



FR. MARUSKIN COUNCIL #10936



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January 2026

19: 7 pm, Rosary before 7:30 General Meeting, HF LCH1.

Snack: Bill Roscoe

21: 7 pm, Degree Ceremony (Team 2).

February

4: 7:30 pm, Officers Meeting, HF LCH1.

7: 7:30 am, Cor, LCH1.

7-8: Council Leads Rosary before all HF Masses.

7-8: Council Participates in HF Ministry Fair after all Masses.

16: 7 pm, Rosary before 7:30 General Meeting, HF LCH1.

7 pm, Cor, LCH3.

19: 7 pm, Degree Ceremony (Team 1).

20: Fish Fry #1.

27: Fish Fry #2.

March

4: 7:30 pm, Officers Meeting, HF LCH1.

6: Fish Fry #3.

7: 7:30 am, Cor, LCH.

7-8: Council Leads Rosary before all HF Masses.

13: Fish Fry #4.

16: 7 p.m., Rosary before 7:30 General Meeting, HF LCH1.

18: 7 p.m., Degree Ceremony (Team 2).

19: 7 pm, Cor, LCH2.

20: Fish Fry #5.

27: Final Fish Fry.

Monthly Meetings:

Third Monday of the month, 7:30 p. m.

Holy Family Parish LCH - Room 1

(Rosary at 7 p. m.)

Council Website:
holyfamilystow.org/kofcStow

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

by Jerry Chiurazzi



Welcome to 2026. Last year was a good year for our council. In 2025 we continued to do good works for the parish and community. Just a few of the highlights: we made Star Council for the eighth consecutive year; hosted a State Tour Stop; were in the top tier of sellers of charity raffle tickets; donated \$500 to support the installation of a Safe Haven Baby Box at Stow Fire Station No. 2. And, of course, held our most successful Fish Fry ever.

Looking forward, a couple of things stand out. Our council's Faith in Action Life team is close to getting a Safe Haven Baby Box installed in Springfield Township. Our team secured \$22,000 of funding from various foundation grants to pay for this installation. Just before Christmas, township trustees voted to approve the project. The contract between the township and the vendor, Safe Haven Baby Boxes has been signed and Monday, at our monthly meeting, we will vote to make out first donation to support the box installation. See the related article on page 4.

Then there is The Fish Fry. It is our primary fund raiser and accounts for about half of our council's funding. The committee is preparing for this year's series of dinners. The first one is on Feb. 20. That's not that far off. This is my first year involved in the planning of the event. It is a significant project and several Brothers and their families work to make our Fish Fries a success. The call for volunteers will be going out soon. Please lend a hand where you can. Vivat Jesus!

Jerry Chiurazzi, Grand Knight



Lenten Friday Fish Fries Return Feb. 20

Mark your calendars for the return of our Council's popular Lenten Fish Fries, which will return for Lenten Fridays, beginning Feb. 20, offering carry-out service and in-person dining weekly through March 27 in Holy Family's Lower Church Hall. The Fish Fries will run from 4:30 to 7 p.m. They provide excellent visibility for the Council and a welcome opportunity for parish fellowship, along with an excellent meal, of course! The fish fries also serve as major Council fundraisers. Here is the complete schedule: Feb. 20; Feb. 27; March 6; March 13; March 20; and March 27. Keep an eye on your e-mail and next month's Newsletter for additional information, including menu.

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Free Throw Competition Attracts 40 Participants; Number of Contestants Exceeds 2025 Total

The council conducted a very successful Free Throw Competition at the Holy Family School Gym on January 9th with a total of 40 participants, Chancellor **Chris Schickel**, event chair, reports.

“Since our Council was the only one in the district to host a free throw contest, the winners also automatically advanced to the diocesan contest and received a medallion for winning the district contest,” Chris notes.

“A huge thank you goes out to **Chuck Gasior, Heather Hawk Frank, Amy Rich, Kathy Ott, Grace Durbin, Erin McDonough, Diane Griffiths, Bob Eikenburg and Dave Tortorete**, for helping to promote the event, “as well as all the volunteers for helping to make the event a huge success.”



What Goes Up Must Come Down: A competitor prepares to launch a shot during the Council's annual Free Throw Competition, held Jan. 9 at the Holy Family School Gym.

