need to be parked at Clarkston Elementary or Clarkston Junior High School across the street.

Judging will start at 4:30 and finish at 5:30. Parade starts promptly at 6PM.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Enjoy the time you get to spend with your family and friends.

Vivat Jesus!

Kevin Wisely, Grand Knight

### **Financial Hardship?**

#### **Can't Pay Your Dues?**

Any member facing financial hardships and having difficulty paying dues may contact our council's Financial Secretary Bill Johnson or Grand Knight Kevin Wisely. Special consideration is given to any member that is unable afford dues, if they contact the council. These matters are handled confidentially.

## **Note from the Building Corporation:**

Our council has been struggling to continue to operate our building for several years now. The struggles started when our council was cheated by a contractor we hired to renovate our building.

We have also seen a dramatic decline in the number of players attending our Bingo games. Earlier this year, we were forced to cancel Sunday Bingo because of lack of players. Just a few years ago, Bingo generated over \$70,000 in a year for the council. Last year Bingo generated slightly more than \$20,000 and this year the number is projected to be \$10,000. Many of our regular players have died over the past few years, and younger generations do not seem to play Bingo as often. We have also seen new competitors open up. Our Bingo volunteers still work tirelessly to provide an enjoyable experience so our Bingo players keep coming back.

Hall rentals have done well this year, but still do not provide enough income to cover all the expenses that go into running the hall.

The Building Corporation has taken many actions to reduce our expenses, everything from appealing our property tax bills, reducing nearly every expense and pay cuts for all of our day crew. Our expenses have significantly dropped in the past few years, but it still is not enough to cover our expenses.

The Building Corporation has set up an Ad Hoc committee to investigate selling our building. The committee will look into all possibilities including an outright sale of the building, leasing all or part of our building or selling it and attempting to rent a portion of the building for our own use. Anyone interested in finding out what is going on with this is welcome to attend our Building Corporation meetings. These take place at 6PM on the first Thursday of each month. When more information is available, it will be passed along to the council.

The Building Corporation will continue to run Bingo, rent the hall for events such as weddings and to run Fish Fry Dinners to keep revenue coming in. We will continue to pay necessary expenses to keep the building running.

When the committee makes a recommendation on what path to take in regards to the future of the building, we will bring that information to our membership.

K of C Council 5436 Building Corporation

## **Ladies Auxiliary** **Events & Activities**

Welcome to the Advent season! As the year draws to a close, I would like to thank all of the Ladies of the Auxiliary for their hard work, dedication, and optimism with all of the projects and programs we have worked on this year. We may be small in number, but we are mighty with determination to support our Knights, our council, and our community. A special thank you to Hope Alesi, Wanda Flynn, Kay Kisell, and Kathy Will for being the backbone of the bingo kitchen. We are so grateful for your selfless gifts of time and energy. We are so fortunate to have a Council and an Auxiliary with such a wide range of time and talent to share with others. I am proud to be a part of such a charitable group. I look forward to welcoming more new members to the Auxiliary next year so we can continue to grow and strengthen our Clarkston Council in all the fine work that they do.

One change to anticipate for bingo is that starting in January, workers will now be charged for any food or beverages they consume during bingo. This change is necessary due to the decrease in kitchen revenue and the increase in food costs. This change will hopefully eliminate financial losses sustained in the past year.

*The Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party is Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6 p.m.* We will be having a potluck dinner and blind auction to benefit charity. We will be calling members as a reminder, but if you do not receive a call and plan to join us, please RSVP at 248-394-1034. Auction items can be of any value you choose, but keep in mind, higher values bring higher bids! Potluck items are determined by first letter of your last name, so it's very important that you RSVP. Please leave a message if no answer and I will get right back to you!

December 14<sup>th</sup> is the annual wrapping party for the Be a Santa to a Senior program that is run by our own Nancy Wasilk! Join the Ladies Auxiliary at the Waterford Parks and Recreation Building on the corner of Crescent Lake and Hatchery for a truly heartwarming event. The modest requests of a large number of senior citizens are fulfilled by the volunteers that wrap the gifts for these deserving people. Last year we helped out and had a blast! If you have an hour or two and would like to join our group, call Hope Alesi for the planned meeting time at 248-625-6151.

