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RICHARD COUNCIL 788 • LANSING, MICHIGAN

APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

GK COREY LIVINGSTON

My brother Knights and their families,

Vivat Jesus!

What a month March has been. I hope that as you read this month's newsletter that your family and those closest to you are healthy and safe. While I usually lead off with a recap of the month's events, and while the world faces a situation the likes of which it has not seen in 100 years, I am proud that our council was effective in the month of March before the outbreak, and has since found ways to be effective after. We had 2 successful fish fry's, 1 of which was carryout only, and two great Queen of Hearts drawings. We then had our first exemplification of the new degree process which saw the council add 6 new members and now has over 600 members on our roster. With the onset of business closures and shelter in place, a major shout out goes out to our Worthy Advocate Chris Wegener. Chris reached out to St. Vincent de Paul, who expressed a concern with the amount of people who were high risk to COVID-19 that needed groceries, and lead the charge in getting groceries to those in need. As we continue to navigate this interesting situation, we are all in; I can tell you that while the club is remaining closed and our programs are currently on hold, we will still be holding our business meeting virtually as there is still charity work that we can accomplish and we can still bring on new members virtually using a video version of the new exemplification. So there is still work to be done. Be on the lookout for the link to attend this virtual meeting.

While we all continue to shelter in place for those who are unaware you can view the mass on St. Gerard's website. For those of us who are looking for help with reconciliation before Easter the following is what the Pope said in his homily on March 20th:

"Do what the catechism says. It's very clear. If you don't find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He's your Father. Tell him the truth. 'Lord I did this and this and this, Pardon me.' Ask his forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition and promise him afterward I will go to confession. You will return to God's grace immediately. You yourself can draw near, as the Catechism teaches us, to God's forgiveness, without having a priest at hand." -Pope Francis

Lastly I would encourage everyone to take some of this time to find out more about their faith and try to branch out to some different prayers that they did not know were endorsed by the church. Some of which we have done with our social meeting throughout the year are The Franciscan Crown, The Divine Mercy Chaplet, and the Chaplet of St. Michael the Archangel. With faith in God we will not only make it through this trying time, but can also come out better on the other end. I hope that each and every one of you stays healthy and may God bless you. I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Corey Livingston

RICHARD COUNCIL 788 HONOR ROLL

STATE OFFICIALS

State Deputy
State Chaplain
Former Supreme Director
Senior Adviser
District Deputy District 54
State Web Technologies Director & State Deputy Assistant
State Development Director
District 54 Warden & Assistant to State Deputy for Special Projects & Athletics
District 54 Warden
Major Degree Staff Captain

Bill Chassé
Rev. Paul E. Erickson
Thomas M. Wegener, PSD
Richard F. McCloy, Sr., PSD
Paul Kelsey, PGK
Dane M. Jurković, PGK
Mike Wegener, PGK
Mike Schaefer, PGK
Brian Peacock, PGK
Dave Luedtke, PGK

RICHARD COUNCIL 788 OFFICERS

Officers Meeting First Tuesday Of The Month @ 7:00 pm
Business Meeting Second Tuesday Of The Month @ 7:00 pm

Grand Knight	Corey Livingston	810-334-5451
Chaplain	Rev. John P. Klein	517-323-2379
Deputy Grand Knight	Brian Killian	517-927-9293
Chancellor	Mike Shepard	517-331-4154
Recorder	Dennis Becht	517-449-8824
Financial Secretary	Richard Bierwagen	314-540-1726
Treasurer	John Suckow	517-285-4702
Advocate	Chris Wegener	517-862-9373
Warden	Luis Velasquez	517-930-4660
Inside Guard	Scott Chalmers	517-377-5818
Outside Guard	Paul Rojeski	517-885-5477
1 Year Trustee	PGK Thomas M. Wegener	517-886-0006
2 Year Trustee	PGK Ken Morrison	517-719-4047
3 Year Trustee	PGK Michael H. Wegener	517-331-3959

COUNCIL DIRECTORS & CHAIRMEN

Membership Director	Josh Riley	314-484-3232
Recruitment	All Officers & Members	
First Degree Captain	PGK David Luedtke	517-303-5555
Retention Captain	DGK Brian Killian	517-927-9293
Retention Team	PGK Thomas M. Wegener	517-886-0006
Retention Team	PGK Ken Morrison	517-719-4047
Retention Team	PGK Michael H. Wegener	517-331-3959
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Program Director	DGK Brian Killian	517-927-9293
Faith Director	Mike Shepard	517-331-4154
Vocations Director	John Drzik	517-881-2391
Community Director	Chris Wegener	517-862-9373
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Youth Director	Josh Riley	314-484-3232
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LANSING COLUMBIAN ASSOCIATION

Meets Third Wednesday Of Every Month @ 7:00 pm

President	Brian Peacock, PGK	517-214-9730
Vice President	Carl Yarsevich	517-899-4535
Secretary	Rich Rybicki	517-663-1854
Treasurer	Jon Jackinchuk	517-303-1464
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Director	Dave Schertzing	517-204-4959
Dir. G K	Corey Livingston	810-334-5451
Dir. DGK	Brian Killian	517-927-9293
Dir. Council	Scott Chalmers	517-377-5818
Dir. Council	Luis Velasquez	517-930-4660

LADIES AUXILIARY

Meets First Wednesday Of Every Month @ 7:00 pm

President	Angie Rademacher	517-388-3229
Vice President	Karen Shepard	517-331-4156
Secretary	Elizabeth Myers	517-281-9489
Treasurer	Denise Kelsey	517-622-0365

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Resolution of Support for William H. Chassé for Knights of Columbus Supreme Director

Whereas William H. Chassé has been a Knight of Columbus since joining Richard Council 788 in Lansing, Michigan on April 30, 2006. William was knighted to the Third Degree on February 25, 2007. William is also a member of the Fourth degree joining Bishop Albers Assembly 0496.

Whereas William H. Chassé has held elective office for Richard Council 788 culminating in serving as Grand Knight for the fraternal year 2011-2012.

Whereas William H. Chassé has served as District warden for 5 years.

Whereas William H. Chassé has held elective office on the Lansing Columbian Association (Home Corporation) for 4 years.

Whereas William H. Chassé was awarded Richard council Knight of the Year for fraternal years 2007-2008 and 2010-2011.

Whereas William H. Chassé has served the order with distinction in the Michigan Jurisdiction as Lansing Diocesan Program Director for PSD John R. 'Bob' Moody.

Whereas William H. Chassé has served the order with distinction in the Michigan Jurisdiction as Lansing Diocesan Membership Director.

Whereas William H. Chasse has served the order with distinction in the Michigan Jurisdiction as State Training Director.

Whereas William H. Chassé has served the order with distinction in the Michigan Jurisdiction as District Deputy.

Whereas William H. Chassé sought elected State Office for the Michigan jurisdiction and was elected State Warden and took office on July 1, 2013.

Whereas William H. Chassé was subsequently elected to the offices of State Advocate, State Treasurer and State Secretary.

Whereas William H. Chassé is currently serving the order with distinction in the Michigan Jurisdiction as the State Deputy; Now therefore be it

Resolved That Richard Council 788 proudly supports the nomination and election of William H. Chassé as a Director of the Supreme Council Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus and memorializes the Michigan Jurisdiction to do the same.

Corey Livingston-Grand Knight

Dennis Becht-Recorder

OFFICERS NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

BY PGK MIKE WEGENER

My Brother Knights All, Vivat Jesus!

Grand Knight Corey Livingston has once again asked me to chair the Nominations Committee this year. Our fraternal year begins July 1st with new leadership taking the helm then.

Any Brother Knight who is a third degree member wishing to be a part of the 2019-2020 Richard Council leadership team will have two opportunities of Officer Nominations. One will be at the May 12th regular business meeting at 7 pm, and the second opportunity at the June 9th regular business meeting at 7 pm. The officer election will follow directly after the close of nominations at the June 9th regular business meeting.