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Here is the Last Chance to Order Council Blue Work Shirts Before Feb. 20 Fish Fry Season Opener

Dear Brother Knights, Trustee **Bob Eikenburg**, who coordinates our Council clothing, notes that this Sunday, Jan. 18, is the deadline for ordering one of our Council Blue Work Shirts (*See photo below*) in time for use during our upcoming Fish Fry season, which kicks off Friday, Feb. 20. Bob says: **"PLEASE NOTE THIS SPECIAL REQUIREMENT. YOU MUST PLACE AN ORDER FOR THESE WORK SHIRTS AS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: DROP ME AN EMAIL, at kaybobe@gmail.com, WITH YOUR SHIRT SIZE, IF YOU WANT A BLUE WORK SHIRT. PLEASE EMAIL ME YOUR ORDER BY THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 18. THIS IS YOUR ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO GET ONE OF THESE SHIRTS BEFORE OUR FISH FRIES START ON FEB. 20. I CAN ONLY PLACE AN ORDER WHEN WE HAVE AT LEAST SIX SHIRTS TO ORDER.** At present, I have pending orders for only three Knights: Rich Sprungle, Joe Campo and Ed Fetter. **IF I HAVE AT LEAST SIX ORDERS, I WILL PLACE THE WORK ORDER WITH YOUNG'S THE NEXT DAY.** You will pay for your shirt when you get it from me. The cost of a work shirt goes down the more we purchase. For example, orders of 6-11 shirts cost \$24 per shirt. Orders from 12-23 cost \$16.50 per shirt. Orders of 24 or more cost only \$10 each. Let me know by phone or text at **(440) 759-2378** if you have any questions."



Our supplier for these products is Young's Embroidery and Silkscreen Printing. You should make contact directly with them yourself if you wish to purchase any item with the exception of the work T-Shirt. Young's has two locations you can choose from:

- 4299 Kent Road, #3 in Stow. Phone: (330) 686-8337 (they are located almost directly across the street from Panera's).
- 1245 Munroe Falls Ave., Cuyahoga Falls. Phone: (330) 922-5777 (they are just down the street from St. Eugene's Church).

When you call or go to Young's to place an order, identify yourself as a member of the Fr. Maruskin Council #10936, Knights of Columbus in Stow. This will allow the employee assisting you to locate the records in their computer system that contain all the specific information they need to ensure that you will receive the exact style and color of shirt. The Council goal is to have uniformity in color, style and quality. Here is an overview of the dress and polo shirts and shirts and cap:

1. **Button down dress shirt in "Rich Red" color.** Cost is \$44 plus tax, which includes the shirt and the Council logo embroidery. Minimum order is one.
2. **Traditional, short-sleeve polo shirt in "Rich Red" color.** Cost is \$29 plus tax, which includes the shirt and the Council logo embroidery. Minimum order is one.
3. **Red cap with Council logo.** This is the newest item. Young's has modified our Council logo (removing our council number) so that it fits on the cap. Young's has a big variety of baseball-type caps that you can choose from their catalogue. The most basic cap, which I have purchased, was \$23, including the cost of the embroidery.



Council Reestablishes Lines of Support to Embrace Clinic & Care Pregnancy Center

We were pleased in early December to learn that the Barberton Embrace Clinic & Care Center has been restored to the list of approved Pregnancy Centers maintained by the Diocese of Cleveland. Changes in Embrace's website language in early 2024 designed to attract abortion-minded women to their services raised questions regarding their true support of Life. Following a full vetting, during which the Knights' support was suspended, the concerns were found to be groundless. The value of Embrace's pro-life work over many years is particularly important since they are one of two Pregnancy Centers supporting our Walking with Women in Need Ministry at Holy Family, notes **Pat Rynd**, Life Program Director.

Fortunately, the timing of the reinstatement came at a time when most needed for two important ongoing projects: Inclusion of copies of the New Testament Bibles with layettes hand-sewn for new born babies by Holy Family's Mary's Threads Ministry and Walmart Gift Cards for young mothers faced with unplanned needs for boots and shoes as winter strikes.

In December our Council approved two individual grants of \$500 each, to fund these Embrace projects. Also, each of these \$500 donations generated \$100 in additional funding, presented directly to Embrace from the Knights' Supreme Council Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program.

With this most recent donation, Fr. Maruskin Council has given a total 860 Bibles to Embrace since 2021, including 197 included in the immediate past year of statistics. In addition to the layettes and Bibles, our Council also has presented new moms K of C prayer cards for consecrating their new families to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. What a testimony to the success of Embrace's work with new moms. Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Maruskin Council Invests in LIFE

Editor's Note: *This newsletter article is adapted from a similar article written by Pat Rynd, Life Program Director, for the Holy Family parish bulletin.*

We paused this past week to somberly reflect on the January 22, 1973, Supreme Court Roe v Wade on abortion and the changes it brought to our Country and the State of Ohio. We rejoiced in an opportunity to bring a second Safe Haven Baby Box to the Summit County area.

While Safe Haven laws for the protection of newborns were established as early as 2001, it's only been in recent years that this has become a truly viable option. A birth mother and father can now safely, **and** anonymously, surrender their newborn (within 30 days) if they decide they are unable to care for their child. The baby is placed in a Safe Haven Baby Box at a participating local emergency services facility, where, after medical evaluation, it becomes the charge of the State's Foster Care System and is placed for adoption.

A Safe Haven Baby Box was just dedicated this past November by the City of Stow and is now fully operational at Stow Fire Station #2, 4199 Hudson Drive, Stow, Ohio 44224, just off the Steels Corners Road exit of northbound State Route 8.

Our Council's search for a partnering organization started in mid-2024, and three Summit County Foundations quickly provided financial support through coordinated grants. Discussions with a number of local fire departments has resulted in a signed contract with Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. (SHBB) and Springfield Township. Our Council is scheduled to vote at our Jan. 19 General Membership meeting to provide initial payment for acquisition and delivery of a leased SHBB.

SHBB, Inc. has grown significantly since its original founding some 10 years ago in northeast Indiana. The company now have some 400 units operational in 23 States of our Union, 107 which were blessed and dedicated in 2025 alone.

Seventy babies have been surrendered by courageous birth mothers, who chose what is best for their child. Fourteen surrenders took place in 2025, one of these in Lebanon, near Cincinnati, was the first in Ohio.

Hotline calls were received from over 1,800 women facing unplanned pregnancies this past year. Please join us in thanking the Holy Spirit for showing us God's presence in guiding this project to reality. Vivat Jesus!



Honoring Our Military

Name	Branch	Assigned	Member Knight	Relation
LTC David Behling	US Army	The Pentagon, VA	Art Barbetta	Brother-in-Law
PVT Dominic Belvedere	US Army	Ft. Leonard Wood, MO	Bob Belvedere	Nephew
MSGT Aaron Chatigny	US Air Force	Tucson, AZ	Peter Chatigny	Son
SN Patrick J. Hughey	US Navy	Gulfport, MS	Jim Hughey	Son
AWF2 (AW) Matt Schilling	US Navy	Jacksonville, FL	Regis Schilling	Son
MAJ David Villaruel	US Army	The Pentagon, VA		Himself



January Birthdays:

3: Regis Schilling; 8: Art Barbetta, Chris Schrickel; 9: Charles Parker; 13: Gregory Wallace; 17: Paul Davet; 22: Gregory Penk; Gregory Sutyak; 23: George Markulis; 25: David Skoczen; 27: David Corley.

Prayer Requests:

Pope Leo XIV; Fr. Andrew Gonzales; Fr. David Halaiko; Fr. Jon Hawkins; Fr. Lawrence Jurcak; Fr. Joe Mamich; Fr. Michael McCandless; Fr. Felix Silagan; Fr. Scott Swinerton; Fr. Paul Rosing; Fr. John Terzano; Fr. Joshua Trefney; Gary Baluha (brother-in-law of Terry Bedell) for healing of long COVID-19, along with Multiple Sclerosis and other related conditions; Stephanie Barber (wife of nephew of Tom Stenger) for favorable pathology test results for brain tumor treatment; Art Barbetta, for successful and complete rehabilitation and recovery from total knee replacement surgery; Mike Bedell (brother of Terry Bedell), who is enduring a chronic medical condition; Ed Bose (brother-in-law of Chris Schrickel) for heart attack rehab and recovery; Phil Bradley for heart issues; Lee Branchik (friend of Jerry Chiurazzi) for full recovery from surgery; Malissa Burke (sister of Don White) for successful treatment of an aggressive tumor; Connor Carmedy (great nephew of Mike Incorvati) for healing of leg issues; Sister Carole, Sisters of Charity of Nazareth (sister of Mark Kaucic) for healing of heart, hip and kidney problems; Cathy Catrufo (friend of Terry Bedell) hospitalized for recovery from complications of lung surgery; Jim and Helen Chatigny (parents of Peter Chatigny); Donna Chiurazzi (wife of Grand Knight Jerry Chiurazzi) for ongoing recovery from car accident-related injuries; Susan Cianciola (aunt of Vaughn Kushner) for treatment of blood clots in her brain; Jon Clark (cousin of Mike Woods) for healing and recovery from stage 4 brain cancer; Nick Codispoti now in Mulberry Gardens Senior Living Center in Munroe Falls; Jessica Cortez age 42, (niece of Tom Zgong), who is undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; Russ Cox (friend of Knight Allen Klingelhoets) for full recovery from colon cancer; Nicole Craig (daughter of Mike Woods) for full recovery from cancer surgery; Ron Crock for rehab and recovery from knee replacement surgery; Katie Dennis (daughter of family friend of Terry Bedell) for successful breast cancer treatment; John Derrer for successful ongoing treatment of ulcerative colitis; Emmy Detty (relative of Joshua Riegler) for healing of Stage 4 cancer; Jerry Driscoll (friend of Recorder Dr. Rob Kubick); Dr. Michael Durbin (brother of Neil Durbin) for ongoing treatment of multiple sclerosis; Cheryl Eckley (wife of Mark Eckley); Mark Eckley, recently diagnosed with liver failure, who was recently moved from the hospital to a rehab facility as he is still waiting for a liver to become available for a transplant; Sandra Farrell (wife of Len Farrell) for recovery from multiple myelomas now in remission; Brandon Fisher (nephew of Art Barbetta); Tom Fogle, for lifelong epilepsy and currently receiving outpatient psychotherapy following evaluation and inpatient treatment for suicide and also is dealing with severe, frequent seizures; (*Continued on Next Page*)