The donations of the hooded sweatshirts and sheets are on their way to the State K of C Winter meeting Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> to be sent along to Holy Cross Children's Services. Thank you for your generosity! Brother Francis will be so pleased with these items and the 20 bath baskets the Auxiliary sponsored for Christmas gifts for the children at Holy Cross. Diapers for Birthchoice and Pregnancy Help Center will continue to be collected in the Founders room in the box on the fireplace hearth.

Remember to sell or buy K of C State Raffle tickets—the holiday season is a perfect time to offer them to friends and family as you gather together... I sold at least ten tickets this way at Thanksgiving! Remember, each ticket sold returns \$1 to our council for charity spending. If you need tickets or want to buy some, feel free to call me and I will help you out. I also bring them to fish fry on Friday and will have them at the next Pancakes for Priests breakfast at Lakes for sale.

Blessings to you and your loved ones this Christmas—

Kara Fuller, President

"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day."--Edith Lovejoy Pierce

**HELP WANTED/NEEDED** Ladies (and gentlemen, too), we need your help. If we cannot get more assistance in the kitchen with bingo, we may need to stop providing hot food service at bingo altogether. If you can help, call Hope Alesi at 248-625-6151. You do not need to be a member of the Auxiliary to help at bingo. We will teach you what to do and you will work with an experienced team member. Thank you for your support of the Knights.

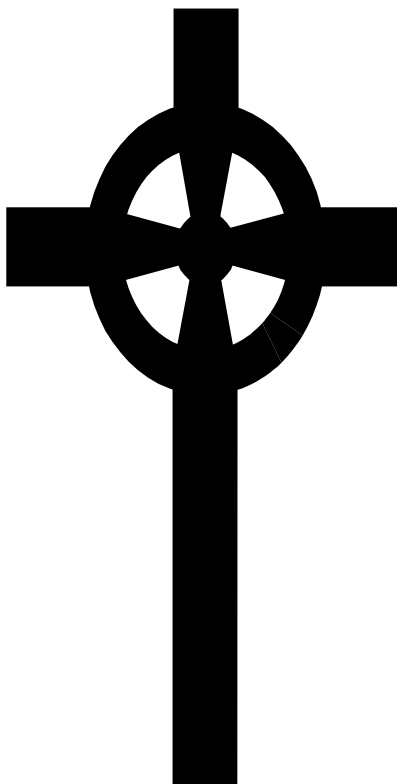
Knight of the Month,  
**John Greaves**

Family of the Month,  
**Mike & Hope Alesi**

Congratulations!  
 Thank you for your efforts.

**Good of the order:**

- ◆ Brothers and families that need work
- ◆ John Alfes
- ◆ Mary Alfes
- ◆ Lorraine Bubnik
- ◆ Deanna Calme (RIP)
- ◆ Stuart Daniel
- ◆ Harold Ford
- ◆ Dee Hall
- ◆ Dick Hall
- ◆ Mike Johnson
- ◆ James McKneely
- ◆ Anthony Miloastan
- ◆ Claudia Negrete
- ◆ Victory Negrette
- ◆ Mike Pagano Sr
- ◆ Sal Reale
- ◆ William Reinelt
- ◆ Jerry Roberts
- ◆ Dave Strong
- ◆ Ellen Seeterlin
- ◆ Traci Wightman
- ◆ Pat Wilson
- ◆ Joan Wisely



Title	First Name	Last Name	Birth Date	YRS SVC
	CARL	MAURO	1st	48
	JOHN	SHANKS	1st	48
	CHARLES	GATES	1st	31
	JOHN	GREAVES	1st	26
	GEORGE	KOCH JR	2nd	19
	SEAN	WIGHTMAN	2nd	3
	JOSEPH	PETROFF	3rd	39
	GORDON	JOHN	4th	3
	IRVEN	KEARNEY	4th	7
	JAMES	FARNSWORTH	5th	0
	CARLOS	PEREZ	5th	6
	DAVID	ANDREWS	5th	2
	JOSEPH	KEUSCH	6th	16
	CONRAD	CALVANO JR	6th	8
	LLOYD	RYMAR	7th	1
	MICHAEL	GOIK	8th	11
	SCOTT	NAZ	8th	4
	RICHARD	FITZPATRICK	9th	5
	GEORGE	O NEIL	10th	36
	MARTIN	GRABOWSKI	13th	14
	WILLIAM	METHNER	13th	41
	THOMAS	PRUENTE	14th	37
	GERALD	RECKINGER	15th	3
	RALPH	WILSON	18th	10
	FRED	SECHANSKI	20th	28
	WAYNE	WEISS	20th	22
	WILLIAM	CARNES	20th	6
	FREDERIC	DEVENDORF	23rd	6
	ARCADE	LAPOINTE	24th	69
	SAMUEL	KASE JR	24th	59
	JIM	ZIOLA	25th	14
	FRANCIS	WEBER	26th	17
	CHRISTOPHER	ARMSTRONG JR	26th	8
	JOSEPH	BRUZ	29th	38
	GERALD	NOWAKOWSKI	29th	37
	RICHARD	HALL	30th	10
DR	DANIEL	BURNS	30th	5
	CHARLES	CHAMBERLAIN	31st	31

**E-mail notices:** Recently, I send out a group e-mail to our council mailing list about a funeral for the wife of a late brother and received many notifications that the message I sent was blocked. Most commonly this was from people with AOL and Comcast e-mail addresses. In the future I would like to be able to contact you about council matters such as events, funeral notices and newsletter delivery for those who prefer that option. My promise to you is I will not send you jokes, cartoons or solicitations with either my personal e-mail [kwisely@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kwisely@sbcglobal.net) or my KOFC e-mail address [GK5436@MIKOFc.org](mailto:GK5436@MIKOFc.org) so if you would free me from your e-mail spam list, I would appreciate it. Kevin Wisely, GK

## St Daniel Parish Roundtable Report

Merry Christmas to all my Brother Knights that attend the parish of St. Daniel. I encourage you to find a way to volunteer within our parish. I also encourage you to wear your K of C pins, jackets, and shirts to all parish event. Visibility and good works is key to a strong parish roundtable.

One way to lend our support to the parish is to support the Men of St. Dan's. This social group of men meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM.

If you have any questions please contact me at 248-625-4052

Vivat Jesus,

Bob Reinelt - Chancellor & Roundtable Coordinator

## Our Lady of Lakes Roundtable Report

Our Pancakes for Priest Project is off and running with 2 breakfast under our belt. On December 4th we will be serving up our 3rd breakfast of the year. Scout Pack 185 will lend us a hand during our December breakfast. It is always great to work along side these youngsters.

I want to thank our volunteers for their hard work and dedication. This includes our Columbian Squires & Knights Daughters Youth Group who have help serve and clean up. Great job.

I encourage all my Brother Knights to find a way to volunteer within our parish. I also encourage you to wear your K of C pins, jackets, and shirts to all parish event. Visibility and good works is key to a strong parish roundtable.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Kevin Wisely, GK & Roundtable Coordinator



Never forget.  
He is the reason  
for the season.

**“Keep Christ in  
Christmas”**

May your families  
enjoy the blessings  
of Christ this  
Christmas season.



## Fish Fry Teams

**Cook Teams—Mike Pagaon 248-464-1788**

- Team 1 Balcom, Kerr, Butts, Zubalick
- Team 2 Roberts, Carpenter, Wasker, Baumgartner
- Team 3 Fuller, Will, Bugai, Marraccini, Michelson
- Team 4 Belevender, Farrell, Luna, Jackson
- Team 5 Methner, Mountian, Flynn, Michelson

**Bartender Teams—Vince Belevender 248-625-4052**

- Team 1 Roberts
- Team 2 Gates
- Team 3 Belevender
- Team 4 Nowakowski
- Team 5 Christina

## Poker for Priests at Colombiere

On December 28th, our Council will be hosting our next card party for the retired priests and brothers at Colombiere Center in Clarkston. We deal black jack and poker and it has become a popular event for the retired priests and brothers. If you would like to help with this project in the future, please let me know. You will leave there uplifted. Normally, the card games last about an hour and a half and run from 6PM to 7:30PM. If you arrive a bit earlier, they will feed you too. Cliff Holmyard, [cliffordholmyard@hotmail.com](mailto:cliffordholmyard@hotmail.com) or 248-701-8711



### **Shopping List: Non-perishable foods**

- **Cereal Hot and Cold**
- **Powdered or Evaporated Milk**
- **Canned Chili**
- **Dry Pasta**
- **Peanut Butter**
- **Tuna**
- **Beef Stew**
- **Boxed Potatoes (All Types)**
- **Macaroni and Cheese**
- **Pork and Beans**
- **Rice**
- **Spaghetti Sauce**
- **Jelly**
- **Canned Meat**
- **Spaghetti O's**
- **Canned Sloppy Joes**
- **Soup**

### **Council 5436 Food Drive**

**Bring these items to our  
Council Christmas Party  
December 15th.**

**We will donate them to  
Lighthouse of Oakland  
County.**

**Thank you.**

**\*Items in bold are most in need**

**Fund Raiser**

**Casino Bus Trip  
to benefit our  
Council  
January 8th**

**Contact:  
Vince Belevender  
248-625-4052**

**Fund Raiser**

**Vegas Night  
Saturday  
January 21st**

**To volunteer contact:  
Geoff Wright  
248-760-6855**

ADVERTISERS WANTED: PLACE AN AD AND SUPPORT OUR COUNCIL'S NEWSLETTER.

MONTHLY ADVERTISEMENTS WILL COST \$5 FOR A BUSINESS CARD SIZED AD.

QUARTER PAGE WILL BE \$10. ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS OR GARAGE SALES.

Ads must pass the approval of our Grand Knight before they can be placed in the newsletter

**Fund Raiser**

**Super Bowl Party  
&  
Raffle  
February 5th @ 1PM**

**Contact:  
Vince Belevender  
248-625-4052**

**Fund Raiser**

**Valentine's Day  
Dinner  
February 14th @  
6:30PM**

**Contact:  
Dan Fuller  
248-394-1034**



# DECEMBER 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Building Corp Mtg. 6PM Officers Mtg 7PM	2 Children's Christmas Party 6PM	3 4th Deg. Christmas Party St. Perpetua 5PM
4 Breakfast @ OLL Lions game 8PM WATCH IT WITH US	5	6	7 6PM Bingo Team #1 OFFICERS Kitchen—Will 7PM Card Night	8 Holy Day Meeting moved to the 15th	9 Fish Fry #4 Bar Team #4	10 Clarkston Christmas Parade 6PM
11 Lions game 12:30 PM WATCH IT WITH US	12 Christmas Party Ladies Aux.	13	14 6PM Bingo Team #2 Haines Kitchen—Kisell 7PM Card Night	15 Men's Christmas Party Membership Mtg. 7PM	16 Fish Fry #5 Bar Team #5	17
18 Lions game 12:30 PM WATCH IT WITH US	19	20 Rosary & Adoration at OLL 7PM	21 6PM Bingo Team #3 Charboneau Kitchen—Flynn 7PM Card Night	22	23 Fish Fry #1 Bar Team #1	24
25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27	28 6PM Bingo Team #4 Pearce Kitchen—Kisell 7PM Card Night	29	30 Fish Fry #2 Bar Team #2	31



# JANUARY 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>1</u> Watch Football with us. 12:00PM	2	3	<u>4</u> 6PM Bingo Team #1 OFFICERS Kitchen—Will 7PM Card Night	<u>5</u> Building Corp Mtg 6:30PM Officers Mtg 7:30PM	<u>6</u> Fish Fry #3 Bar Team #3	7
<u>8</u> Breakfast @ OLL	9	10	<u>11</u> 6PM Bingo Team #2 Haines Kitchen—Kisell 7PM Card Night	<u>12</u> Light Supper @ 6:30PM Membership Mtg 7PM	<u>13</u> Fish Fry #4 Bar Team #4	14
15	16	17 Rosary & Ado- ration at OLL 7PM	<u>18</u> 6PM Bingo Team #3 Charboneau Kitchen—Flynn 7PM Card Night	19	<u>20</u> Fish Fry #5 Bar Team #5	21
<u>22</u> Life Chain @ Dixie & White Lake Rd. 1PM	23	24	<u>25</u> 6PM Bingo Team #4 Pearce Kitchen—Kisell 7PM Card Night	26	<u>27</u> Fish Fry #1 Bar Team #1	<u>28</u> Officers Bowling Tournament @ 9AM in Bay City
29	30	31				

**B R O T H E R  
K N I G H T S  
PLEASE ATTEND!!!**

General Membership Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month. The meetings are at our Council Hall - 5660 Maybee Road, Clarkston, MI. We start with a light supper at 6:30 PM, the meeting follows at 7:00 PM.



**Prayer for the Canonization of  
Father Michael J. McGivney**

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and virtue. May we follow your son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompts us to greater confidence in your life so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will.



UNITED IN A RIGHTEOUS CAUSE, OUR UNION WILL  
BRING ASSURED SUCCESS

Anyone, who has something to share in the newsletter, must submit in writing or via email by the 16th of the month to the editor and publisher.

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