Many opportunities exist to work serving our St. Gerard Parish, serving our council, serving our faith, and to serve the wider community. Each council officer or director position has important duties necessary to the success and sustainability of Richard Council 788. We need you! As an officer or director you will have the opportunity to put your faith to work in many very real and satisfying ways. In planning meetings your ideas will be heard and your time and talent will be recognized and appreciated.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for an officer or director position. Directors are filled by appointment of the Grand Knight. Should you have any questions regarding duties, responsibilities, estimated time requirements, expectations etc. for any of the officer or director positions, please give me a call. If you are ready to roll up your sleeves and make a difference in the lives of the needy and outcast, call me and I will see to it that you are either added to the officer nominations or recommended for a director appointment.

A list of all positions is on our Council Honor Roll page which is page two of this newsletter. You may reach me direct at 517-331-3959. I thank you for your consideration.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

We offer our condolences and prayers to the following: Ginger Book (wife of member John Book), who recently passed away.

Prayers and recovery intentions continue to be needed for the following: PGK Tom Getzmeyer, PGK Ray Plunkett, Dick Thelen, Jack Pratt, Joe Kobus, Chris Fox, Robert Nelson, Charles Stickney, Delores Tabor (surviving widow of Larry Tabor), Nicholas D'Anna, Patricia Humpsch, Ann Killian, Joann Klein (wife of Thomas Klein), Lewis McKenna, Wanda Hicks (wife of member Richard Hicks), Cindy Leveque (wife of Bill Leveque), Terri Corder (wife of member Deacon Jim Corder), DGK Brian Killian, Mike Shepard, PGK/PSD Tom Wegener, and Kathy and Ed Stoffer.

If you know of someone that is ill and recovering, or has passed away, please contact Grand Knight Corey Livingston by email at corey.livingston1@gmail.com, or at 810-334-5451. You can reach our Financial Secretary, Richard Bierwagen, at 314-540-1726 or via email at: fs788@mikofc.org or rjbierwagen@hotmail.com.

OUR COLUMBIAN PATRONS

Lyle Adams — Napoleon Agonor — Christopher Albright — John Bachelder
Timothy Barry — Daniel Beachnau — Dennis Becht — James Bleicher — James Bollman
Robert Brinker — Ronald Bruner — Matthew Carey — Mark Carey — Vince Corporate
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Richard Endres — Steve Fata — Anthony Fedewa — Duane Fedewa — John Fiero
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Hilary Goerge — James Gonzalez — Kyle Gottfried — Ronald Grades — David Greeley
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Brian Killian — Joseph Kobus — Anthony Kolp — Rom Kriauciunas — Robert Lamond
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Michael Wegener — Herbert Wegener — Christopher Wegener — Eric Wegener
Tom Wegener — Robert Whyte — Paul Wittkoski — Carl Yarsevich — Ronald Zerfas

Your generous sponsorship allows the Council to print and mail newsletters to those members who do not have access to email or the internet, as well as to distribute a supply of printed newsletters which are displayed in information racks at St. Gerard Church and Columbus Hall. Thank you for your support!

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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
Chris Wegener

APRIL 2020
FAMILY OF THE MONTH
John Suckow and Pete Pline

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers continue to be needed for every event that we have at Council 788. No one should feel that they cannot be part of an event in volunteering their time and talent. It's our own members that are needed to keep our programs, dinners, and other events going. Please consider this and contact Grand Knight Corey Livingston at 810-334-5451 if you can help.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

RICHARD BIERWAGEN, FS

Due to the COVID-19 virus many of our fund-raising events have been canceled. Several examples include:

Lenten Fish Fries, Monday Burger Nights, Beer Tasting & Taco Night, and the Palm Sunday MI (Tootsie Roll) Drive.

