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RICHARD COUNCIL 788 • LANSING, MICHIGAN

JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

GK COREY LIVINGSTON

My brother knights and their families,

Vivat Jesus!

Happy New Year to everyone and of course, welcome to 2020. I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and Advent season. It is hard to believe that the fraternal year is already half over. These first 6 months have just seemed to have absolutely flown by. We had a great many events in December and saw some great growth within the council. Great fun was had at the Ladies Auxiliary auction and the council Christmas party, and we had another successful turnout with the Francis O'Donnell program, helping provide gifts and Christmas dinner to those in need. We also brought on 5 new members which is always good for the future and sustainability of our council. Always remember that someone asked you to join, so be sure to extend that same invitation and propose a new member today!

January is going to provide us no shortage of events, as we will be kicking off the month with our faith meeting on the 7th and we will be taking that meeting on the road this month. I ask that everyone who is planning on attending that meeting to join us at St. Gerard at the normal time of 6pm and participate in adoration. Looking ahead we will then move into the Wild Game Dinner on the 11th and breakfast after mass on the 12th. That will take us into our first council dinner of the new year which will be a country rib dinner on the 17th. The annual free throw contest is on going to be taking place on the 19th at St. Gerard, as well as the Big Man for Christ on the 26th. As you can see there are going to be plenty of opportunities to volunteer and help out, so please take an active part in your council at one of these events.

Let's have a great 2020 and a great second half to this already wonderful fraternal year.

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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
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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
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Treasurer	John Suckow	517-285-4702
Advocate	Chris Wegener	517-862-9373
Warden	Luis Velasquez	517-930-4660
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Outside Guard	Paul Rojeski	517-885-5477
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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
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Retention Team	PGK Ken Morrison	517-719-4047
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LANSING COLUMBIAN ASSOCIATION

Meets Third Wednesday Of Every Month @ 7:00 pm

President	Brian Peacock, PGK	517-214-9730
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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
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Treasurer	Denise Kelsey	517-622-0365

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MEMBER DICK THELEN HONORED IN CEREMONY

CONTRIBUTED BY JAY COREY, PGK



On Monday, December 2nd, U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin, D-Holly, honored Dick Thelen at an event held at the Grace Lutheran Church attended by his friends and family, and Lansing Mayor Andy Schor. It was declared Richard Thelen Day in Lansing. Three Lansing-area lawmakers read tributes, and Representative Slotkin gave him a U.S. flag that had been flown over the U.S. Capitol. Dick is the last Michigan survivor of the sinking of the USS Indianapolis, and one of only 11 men living left who survived the disaster.

President Donald Trump signed the "USS Indianapolis Congressional Gold Medal Act" a year ago, honoring the entire crew, though the medal hasn't yet been presented to an Indianapolis museum, where it's expected to be housed. Out of nearly 1,200 men, only 317 would live to tell the harrowing tale of five days adrift in the Philippine Sea. About 300 men went down with the ship; nearly 600 others died from shark attacks, injuries, dehydration or salt poisoning from drinking salt water. Dick has said he was drenched in diesel fuel, which may have kept the sharks from attacking him.

Thelen, who had a career as a truck driver, didn't talk about his experience for years. He married in 1951 but didn't tell his wife, JoAnne, for seven years about his experience. The couple had six children. Five of them attended Monday's ceremony (daughter JoAnne died in 2002). Thelen said he doesn't like being called a "hero", however Representative Slotkin suggested that's the true definition of a hero. "Thank you for being an example of what a true patriot means to us. We need that more than ever these days," she said.

Council 788 is proud to have Dick as a member of the Knights of Columbus and our council. Thank you for your service, Dick Thelen.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – COUNCIL 788
St. Gerard – Father Weber Hall
4437 W. Willow Hwy. – Lansing, Mi. 48906



15TH ANNUAL 2020 WILD GAME BANQUET

Thank you for supporting our previous Annual Wild Game Banquets, and we hope you will join us at our next banquet on **Saturday, January 11, 2020** beginning at **5:30 pm** at **St. Gerard Parish, Father Weber Hall, 4437 W. Willow Hwy. Lansing, Mi.** This year's event features a **NEW MENU & NEW GAMES** and plans to be bigger and better than we have ever had before.

