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COUNCIL MEETING 2ND TUESDAY

FOURTH DEGREE 1ST THURSDAY

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June: Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus!

Greetings Brother Knights,

Here are some of the upcoming Council happenings in June:

- June 1st Knights Leadership Training 9 am - noon at St John Vianney School
- June 2nd is Corpus Christi Sunday
- June 2nd is our Corporate Communion at St Matthews 11 am
- June 7th The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus first Friday
- June 24th - The Nativity of St John The Baptist
- June 30th - Fr. Tom Firestone final day as Council 695 Chaplin

The May 5th First Sunday breakfast went well. We had a smaller crowd and brought in a bit more revenue via their contributions. The First Sunday breakfast will be our last for a while; we will likely resume it in the fall.

We provided refreshments following the Memorial Day Veterans Mass at Old Calvary Cemetery in conjunction with the New Calvary Cemetery staff (serving hotdogs), and the 4th Degree color guard. Complete with a flag service. Thank you to all the Volunteers who helped to set up and serve the cookies and refreshments.

The Corporate Communion at St Mary's Mission Church on May 19th was well received along with good Knights' participation. It was Fr. Matthew Bonk's first Corporate communion with Council 695.

We are having one more Corporate Communion at St Matthew Flint:

- June 2nd (Corpus Christi Sunday) at St Matthew Church at 11 am Mass.

I want to thank all of our brothers that participated in the First Sunday Breakfasts. They were well received and proved financially beneficial to the council.

St Mary's Mission hosted a Healing Service on May 7th. The service had good attendance at the service. I have already heard some beneficial results have been realized

We are always looking for new members, if you know of any catholic man that would be a good candidate, they can join for free! As we continue to celebrate Blessed Michael J. McGivney's Beatification, please enter the Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY to join online for free. If you know someone that would be a good knight let them know that they can sign up on line at KofC.org and the first year dues are free. They should list 695 as the Council that they have interest in joining and we will work out the entry process.

Note: Don't forget that June 2nd will be the next Corporate Communion at St Matthews' 11 am.

Please keep all who suffer in your prayers; and pray for World Peace.

Vivat Jesu!

Joe Goergen
Grand Knight
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June 2024

Calendar of Events

- 2 Corporate Communion, St. Matthew Church, 11:00 am Mass
- 2 Corpus Christi Sunday
- 6 Fourth Degree Meeting, Holy Redeemer Family Life Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Council 695 Meeting, St. John Vianney, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Flag Day
- 16 Fathers Day
- 19 Juneteenth Day
- 20 First Day of Summer
- 29 Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
- 30 Thank You Brunch for Fr. Tom Firestone, SJV Noon

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Honoring Fathers of All Types

The leadership of our assembly are, in effect fathers, as they lead our 4th Degree Knights. Our new Knights of Columbus Assembly #510 leaders for the fiscal year of 2024-2025, are as follows: Friar Father Georges Bidzogo, Navigator Lenny Accardo, Captain Chuck Loader, Scribe Mike Wilson, Pilot Dave Pillen, Admiral Jack Tylus, Purser Greg Frixen, Trustees 3-year Mark Davidek, 2-year Mike Hutchins and 1-year Jack Massimino, Inner Sentinel Stevie Weston, and Outer Sentinel Mike Sherman. Keith Snyder will continue as Comptroller, a non-elected position.



The currently scheduled events for us to enjoy, participate in, and volunteer for start with the Flag Retirement ceremony at Great Lakes Cemetery on Flag Day, June 14th, at 11:00 a.m. For specific directions to the Flag event call me. Next up is our fantastic annually sponsored Golf Outing at Flushing Valley Golf Club on Sunday, July 28th. As in the past, it will be a highly prized event and a large fundraiser for our assembly. Please step forward to help and contact Lenny so all the various functions will be manned to make this outing a GREAT GOLF TOURNAMENT! Form a team, come single or if you don't play, come help. In the fall we will host the Veterans Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, November 9th. This our way to honor our Veterans who fought for our freedom. For the holidays, we will support the Wreaths Across America at Great Lakes Cemetery in Holly. That will take place on December 14th.

Congratulations to Father Firestone on his advancement to Senior Priest status! Amongst all the things you have done for Flint, your smile has made a difference in our community. Thank you. Mary, Mother of Flint, protect Father Firestone in his new endeavors.

Best wishes for our fathers on June 16th, Father's Day. Here is an excerpt from Paul Harvey, noted radio broadcaster with his REST OF THE STORY, titled Fathers. *"A father is a thing that is forced to endure childbirth, without an anesthetic. A father is a thing that growls when it feels good-and laughs loud when it's scared half to death. A father never feels entirely worthy of worship in his child's eyes. He never is quite the hero his daughter thinks, never quite the man his son believes him to be. I don't know where fathers go when they die. But I have an idea that after a good rest, he won't be happy unless there is work to do. He won't just sit on a cloud and wait for the girl he's loved and the children she bore. He'll be busy there, too...oiling the gates, smoothing the way."* St. Joseph, human father figure of Jesus Christ, pray for us to follow in your ways to always be a good father.

I want to thank everyone for your support these last couple of years, allowing me to lead our Assembly. It's always been an honor to be part of this wonderful assembly. I am grateful for this opportunity to work with a great group of Sir Knights and for your help, guidance and support these past two years. I am not leaving but, thanks to you, am becoming an Admiral this upcoming year. Please join me in welcoming Lenny back as Navigator and strongly support him in that role. God Bless you, Assembly #510 members, and may St. Pope John Paul II, Blessed Michael J. McGivney and Monsignor Patrick R. Dunigan provide their blessings on our assembly!

Our next meeting is on Thursday, June 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the Holy Redeemer Life Center. We meet the first Thursday of every month; hope to see you there.

Blessed Michael J McGivney and Monsignor Patrick R Dunigan, pray for us!

PGK Jack Tylus
Faithful Navigator
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Council News from May Meeting

Council met on Tuesday May 14 at 7:30 pm. Plans for the upcoming Memorial Day outdoor Mass at Old Calvary Cemetery were discussed. No expenditures were voted on. The last First Sunday Breakfast of the spring was held on May 5. There will be no breakfasts over the summer. Council members were pleased with attendance at the breakfasts.

Final details for the breakfasts will be reviewed in June. Terms of office expire on June 30, but all officers are expected to be renominated and voted on. A nominee is needed for 3-year Trustee and for Recorder. The next Corporate Communion will be June 2 at St. Matthew in Flint. The meeting adjourned by 8:00 pm.

Queen of the Knights Prayer

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order.

Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy divine son on earth.

Through Thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court.

Make us always aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated.

Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of Thy Servants, the Knights of Columbus.

June Birthdays

- 1 Lawrence H Hackett
- 2 Patrick E Skellett
- 6 John A Vantol
- 6 David Wolbert
- 7 Theodore C Eisenbeis
- 10 Michael G Rinoldo
- 18 Mr Sean M Rozboril
- 19 Michael C Drevon
- 19 Rudolph A Haapala
- 21 Francis Sullivan Jr
- 22 Colin L Stephen
- 23 James P Lusty
- 27 Larry M Tinnin

Anniversaries

- 6 Dennis & Joan Plamondon
- 10 Robert & Barbara Johnson
- 11 Russell and Sue Yahr
- 14 Deacon Anthony, Sr & Susan Verdun
- 15 Joseph & Kathryn Bouza
- 17 Douglas & Rosemarie Wagar
- 18 James & Patricia Neering
- 21 James, III & Helen Jackson
- 23 Thomas & Amy Henthorn
- 25 John & Michelle Vantol

First Sunday of the Month BREAKFAST Summer 2024

We will be taking the summer off and reviewing plans for the fall.

St. Mary Flint Food Pantry is featured this spring in Meijer Simply Give program at the Center Road store. On Saturday June 13, donations are double-matched by Meijer. Donate in-store or shop online.



Assembly 510 Color Corp participated in the Council 695 Corporate Communion held at St. Mary Church, Flint, on May 19. Here they are pictured with Fr. Matthew Bonk.



Third and Fourth Degree council members also participated in the Corporate Communion. Grand Knight Goergen thanks St. Mary's for hosting the Knights of Columbus.

Thank You to Council Chaplain

Council 695 members will be joining with parishioners from the Catholic Community of Flint to say thank you and farewell to our beloved long-time pastor and council chaplain Father Thomas Firestone. Father Firestone's last day shepherding this community will be June 30th.

Fr. Tom was assigned as pastor of St. John Vianney in July 2005. Shortly after coming to Flint, he became Chaplain for Council 695 and he has served in both pastor and chaplain roles for 19 years. Both the Church and the Knights in the Flint area have seen many changes over these years. Churches and councils have merged; parishioners and members have combined to build the new Catholic Community of Flint. Fr. Tom's leadership and guidance has been instrumental in navigating the path forward.

The Columbus Crusader, on behalf of all past, present, and future members of Msgr. Patrick R Dunigan Council 695 Knights of Columbus bids a fond adieu with utmost appreciation for Fr. Firestone's service to our council and church.

Note: Father Tom will be continuing as administrator for Christ the King and Our Lady of Guadalupe parishes in Flint. Fr. Mathew Bonk will be the new pastor for St. John Vianney and St. Mary effective July 1. Fr. Matthew has agreed to become our new chaplain.

Thank You Fr. Tom Events

- 6/16**—Coffee/Donut Reception after St. Mary's 9:30 am Mass
- 6/22**—Coffee/Snack Reception after St. John Vianney 4:00 pm Mass
- 6/23**—Coffee/Donut Reception after St. John Vianney 8:00 am Mass
- 6/30**—Open-House Brunch after St. John Vianney 11:00 am Mass from 12:00 - 2:30 pm

All events are free. Brunch on 6/30 requires a reservation to ensure there is enough food.

Memorial Day: Words to Consider

Now Memorial Day is also an important day to remember our deceased soldiers. We cannot take our democracy for granted. Our society is losing the understanding of what it means to be free. There are people who have died for you and me! So take a moment this weekend and pray with gratitude for the lives of so many given for us.

-- an excerpt from Fr. Tom's Memorial Day message to the parish, May 26, 2024

Summer Camp Seeks Help

Council 695 members can frequently be found helping at St. John Vianney, St. Mary, St. Luke N.E.W Life Center, Catholic Charities, and Heartbeat of Greater Flint. Service to our parish and our priests and sisters is driven by our fraternal degrees of Charity and Unity and Fraternity. There is an opportunity this summer to help with the St. Mary Mission Flint Summer Camp.

The camp will be held on Mondays in July - the 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd. Volunteers are needed to support camp for children ages 4 - 13. Contact Sister Rachel at FlintSummerMission@gmail.com or use the QR code.

Donations to defray costs of lunch, t-shirts, and materials are being accepted. Youth leaders especially needed.



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