There are approximately 90 members who have not paid their 2020 dues. In order to continue our donations to the various organizations, payment of dues can help significantly and is critically needed.

We also realize that some of our members are no longer working due to the Stay-At-Home restrictions.

If you are unable to pay, we understand. However, if you can, please do so. It will be greatly appreciated and will assist in lessening the impact of the loss of our funding events.

Please make your checks or money orders to - Knights of Columbus Richard Council 788 and mail to the Columbus Hall.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ALWAYS NEEDS YOUR HELP

Habitat for Humanity needs your help to build a better tomorrow in the Lansing, East Lansing, Haslett, and Okemos areas. This is done through the ReStore which has two area locations. One is at 1605 Haslett Road, Haslett, MI 48840 (phone 517-999-0488). The other location is at 1941 Benjamin Dr., Lansing, Michigan 48906 (phone 517-374-6235). Their hours vary from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm depending on which store you choose, and they are all closed Sunday and Monday.



For a quick response, you can call (517) 575-8152 for the pickup hotline. At the ReStore you can shop, donate, or volunteer to help. Everything is always needed and you can call them on the hotline number, the stores individual numbers, or access them on line at: www.habitatlansing.org. Help them help those less fortunate and please tell all your friends about them.

FROM THE NEWSLETTER DESK

DAVE SCHULTE, EDITOR

Because of the constantly-changing situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, please be aware that much of what's in this month's newsletter (what there is left, at least) is subject to change. Notably the social-distancing guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Infection (CDC) have been extended to April 30.

Please continue to pray for all those affected; the sick, those trying to heal them, those whose jobs are essential at this time, and those who have lost theirs.

THE 15TH OF THE PRECEDING MONTH is the deadline for submitting content for each month's newsletter. For the **May 2020** newsletter, this deadline will be **April 15**. Please send it to my email address, dschulte1113@gmail.com. You may also contact me directly (voice or text) at 517-980-0083. If you would like to view the newsletter on line, please visit our website: www.788.councilnet.us.

RSVP PROGRAM IN ACTION!

Corey Bilodeau is a seminarian who we are supporting via the RSVP program.



Hello. My name is Corey Bilodeau and I am from Lansing and my home parish is Immaculate Heart of Mary. I am a Theology seminarian studying at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. I entered seminary because I could no longer do anything else with my discernment besides taking the leap of faith and "going out into the deep" to follow Jesus. I needed to start seeing what it was like to be a priest by doing the types of things they do like daily Mass, daily Holy Hour, praying the Liturgy of the Hours, praying the rosary, spiritual direction, learning philosophy and theology, etc.

Coming back to Sacred Heart for my second year has been a blessing. Over the past year God has stretched, strengthened and transformed my life. I am not the same man I was when I entered, and the funny thing is that I still have many more things that God needs to fix before I can, God willing, become one of His priests. This has brought me nothing but, peace and joy. All I have asked God for was to let me draw closer to Him and to let my will become His will.

One thing that I learned while going through formation came from the month I spent in Calcutta, India where I volunteered with the MC Sisters. While I was there, I learned what it really means to be in poverty and that the love of God knows no bounds. As Saint Teresa of Calcutta states; "Not all of us can do great things, but we can all do small things with great love". I have found that it's the little things we do in life allow Jesus to shine.

PROPOSE A NEW MEMBER TODAY!

Help us meet our goals this year!
Contact Membership Director Josh Riley
314-484-3232

Knights of Columbus Insurance Update

The mission of the Knights of Columbus today remains the same as when it was founded in 1882: to protect Catholic families financially and to help strengthen the Catholic faith of our members.

While the current medical, social and economic issues we face are unsettling, it's not the first time we have risen to meet such challenges. Our Order has stood strong through past crises such as the Spanish flu in 1918, the Great Depression and the financial crisis of 2008.

Just as we stood together during those times, we stand ready in our own difficult times to provide life insurance, annuities, long term care and disability insurance. Knights of Columbus Insurance agents are fully equipped and eager to help you understand how the current climate may affect your personal finances and how our products can help.

Our agents can meet with you in person, talk to you over the phone (when appropriate) or through a virtual meeting using Skype or similar software. Agents are ready to answer questions, assist with service-related issues and help show you how you can reduce your financial risk.

As the Knights of Columbus turns 138 years old, it is an opportune moment to thank our founder, Father Michael McGivney, for his foresight in founding an Order that consistently provides reliable financial protection for Catholic families. You do not face the current challenges alone. Our commitment to helping you and your family remains strong.

Vivat Jesus!





Gary A. DeCarlo
586-436-0121

Kevin F. Rowley
586-596-8649

Knights of Columbus Michigan State Raffle 2020



"We're on a Mission
From God"

We Need You!

Tickets ONLY \$5.00

"Have we told you, we love you today?" Jake & Elwood



VIKING RIVER CRUISE - CHARITY 1st DEGREE PRIZE



8 DAY RHINE GETAWAY - Viking Einar (Brand New Ship) FOR TWO - VERANDAH STATEROOM INCLUDES: AIR, ROUNDTrip TRANSFERS, PORT FEES AND TAXES PLUS \$5,500.00 CASH



JAMAICA UNITY 2nd DEGREE PRIZE



JEWELL DUNNS RIVER RESORT AND SPA ADULTS ONLY ALL INCLUSIVE - FOR TWO PREMIER ROOM GARDENVIEW - 7 NIGHTS INCLUDES: AIR, HOTEL, TAXES AND ROUNDTrip TRANSFER PLUS \$750.00 CASH



RIVIERA MAYA - FRATERNITY 3rd DEGREE PRIZE



DREAMS PUERTO ADVENTURAS RESORT AND SPA ALL INCLUSIVE - FOR TWO - 7 NIGHTS GARDENVIEW ROOM PLUS \$750.00 CASH INCLUDES: AIR, HOTEL, TAXES AND TRANSFERS

LIC. # PENDING



BOSTON - PATRIOTIC 4th DEGREE PRIZE



HYATT REGENCY BOSTON - 2 NIGHTS - TRIP FOR TWO PLUS \$500.00 CASH INCLUDES: AIR, HOTEL, TRANSFERS, TAXES AND A HISTORIC CITY TOUR

***ALL FIGHTS FROM METRO DETROIT AIRPORT**

5th - 10th Prize = \$300.00

11th - 20th Prizes = \$180.00

21st - 30th Prizes = \$120.00

31st - 40th Prizes = \$60.00

Drawing: Thursday April, 16 2020 Doors Open at 5:30pm Drawing at 8:00pm
Decarlo's Banquet Center, 6015 E. 10 Mile Rd., Warren MI 48091 (586-739-6300)



COUNCIL 788

APRIL 2020

ACTIVITIES



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
MARCH 29 Club Closed <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	30 Club Closed	31 Club Closed	APRIL 1 Club Closed	2 Club Closed	3 † Club Closed	4 Club Closed
5 Club Closed <i>Palm Sunday</i>	6 Club Closed	7 Club Closed	8 Club Closed	9 Club Closed <i>Holy Thursday</i>	10 †† Club Closed <i>Good Friday</i>	11 Club Closed <i>Holy Saturday</i>
12 Club Closed <i>Easter Sunday</i>	13 Club Closed	14 Club Closed	15 Club Closed	16 Club Closed State Raffle Drawing (DeCarlo's Banquet Center, Warren, 8:00 PM)	17 Club Closed	18 Club Closed
19 Club Closed	20 Club Closed	21 Club Closed	22 Club Closed	23 Club Closed	24 Club Closed	25 Club Closed
26 Club Closed	27 Club Closed	28 Club Closed	29 Club Closed	30 Club Closed	MAY 1 Club Opens 4:00 PM	2 Club Opens 4:00 PM

† - DAY OF ABSTINENCE

†† - DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

ALL EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT COLUMBUS HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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