



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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RICHARD COUNCIL 788 • LANSING, MICHIGAN
DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

GK COREY LIVINGSTON

My brother knights and their families,

Vivat Jesus!

Here we are in December and for me it is hard to believe that the first half of the fraternal year is coming to an end. We have accomplished a great deal in these first 6 months punctuated this last month by donating 20 cases of coats via our coats for kids program. We were able to experience the joy from the workers and children in need that frequent and rely on Cristo Rey Community Center, St. Vincent Catholic Charities, and Child and Family Services. This program is fully funded via our Pinewood Open that will be coming up in February so build a new car, or enter an old one and know that by participating in this program, you will help keep a child warm in the winter. Also this past month we had a memorial service for all brother Knights who passed away from November to November. This service was attended by Knights and family members of those Knights who passed in the last year.

Coming up in December our events this month will be the ever popular Ladies Auxiliary annual dinner and auction taking place on December 13th. The council Christmas party will be on Friday, December 20th, please bring a dish to pass and enjoy in fellowship and fraternity with the council. Our Christmas deliveries program, known as the Francis O'Donnell Project, will be Saturday the 21st. Please, if you haven't already, consider donating monetarily or with your time in helping with the deliveries. Lastly, our annual New Year's Eve party will close out the year and will also be in pot luck fashion. Our faith based social meeting will take place at 6pm on December 3rd with the regular monthly business meeting taking place the following Tuesday the 10th at 7pm. Please plan on attending taking an active part in the meeting. Three new member applications were read and voted in at the last council meeting. Please remember that bringing in new members is the responsibility of all council members. I simply ask that you do not assume that someone has already been asked about joining, someone took the time to ask you to join, extend the same invitation to someone else today.

I look forward to seeing you all throughout the month.

Corey

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 Rojas	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
Insurance Agent	Mike DuMont	517-327-0177
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
Pro-Life Couple	PGK Mike & Patti Schaefer	517-242-4961
Family Director	PGK Mike Schaefer	517-242-4961
Youth Director	Josh Riley	314-484-3232
Francis O'Donnell Project	PGK David Luedtke	517-303-5555
Newsletter Editor	Dave Schulte	517-980-0083

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
Director	Ed Stoffer	517-371-1721
Director	Dave Schertzing	517-204-4959
Director	Scott Cole	517-256-5592
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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ST. GERARD SPELLING BEE WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the annual Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee, held on November 17. It's great to see the youth of St. Gerard Parish and School participate, exemplifying "a Catholic education that focuses on faith, academics, and service while living and sharing the light of Christ." We Knights are extremely proud of the students who competed, as well as all the students, faculty and staff of this school which we hold in such high regard!



SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Prayers and recovery intentions continue to be needed for the following: PGK Tom Getzmeyer, PGK Ray Plunkett, Dick Thelen, Ginger Book, Richard Nickoff, 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, and PGK/PSD Tom Wegener.

We extend our condolences to the family of Mike Stump, who recently passed away.

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.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

RICHARD BIERWAGEN, FS

The 2020 Dues Assessment Invoices will be mailed in December, and your prompt payment will be appreciated. In order to ensure the payments are posted to the correct account, please submit the invoice with your payment.

Also note that in addition to your dues, the option is available to donate additional contributions to any or all of the following:

- Culture of Life
- Holy Cross Children's Service
- Sacred Heart Seminaries
- K of C State "10"
- Newsletter Patron
- Council 788 General Assistance Fund

Please make your checks or money orders to - **Knights of Columbus Richard Council 788.**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

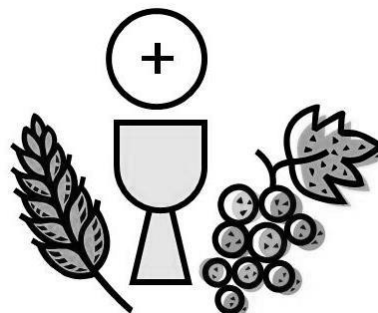
Mike Schaefer (Capt.)

Dan Stump — Brian Killian — Bob Whyte

Dan Beachnau — John Burns — Ed Wawiernia

Dane Jurkovic — Mike Wegener — Walt Ozanich

Mary Kay Ozanich — Jay Corey



DECEMBER 2019
KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
Alessandro Bozzo

DECEMBER 2019
FAMILY OF THE MONTH
Paul and Barb Travis

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.