Again, this year only **250 tickets** are available for advance sale on a first come, first serve basis, and this year the price is still only **\$30.00 Per Ticket.** Your ticket includes opportunities at raffled and auctioned prizes, 50/50 drawings and the best wild game food prepared in the Mid-Michigan area. We also feature a large variety of items including shotguns, rifles, muzzleloaders, crossbows, and pistols, with refreshments available including pop, and souvenir glasses all guaranteed to offer you a fun-packed evening.

We hope you will take advantage of the **Early Bird Gun Raffle**, with its special discount for purchase of 1, 2, or 5 Early Bird Gun raffle tickets. Multiple purchases are allowed. (1) Early Bird Gun Raffle Ticket is \$20.00, (2) Tickets \$30.00, (5) Tickets \$50.00. Early Bird Gun raffle tickets, (either 1, 2, or 3, ticket offers) are available until the night before the banquet. **Early Bird Gun Raffle tickets are \$25.00 each at the door.**

We also offer you our **Extravaganza Ticket Package** which is valued at \$200 for only \$100. This entitles you to 140 tickets for table games, raffle tickets, & gaming tickets for an evening of winning events and items. Purchase now and pick them up at the event.

Your **ticket purchase, early bird gun raffle, and raffle extravaganza** are included on the order form attached to this letter. This is so you can be considered for our advanced sales as a previous attendee at our previous banquets.

We also invite you to become a **Sponsor** at either the **Bronze, Copper, Silver, Gold, and Platinum** level. We attached a **Sponsor Order Form flyer** for your convenience outlining the advantages and an **early entry** to the event. The Sponsor form is included with this letter and must be returned by prior to the event to insure your sponsorship name.

Return the order form(s) attached with your check or credit card information, and your ticket(s) will be available for pickup at the event.

New this year, completed dinner ticket qualifies you for free gun raffle.

We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you this year.

Sincerely,
Ken Morrison
517-719-4047

Editor's note: this is the letter previously mailed to membership, reformatted to fit this page. However, the ticket order and sponsorship forms referenced above were not included in the newsletter.

JANUARY 2020
KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
Mike Arens

JANUARY 2020
FAMILY OF THE MONTH
Dennis and Terri Becht

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.

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 were mailed the first week of December. As of December 26, two hundred five payments have been received. This represents 37.4%. This is a wonderful start and greatly appreciated. In addition, 2020 Membership Cards are being mailed within 7 to 10 days after receiving payment.

Please remember - - To ensure that 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

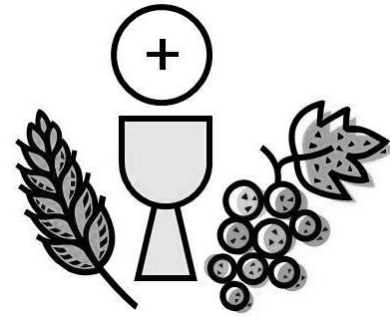
Please make your checks or money orders to **Knights of Columbus Richard Council 788**.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020

Mike Schaefer (Capt.)

Dane Jurkovic — Hilary Goerge — Jim Bleicher
Corey Livingston — Walt Ozanich — Mary Corey
John Leabu — John Suckow — Jay Corey
Paul Rojeski — John Drzik



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
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Charles Stickney — Michael Stump — John Suckow — Dennis Theis
PGK Mike Wegener — PSD Thomas Wegener — Chris Wegener — Ronald Zerfas

Big Man for Christ

10 young men
3 categories
1 competition

January 26, 2020
7:15pm
Parish Hall

Ticket Prices:
\$7 per person or \$25 per family

Thanks to our Event Sponsor – the Knights of Columbus Council No. 788



FROM THE NEWSLETTER DESK

DAVE SCHULTE, EDITOR

“So, did everyone get enough to eat?”

This time of year, normally that question is asked at family gatherings, where you don't want to offend anyone by not sampling the dish they brought. Often we answer that question with an uncomfortable “Way too much.” But the question takes on new meaning when we consider those less fortunate. Thanks to the contributions and efforts of our brother Knights and the Ladies Auxiliary – whether working on the Francis O'Donnell Project, pitching in with the St. Vincent DePaul Society, racking up matching donations through Meijer “Simply Give,” or any of the other volunteer and charity opportunities we support – the answer gets a little closer to “Yes, everyone did get enough.”

Please note that on the January calendar on page 9, the Ladies Auxiliary meeting date has been moved to **January 8**, due to the usual first Wednesday meeting date falling on New Year's Day.

Also, