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**Our Lady of Sorrows Parish
Farmington, Michigan
November 2011**

The Knights
of Columbus
St. Francis
Council
#4401

Charity Unity Fraternity Patriotism

Grand Knights Report

My Brother Knights:
Vivat Jesus!

In this report, I would like to reflect on the fourth principle of our order- Patriotism. Of course we all understand that patriotism is the love, support and defense of one's country. For me, the very word evokes strong images of flags waving and the singing of patriotic songs. I have many fond memories of July 4th parades and singing our National Anthem at sporting events. Believe it or not, this love of country is not common in many other countries. Last year, my family hosted an exchange student from Europe and this was one of the things she found most interesting about the United States. She never saw people with flags on their front porches or people publicly singing the National Anthem of her country. In fact, the only time she ever saw any patriotic imagery was when one of the National sporting teams advanced in championship games!



Patriotism is more than just flags and songs though. It's a pride in our country and a desire to see it prosper. We are blessed to be living in the greatest country in the world! As knights, we have the responsibility to remind the world, that as Catholics, we are strong supporters of our country. This can be done in public displays such as parades, personally through expressing gratitude to a member of the armed forces for their service to our country, or privately through prayer for our country and its leaders.

While all knights are called to live up to the principle of patriotism, this particular principle is most notably emphasized in the organization's highest degree of the order - the Fourth degree. For most men who follow Jesus, there comes a time when duty extends beyond their own lives, beyond how they lead their families, and into how they serve their fellow man. The Fourth Degree (also known as the Patriotic Degree) allows knights to take this to the next level. "Sir Knight" is more than a title. It's an honor.

Knights of the Patriotic Degree are dedicated to the personal development and continued honor of brother Knights. They are always there to offer leadership, guidance, and encouragement. They glorify God by serving their communities and nations as though Christ were the one being served. They hold unwaveringly to what is right and honorable, working to keep God in the civic arena, serving the life of the Church, and defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious liberty. It is the Patriotic degree of the order that allows men to serve in the Color Corps - a visible reminder of our service to the community.

Our council is blessed to have many men strongly committed to this principle. They have taken the order's highest degree, and have joined with other Sir Knights to be part of St. Francis of Assisi Assembly #2136. The assembly is comprised of members from several area councils and holds its meetings at St. Clare Parish in Farmington Hills. I am a proud member of St. Francis of Assisi Assembly and I encourage all 3rd degree members to take this final degree and complete their journey to full knighthood.

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Grand Knight's Report (continued from page 1)

If you would like more information about joining the fourth degree, please feel free to contact Faithful Navigator and member of our council, Russ Waldecker, at 248-255-2776 or by email at russwaldecker@aol.com

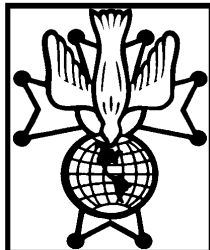
Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism ô all values that a man who would serve Jesus as a Knight should foster and emulate. Are you ready to serve the Lord in this way \

In my October report, I promised to report the results of our membership drive at the Our Lady of Sorrows parish picnic that our council helped out at in September. I am proud to announce that our council recruited 13 new men to join us, three of which have already taken their First degree. Please join with me in congratulating Aaron Dick, Mike Taylor, and Ben Voss as our newest members to Council 4401! As for the other ten, it is my hope that most of these men will be able to attend the **First degree installation that our council is hosting on Wednesday, November 2nd prior to our business meeting. Please note that the degree will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Any brother wishing to attend the degree should arrive no later than 6:45 pm. Brothers wishing to attend the meeting only should plan on arriving at 7:50 pm. in order to start the meeting by 8:00 p.m.**

On October 15th, members and guests of our council came together to honor Worthy Past Grand Knight Ed Waldecker, Jr. at the Past Grand Knights ball. Brother Knights from many generations gathered to thank Ed for his service to our council and to enjoy fraternalism at its best! I was also proud to announce that under Ed's leadership, our council was a recipient of the Knights of Columbus Service Programs award for the 2010/2011 fraternal year! (photo below) Thank you to Randy and Deirdre D'Amore for being such gracious hosts and opening up their DirectBuy store in Farmington Hills as a beautiful venue for the event. Thank you to Fred Arganoza for assembling the program booklet and to Norm Pranger, our resident DJ for the music.

**Fraternally,
Sir Knight Gary Mallia
Grand Knight**





4th DEGREE NEWS
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ASSEMBLY #2136
St. Clare of Assisi Parish
Faithful Navigator: S.K. Russ Waldecker, PGK



Sir Knights, Ladies, Family, and Friends:

Vivat Jesus

On September 27, 2011 we lost a beloved Sir Knight in Thomas Swope he was only 86 years old. Thomas was the husband of late Mae Lois Howitz Swope (and mother of his children) and Georgeann Howard Swope. Father of Janet Ann Torsch, Patricia Lee Majtyka, Thomas Swope Jr, Kathrine Ann Heiss, Anthony John Swope, and Michelle Marie Swope. He was the grandfather of eleven and great-grandfather of eleven. He was the brother of Leo Swope and the son of the late Katherine and Joseph Swope. Thomas was a WWII combat veteran in the United States Army, and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He achieved a Bachelor's degree from Cal Poly Tech. Tom was a past parishioner of Our Lady of Victory in Northville. He was on the Board of Directors of the Novi Library and Novi Historical Society. Tom joined the Third degree Knights of Columbus in July of 1946, and joined the Fourth degree in May of 1950. His chalice will be donated to Sisters of Mercy in Monroe. The Color Corps stood death watch over him and assisted at his funeral mass.

Eternal rest grant unto your Servant Thomas, Oh Lord, and may your perpetual light shine upon him.

The following Sir Knights were installed by our Worthy Master Clifford Wasmund on October 12 2011

Faithful Friar	Fr. Loren O'Dea
Faithful Navigator	Russell Waldecker PGK
Faithful Captain	Nino Abate
Faithful Pilot	Fred Arganoza
Faithful Comptroller	Bill Urban
Faithful Scribe	John Ricco
Faithful Purser	Paul Bury
Faithful Sentinel	Kenneth Gauvreau
Faithful Admiral	Ed Waldecker PGK PFN
Faithful Trustee	Don Bridenstine
Faithful Trustee	Ed Waldecker Jr. PGK
Faithful Trustee	George Jagitsch FDD PGK

We could use another Sentinel, so if you think you've got what it takes, contact me for further information on manning this post.

Our Christmas party for special needs catechism students will be coming soon further details at the November meeting. Enjoy the last few days before the bone chilling cold weather blows in

God Bless You and may God continue to Bless America

S.K. Russ Waldecker F.N.



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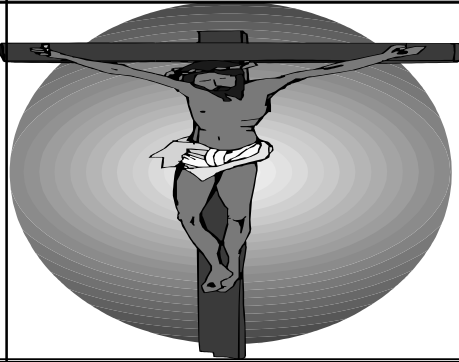
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#4401

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Prayers For:

ILL and RECOVERY

Fred Mallia, Marty Kozicki PGK,
Kathleen Kowalski, Evelyn Muliatt,
Sonya Shemet, Wanda Nuar-
Guirguis, Philip Nuar, Kathy

Henan, Mary Campbell, Pat
Wagner, Connie McKeever, Tom
& Pat Wilkins, Kate Pranger,
Peggy Rinke, Mary Anita
McHugh, Bill Hollaway, Bishop
Reece, Lois Gehrig, Jerry Cresfi,
John Evanich, Jim Spartan,
Joe Smith, Lorraine Smith, John
Mcguire, Eileen Wink, Roberto C
Arganoza, Charlene DeLoach,
All Cancer Patients,
Alec Cunningham

DECEASED

Ted Thomas, Earl Bostick
Richard Sinclair, SK Tom Swope
Linda Muncatchy, Rosemary Testa
Keith Benjamin, Harry Langsford
Crescencio Arganoza
Conception Arganza
Cyril Grobbel Jr. Bob Nesbitt, Bob
Stiteler, Gloria Barnes, Jack Doyle

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

The Unborn, All Military,
The Unemployed, The Sick,
Jeff Naismith Marine
Caroren A. Franciliso,
Eric Baladi, Manica Nuar
Those unable to conceive a child
The residents and caregivers at
Farmington Health Care Center

50/50 & CAPSULE DRAWING WINNERS

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Joe Gromola
There was no capsule drawing winner.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

October 2011 Kevin Hammer

KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

PGK/DD William McKeever

K of C JACKETS AND SHIRTS

Anyone interested in purchasing a K of C
jacket or golf shirt with the K of C logo and
Council number 4401 should contact Randy
D'Amore at the meeting. Just give him your
name, size and color preference (blue or
white). Randy is trying to keep the price for
the shirts under \$25. uccrandy@msn.com

Attention All Knights

We are looking for sponsors to advertise on the Counselor
Please contact Joe Hejka or Henry Testa for a special rate.



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Knights of Columbus Council #4401 - Calendar of Events

November 2011

2 First Degree@ OLS 7:00 PM (set up team 6:30PM)
 2 Third Degree Business Meeting @ OLOS
 6 Memorial Mass 11:00 AM- Family Center OLOS
 6 Forty Days to Life campaign Concludes
 17 Officers Meeting @ OLS 7 PM

December 2011

7 Third Degree Business Meeting @ OLOS 7:30 PM
 10 Christmas Party American Legion Hall 7 PM
 21 Officers Meeting @ OLOS 7 PM

January 2012

4 Third Degree Business Meeting @ OLOS 7:30 PM
 18 Officers Meeting @ OLOS 7 PM

February 2012

1 Third Degree Business Meeting @ OLOS 7:30 PM
 15 Officers Meeting @ OLOS 7 PM

March 2012

16-18 St. Francis Council Retreat at St. Paul's Retreat House

District 51 2011-2012 Degree Schedule

November 2nd, 2011 – 1st Degree St. Francis Council Time: 7:00 pm

December 7th, 2011 . 1st Degree St. Gerald's Council Time: TBD

January 4th, 2012 . 1st Degree St. Francis Council Time: 7:00 pm.

February 7th, 2012 . 1st Degree Our Lady of Victory Council Time: TBD

March 7th, 2012 . 1st Degree St. Francis Council Time: 7:00 pm

April 17th, 2012 . 1st Degree St. Fabian Council Time: TBD

May 6th, 2012 . **Major Degree –St Francis Council Time 8:00 am**

Mary and Her Knights

Our Council will be hosting the Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe June 1—June 4, 2012

A new Knights of Columbus Marian Prayer Program dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe was launched Aug. 3 at the Supreme Convention in Denver. The prayer program will continue through next year, when the second international Guadalupe Festival will be held in the Los Angeles Coliseum a few days before the opening of the 2012 convention. At the end of the Wednesday morning Mass, state deputies from each of the Order's jurisdictions received specially prepared framed images of Our Lady of Guadalupe for use in the prayer program.

The images have unique features: they were touched to the original tilma of St. Juan Diego, which bears the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and were blessed by Pope Benedict XVI in Rome. In addition, the frame for the image is sealed with soil from Mexico's Tepeyac hill, where Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared.

Hundreds of similar images of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be sent by the Supreme Council to each jurisdiction for the Marian Prayer Program. Local councils will be able to sponsor prayer services in parish churches and other locations before sending the image to neighboring councils. At the end of the program, most of the Order's 14,000 councils will have hosted and prayed with the Guadalupe images. (Courtesy of Knights of Columbus Knightline, September 2011)



Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

O Virgin of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, grant to our homes the grace of loving and respecting life in its beginnings, with the same love with which you conceived in your womb the life of the Son of God. Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Fair Love, protect our families so that they may always be united and bless the upbringing of our children.

Our hope, look upon us with pity, teach us to go continually to Jesus, and if we fall help us to rise again and return to Him through the confession of our faults and our sins in the Sacrament of penance, which gives peace to the soul.

We beg you to grant us a great love of all the holy Sacraments, which are, as it were, the signs that your Son left us on earth. Thus, Most Holy Mother, with the peace of God in our consciences, with our hearts free from evil and hatred, we will be able to bring to all others true joy and peace, which come to us from your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

OLS- Christmas Lights 2011

Sunday October 30 2011 . Light checkout at Marc Wilkins

23916 Wellington

Farmington Hills

Saturday November 5 2011 . Supervise installation at OLS with the school.

We need the Knights to assist in both the light checkout and installation supervision.

We are also need of treats to be donated. Please RSVP to our Deputy Grand Knight, Marc Wilkins @ mwilkins@mi.rr.com

MEMORIAL MASS

Sunday, November 6, 2011

St. Francis Council will celebrate its annual Memorial Mass for deceased members of our council on Sunday, November 6, 2011. The mass will be held in the Family Center Chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows at 11:00AM and the celebrant will be our own beloved chaplain, Fr. Loren O'Dea. This Memorial Mass is the way we honor the deceased brother knights who founded and operated our council during the 54 years since its beginning. The mass will be followed by a complimentary luncheon in the Family Center at Our Lady of Sorrows. Please note the location of the luncheon following the Memorial Mass has changed!

All members of St. Francis Council and relatives of our deceased brothers are invited and encouraged to attend. So that we may have an idea of the number of attendees, we are requesting that you call Bob Collins at (248) 626-6180 and advise the number of family members who will be attending the mass and luncheon.

Communications Update

Any Knight that would like to receive e-mail updates, calendar event notices, event reminders and information should send an email to stfrancis4401@gmail.com. Additionally the Consoler can be accessed one of three ways:

1. Pick up a copy at the monthly meeting at the beginning of the month.
2. See the link at <http://www.mikofc4401.org/newsletters.htm>
3. We can mail a copy if preferred. Please advise Henry Testa @ henrygt@aol.com and we can add you to the mailing list.

ST. FRANCIS COUNCIL 4401 CHRISTMAS PARTY

What: Informal no charge Christmas gathering of St. Francis Council members.

When: Saturday December 10, 2011. Cocktails: 7:00 to 8:00. Dinner follows at 8:00. We will end at approximately 11:00.

Where: American Legion Hall, Grand River Ave, in Farmington Hills

Who: All members of St. Francis Council 4401 and their wife or significant other. No children this year.

Why: We are fortunate to have many new members, and this will be a great opportunity for everyone to get to know one another better.

How We Plan to Do This:

- Council provides meat for everyone

Knights bring a ~~pl~~ish to pass,+according to the following schedule:

Last name A through I: ~~h~~ors d oeuvre

Last name J through R: salad or casserole

Last name S through Z: dessert

Other Details:

- Cash bar for both soda pop and ~~ad~~ult beverages+
- Dress: ~~br~~essy casual,+no jeans

Gag gift: Each knight please bring a ~~ga~~g gift,+(value not to exceed \$10), and we will have a hilarious gift exchange and ~~sw~~ap.+

** If you are bringing hors d oeuvre, please arrive as close to 7:00 as possible, as hors d oeuvre will be needed during cocktail time.

Please call or email Joe Gromala if you plan to attend the party. (Contact information is in the *Counselor*.) We sincerely hope you will be attending the party.

New for 2011:

- Live music during dinner.

If you desire, please make your ~~pl~~ish to pass+reflect your ethnic heritage.

Assistance Requested:

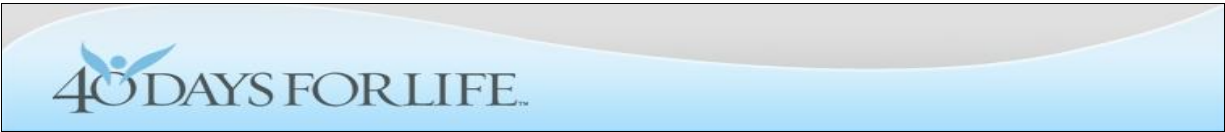
- We need help to decorate the Legion Hall on the afternoon of December 10. Please arrive around 2:00, and remember ~~ma~~ny hands make light work."
- We also need assistance to clean up after the Party ends.

November 2011—Years of Service Recognition

NAME	Date	Years of Service
John A Miller	11/18	55
Roman Belobradich	11/1	53
Joseph J Phillips	11/1	47
Donald W McKeever	11/1	34
Ugo J Abate	11/1	28
Daniel W De Ryckere	11/1	27
Mark R Ziegler	11/1	22
James M Jean	11/3	9
Raymond D Pitera	11/16	9
William N Martz	11/17	5
George J Ehlert	11/27	5
William A Hanney	11/28	5
Michael A Follbaum	11/18	3
Timothy J Dorweiler	11/3	1
Lawrence Smentowski	11/3	1
Charles E Trapp	11/3	1
Dean R Wojtowicz	11/3	1

November 2011—Knight's Birthday Recognition

Name	Birthday
Chester E Sanders	11/1
Dean R Wojtowicz	11/2
Patrick J Dwyer	11/3
Dale G Monette	11/6
Benjamin E Mc Dermott	11/8
William M Koch	11/10
Mike A Mc Keever	11/10
Edward P Good	11/11
Michael M Huziak	11/11
Andy G Fox	11/16
Roman Belobradich	11/17
Robert E Dobkowski	11/21
Michael E Finnegan	11/21
Kent L Mason	11/27



What is 40 Day for Life?

It is a prayerful and peaceful public witness of God's love as the alternative to the despair of abortion. The cornerstone of the campaign is prayerful witness at the local abortion center in Southfield. We will start the "40 Days to Life" campaign on September 28th and it will run till November 6th. We are looking for assistance from our council our help is truly needed. Please contact Bill Martz at (248) 442-9783



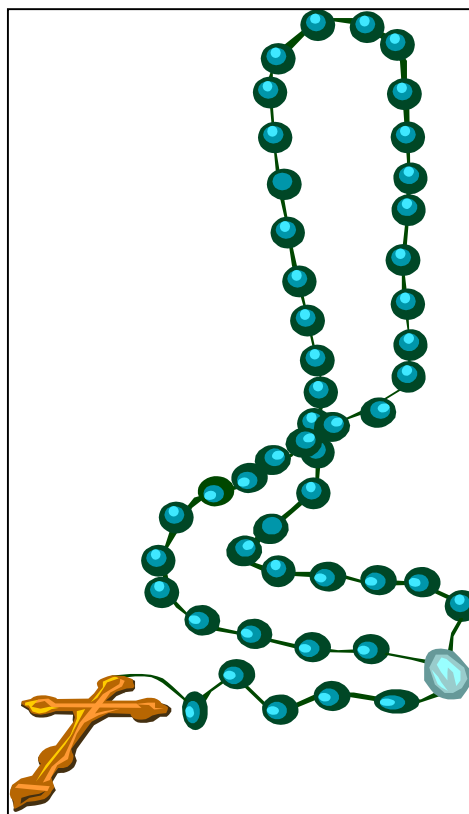
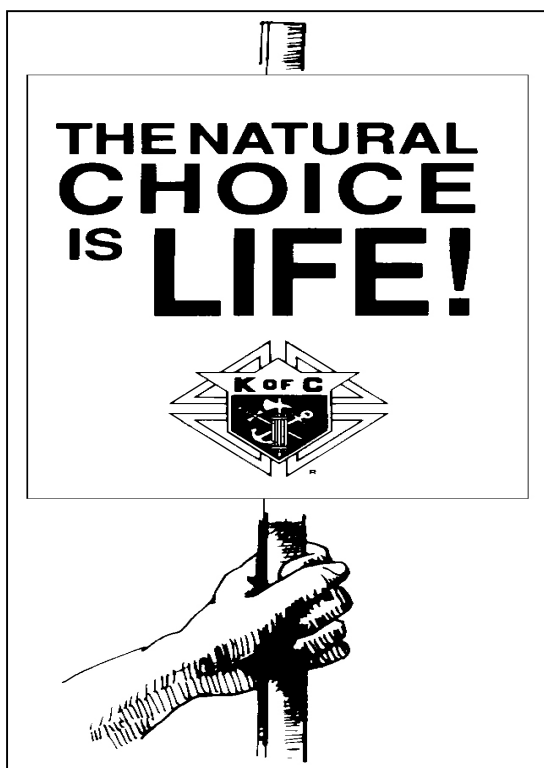
Knight of Columbus Website Links

1. State of Michigan Website - www.mikofc.org
2. St. Francis #4401 Website · www.mikofc4401.org
3. K of C National Website · www.kofc.org
4. 40 days for Life· www.40daysforlife.com/southfield/

Pro-Life Efforts by St. Francis K of C Knights Needed

I invite you to join me and other Pro-Life Catholics and Brother Knights on Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. in front of the abortion mill located at 28505 Southfield Road. (Just South of 12 Mile) on the west side of the road. This is a non-confrontational protest where we recite the Rosary (takes about 20 minutes) and we go out for breakfast after. Remember, a small sacrifice from you today could save the life of an unborn child. Call DD Bill McKeever @ 313-766-9110 for more information

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The Knights of Columbus is an organization fortified by its past, and driven by its goals for the future. It's through these five areas of service— faith, community, family, youth, and fellowship— that we truly make a difference.

faith As Knights, our faith is our foundation. Dedicated to the Catholic Church's growth and her good works, we support religious outreach, promote vocations, and provide financial support for seminarians and postulates. This way, we help support our Church and strengthen our personal faith.

community As committed as we are to the Catholic Church, so are we to our communities. By actively and financially supporting Special Olympics, by leading the charge in pro-life, or by safeguarding the environment, Knights of Columbus members all over the world have helped countless communities prosper.

family As fathers and husbands, serving our families is not only part of what we do, it's part of who we are. To that end, Knights of Columbus councils offer programs that strengthen family and marital bonds by holding numerous family focused events, including the "Family of the Month" program that honors outstanding families. Most importantly, as Knights, we are able to provide assistance and support to Knights and their families whenever needed.

youth The importance of helping today's youth become tomorrow's leaders is also a huge focus of the Order. For that reason, many local councils sponsor Columbian Squire Circles, the Order's official youth organization for Catholic young men, ages 10-18, which provide them the unique opportunity to develop leadership skills. Additionally, through activities such as the Catholic Citizenship Essay contest, the Substance Abuse Poster contest, and the annual Free Throw championship, the Knights of Columbus assists youth in building a strong sense of civic and religious responsibility.

fellowship To be a Knight means to believe in each other as we believe in ourselves; realizing that by creating strong, social, and supportive local councils, we help create a stronger Order worldwide and ensure an even stronger future.

(Courtesy Knights of Columbus Overview Booklet)

As a member of this council, you are our greatest asst. We value your judgment, we appreciate your opinions, and we rely on your participation for continued success. Since joining the Knights of Columbus, you have undoubtedly become familiar with many of our varied programs of involvement — programs where you can personally apply your talents and fulfill your ambitions. In an effort to satisfy your desires and interests, we ask that you complete the following survey and return it to our program director for evaluation and action.

General Information

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Home Phone _____ **Work Phone** _____ **E-mail** _____

Service Program Involvement

Please list your preference for possible committee assignments. Please mark those area's that you find exciting, challenging and promising.

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Youth

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Religious activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Others, specify | |

Membership

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In your opinion, how can council improve existing programs (be specific, please) _____

Insurance Participation

Non- Insurance Member?

If you are not currently enrolled as a participating member, would you like a Supreme Council insurance representative to contact you to explain the many benefits through the Orders insurance program?

Yes _____ No _____

Insurance Members?

Would you like a Supreme Council insurance member contact you to explain new and additional benefits through the Orders insurance program? Yes _____ No _____