OUR COLUMBIAN PATRONS

Chris Albright — PGK Dan Beachnau — Michael Berry — James & Janice Bollman
David Brandell — Robert Brickner — Ronald Bruner — Vince Caporale
Matthew Carey — Francis Cherniawski — Joseph Claeys — Christopher Costigan
Mike Curley — Lawrence Dalimonte II — Frank Downey — Mike Ellsworth
Duane Fedewa — John Fiero — George Fox — Joseph Garcia — Hilary Gorge
Kyle Gottfried — James Green — Michael Hanlon — Don Headley — Joseph Hedley
Timothy Hermes — Michael Hudson — Horace Hull — Gary Jay — Allen Jensen
Anthony Kolp — PGK David Luedtke — Steve Macksood — Dick & Terri McCloy
Richard McCrackin — Robert McDonald — George Noiro — Nicholas Pavona
Mark Piggott — Bernard Pollack — John Potoczny — Rosendo Reyes — Robert Robitaille
Francis Roznowski — Richard Ryczek — PGK Mike Schaefer
William Schaner — Donald Schmitz — Lawrence Schrauben — Richard Smith
Charles Stickney — Michael Stump — John Suckow — Dennis Theis
PGK Mike Wegener — PSD Thomas Wegener — Chris Wegener — Ronald Zerfas



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PROPOSE A NEW MEMBER TODAY!

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



The Knights of Columbus Council 788 are hosting a "**Burger Night**" every Monday night from 5pm-7pm at the Columbus Hall, 5300 N. Grand River. The cost is \$6 for a burger basket and the event is open to the public.

Additionally, on these same nights, from 6:30pm-8:30pm, they are hosting "**Euchre Night**". The cost is \$5 per person and all are welcome to participate!

For more information contact us at 517 321 2209 or at www.788.councilnet.us

We thank you for your support!

FATHER GABRIEL RICHARD

CONTRIBUTED BY THOMAS WEGENER, PSD

Ecumenical leader, founding of the University of Michigan

He was ahead of his time in ecumenical matters. Msgr. Edward J. Hickey, a long-time Detroit pastor in the 20th century and an authority on Richard, said that when they held a Corpus Christi procession, Richard invited Lewis Cass, governor of the territory and a Mason, to carry the canopy over the Blessed Sacrament. Before the Protestants had a minister, he was their spiritual leader, at their request, as well as pastor of his own parish, St. Anne's. When the Protestant minister, John Monteith, arrived, Richard welcomed him and accepted Monteith's invitation to stay for tea. When Monteith asked him to say the grace, Richard declined, explaining he might offend as he could say grace only in Latin.

They became good friends and together, persuaded the governor and judges of the territory of Michigan to open a public university called the Catholepistemiad of Michigania. The institution was established in Detroit on August 26, 1817. Monteith became its first president and held seven of the professorships, and Richard was vice president and held the other six professorships.

Concurrently, Ann Arbor had set aside 40 acres in the hopes of being selected as the state capital. But when Lansing was chosen as the state capital, the city offered the land for a university. What would become the university moved to Ann Arbor in 1837 thanks to Governor Stevens T. Mason. The original 40 acres was the basis of the present Central Campus. This land was once inhabited by the Ojibwe (Chippewa), Odawa (Ottawa), and Bodewadimi (Potawatomi) Native tribes and was obtained through the Treaty of Fort Meigs. In 1821, the university was officially renamed the University of Michigan.

In 1805, a fire almost destroyed Detroit. Afterward, a third of the residents planned to leave, but Richard set about rebuilding the city. First he organized relief parties to provide food and shelter for the people; his support and help encouraged them to rebuild.

During the War of 1812, when the British took over the town, he sided with the Americans. When asked to swear allegiance to the British, he said "I have taken an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and I cannot take another. Do with me as you please." He was arrested and imprisoned across the river in the rectory at Sandwich, now a part of Windsor, Ontario.

He ministered spiritually to the Indian allies of the British and due to the intercession of Chief Tecumseh of the Shawnee, he was freed. Tecumseh said he'd refuse to fight for the British unless Richard was released.

The story of the organ at St. Anne's illustrates his desire to bring culture to the trading post. He brought the first organ to Michigan, piecemeal, on horseback, 800 miles through the wilderness. The Indians would gather outside the church to listen to the music. They were so intrigued that they stole the pipes and for weeks, went around blowing into them. When someone told them the organ was the voice of the Great Spirit, the pipes mysteriously reappeared.

Next month's installment: Fr. Richard Goes to Washington



 *Merry Christmas*

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
DINNER & AUCTION**

 Sponsored by 

**The Ladies Auxiliary
Knights of Columbus Richard
Council #788**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019



5:30 PM COCKTAILS

6:00 PM DINNER

7:00 PM LIVE AUCTION



**HAM, ROLLS, COFFEE & TABLE SERVICE PROVIDED. IF
YOU'RE ABLE, PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER OR DISH
TO PASS AND/OR A CRAFT OR GOODIE TO BE
AUCTIONED...OR JUST COME TO ENJOY THE DINNER
AND BID ON SOME LOVELY ITEMS!**

COLUMBUS HALL

5300 N GRAND RIVER AVENUE, LANSING MI



RICHARD COUNCIL, No. 788

5300 North Grand River Avenue

Lansing, Michigan 48906

34th Annual Francis O'Donnell Christmas Project

Brother Knights and Families:

October, 2019

Christmas time will be here before we know it and we are starting to get organized to get this project underway. This will be our **34th** year of providing food and gifts to at least 24 families of the working and unemployed poor.

The O'Donnell project is totally funded by donations of cash and food from our membership and gifts from local businesses. The Knights and Ladies Auxiliary work with us to pack food boxes and purchase and wrap Christmas gifts for the families we adopt. The families are assigned to us by the Capital Area Community Services who provide data sheets giving info about sizes needed and the children's age and sex. Special needs are sometimes required. We do all of the shopping for food and bulk food donations.

Our only expense for this project is for the postage and supplies needed to print and send this appeal out to you. We also provide the workers lunch and refreshments after the deliveries are made. **Can you help or donate?** We can always use more drivers to help make those deliveries. Call me if you want to help. My cell number is 517-303-5555.

We need your financial support to make this project a success once again. Remember the first and foremost principle of our order is Charity. It is our Christian and Fraternal duty to help our brothers and sisters who are in need. Remember, Jesus said, "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers you do unto me". God bless us all, and please pray for the success of this project.

To donate, write a check, made out to Council #788, and note on the memo line **O'Donnell Project**. Mail or drop off your donation at the Council. Please, also, note on the envelope the O'Donnell Project. This will aid in separating donations from other mail such as dues or other council business.

PGK, PFN, Ceremonial Degree Team Captain Dave Luedtke,
Francis O'Donnell Project Chairman

PERSONAL CARE ITEM COLLECTION

ANGIE RADEMACHER, LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Do you spend time traveling or enjoying hotel stays and have a collection of soaps, shampoos/conditioners, and lotions from hotels building up in your cupboards? The Ladies Auxiliary will again be collecting these items to bring to the Winter Meeting where they will be donated to homeless shelters in Michigan. There will be a drop box in Columbus Hall. We will be collecting these items until the evening of Wednesday, December 4th. Thanking all who are able to help support this worthy cause.

FROM THE NEWSLETTER DESK

DAVE SCHULTE, EDITOR

Hopefully you have all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your loved ones and friends. Perhaps you've even offered your time, talents and treasure to help those less fortunate. Also, many of us faced the harsh reality of an empty chair at the dinner table this year. As the year draws to a close, I sincerely wish all of you a holy, healthy, happy, and safe Christmas and New Year.

With the Christmas and New Year's holidays approaching, it's even more important that any content that needs to appear in the January newsletter be submitted by the usual deadline (which for the January newsletter is **December 15**).

THE 15TH OF THE PRECEDING MONTH is still the deadline for submitting content for each month's newsletter. 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.

Consider coming to a Council meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. You'll be glad you did! Next meeting is December 10.



Reach out and ask someone to join the Knights of Columbus Council 788!

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.

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Help Wanted!

State Deputy & State Leadership is looking for brother knights who are interested in being part of our leadership team. We are in need of District Deputies, Diocesan Directors and State Directors. If you are interested in helping the Order move forward and you have the skills and ability to lead please contact: State Program Director,
Bill LeVeque or send a resume to:
W.Leveque@mikofc.org.

We are looking for candidates for all leadership positions. We have an immediate need for a Website design and maintenance person that can also develop an app for smart phones.



COUNCIL 788 DECEMBER 2019 ACTIVITIES



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	2 Club Opens 4:00 PM Burger Night 5:00 – 7:00 PM Euchre Night 6:30 – 8:00 PM	3 Club Opens 4:00 PM Officers Meeting 7:00 PM	4 Club Opens 4:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM	5 Club Opens 4:00 PM	6 Club Opens 4:00 PM	7 Club Opens 4:00 PM
8 Club Closed St. Gerard Parish Breakfast 8:30 AM <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	9 Club Opens 4:00 PM Burger Night 5:00 – 7:00 PM Euchre Night 6:30 – 8:00 PM	10 Club Opens 4:00 PM Council Meeting 7:00 PM	11 Club Opens 4:00 PM	12 Club Opens 4:00 PM	13 Club Opens 4:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Dinner and Auction 5:30 PM	14 Club Opens 4:00 PM
15 Club Closed <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	16 Club Opens 4:00 PM Burger Night 5:00 – 7:00 PM Euchre Night 6:30 – 8:00 PM	17 Club Opens 4:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting 7:00 PM	18 Club Opens 4:00 PM LCA Meeting 7:00 PM	19 Club Opens 4:00 PM	20 Club Opens 4:00 PM Christmas Party 6:00 – 8:00 PM	21 Club Opens 4:00 PM
22 Club Closed <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	23 Club Opens 4:00 PM Burger Night 5:00 – 7:00 PM Euchre Night 6:30 – 8:00 PM	24 Club Closed <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 Club Closed <i>Christmas Day</i>	26 Club Opens 4:00 PM	27 Club Opens 4:00 PM	28 Club Opens 4:00 PM
29 Club Closed Family Mass at St. Gerard 9:00 AM	30 Club Opens 4:00 PM	31 Club Opens 4:00 PM New Year's Eve Party 5:00 PM – 12:00 AM <i>New Year's Eve</i>	JAN. 1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 Club Opens 4:00 PM	3 Club Opens 4:00 PM Walleye Dinner 4:00 – 8:00 PM	4 Club Opens 4:00 PM

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