Prayer Requests: Brian Fowkes (brother-in-law of **Chris Schrickel**) is having nerve issues in his lower body; **Ron Good** (friend of **Art Barbetta**) for cancer treatment; **Ken Gray** (brother-in-law of **Pat Rynd**) for recovery from intestinal cancer; **Jessie Heffernan** (niece of Chancellor **Chris Schrickel**) and her husband would appreciate prayers as they have had difficulty conceiving a child; **James Hudak Sr.**; **James Hudak Jr.** (son of **James Hudak**); **Tressa Hudak** (daughter of **James Hudak**); **Mike Incorvati** for diagnosis and treatment of swollen lymph nodes; **Karen Kamrowsky** (widow of Knight **Deacon Phil Kamrowsky**) for healing of breathing issue; **Kyle Kamrowsky** (son of **Deacon Phil Kamrowsky**) for full recovery from shoulder surgery; **Steve Kandra** (father-in-law of **E.J. Vale**), for ongoing recovery from heart surgery due to repair damage from an infection; **Allen Klingelhoets** (friend of **Bob Eikenburg**), whose diabetic complications and a serious bone infection required the amputation of his right foot and ankle; **Leah Kopko** (daughter-in-law of deceased Knight **Larry Kopko**) for recovery from tubular sclerosis/mass on her brain stem; **Carol Lackey** (widow of **Jack Lackey**); **Chris Lamal** (husband of a co-worker of **Don White**) for treatment of a serious heart issue; **Jim Lanzalotta** for full recovery from arm injury suffered in a fall; **Barbara Lesak** (mother of **Andrew Lesak**) for full recovery and healing from surgery to repair a broken femur suffered in a fall and also recovery from an infection; **Joseph Lesak** (father of **Andrew Lesak**) for prayers of support as he cares for his sick wife, **Barbara Lesak**; **Chuck Lessick**; **Lilith** (9-year-old granddaughter of **David Smith**), who is suffering from a bone disorder; **Christine Litwiler** (mother-in-law of **Andrew Lesak**) for recovery from injuries resulting from a fall at her rehabilitation facility; **Bill Louden** (brother of **Kay Eikenburg**) for ongoing treatment of COPD and rehab and recovery from recent back surgery; **Tim Magdar** (friend of **Dr. Mark Iati**) for recovery from rare Stage IV cancer; **Joseph Maji** for ongoing stroke and respiratory issue recovery; **Barb Mancine**, (widow of **Lou Mancine**) for Parkinson's disease and neuropathy and for her daughter, **Ann Marie Mancine**, who is greatly concerned about her mother's condition; **Christine McLean** (mother of Knight **Cody McLean**) who is being tested for potential breast cancer and for ongoing treatment for diabetes and other health issues; **Cody McLean** for ongoing treatment and recovery from back issues; **Jim McNicholas** (brother of **Brian McNicholas**) for healing of heart problems; **Erin McNulty** (daughter of **Mike McNulty**) for full recovery from hip surgery; **Judith McNulty** (mother of **Michael McNulty**) for treatment and recovery from blood clots; **Mike McNulty** for rapid and full recovery from surgery; **Don Miller** (long-time Holy Family parishioner and lay leader); **Mary Pat Myers** (sister of **Terry Bedell** for successful treatment and full recovery from cancer; **Jean Nash**, (wife of Knight **Lewis Wells**), who is in a nursing home receiving rehabilitation for a broken arm and broken leg; **Alex Palmer** (neighbor of **Mark Iati**) for successful treatment and recovery from Ewing's Sarcoma, a rare and aggressive pediatric cancer; **Theresa Plappert** (friend of **Terry Bedell**) for successful brain tumor treatment; **Don Rhoades** (brother-in-law of **Grand Knight Jerry Chiurazzi**), who is having cardiac issues; **Chick Riegler** for healing of prostate cancer and general health issues; **Elaine Rinehart** (mother-in-law of **John McGuinness**) for recovery from sepsis; **Gloria Scheidler** (friend of **Bob Eikenburg**) for heart surgery recovery; **Cheryl Schumacher** (sister-in-law of **Robert Schumacher**) for successful treatment and full recovery from breast cancer; **Ashley and Megan Schumacher** (nieces of **Robert Schumacher**); **Josh Schumacher** (nephew of **Robert Schumacher**); **Robert Schumacher**, whose cancer of the vocal cords has returned, and is now undergoing a second course of chemotherapy and radiation treatments; **Fred Seay** (brother-in-law of **Mark Kaucic**) for ongoing treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; **David Sestokas**, age 98 (father of **Richard Sestokas**), who has just entered hospice care; **Norm Siroki**; **Donna Sorvillo** (mother-in-law of **Don White**) for successful treatment and full recovery from a recurring cancer; **Joann Vale** (mother of **E.J. Vale**) for recovery from aortic valve replacement surgery; **Amy Vallee** (sister-in-law of **Don White**) who is undergoing testing to diagnose an unknown condition; **Lydia Warrens** (daughter of **Don White's** friend) for successful cancer treatment; **Joe Wasielewski** for ongoing recovery from heart issues and back and neck surgery; and **Mike Woods** for speedy and complete recovery from surgery to remove his non-functioning left kidney and repair damage to his bladder. Please pray for the eternal heavenly repose of the souls of **Violet Stenger** (mother of **Tom Stenger**); **Joan Bonham** (aunt of **Neil Durbin**); **Jack Mentel** (father-in-law of **Greg Moses**); and **Jim Vale** (uncle of **E.J. Vale**).

Please continue praying for the seminarians and other young people from our constituent parishes discerning vocations to religious life, whom we support: **Ben Baratian**, **Jeff Crock**, **Jonathan Green**, **Audra Hoffmeister**, **Ben Jackson**, **Daniel Jordan** and **Christopher Yankay**, along with adult missionary **Amanda Incorvati**. We also pray for all military, safety personnel and first responders, and their families. If you know any other Knight or family members in need of prayers, please contact **Grand Knight Jerry Chiurazzi** at chiurazzi1@outlook.com or 330-472-5464.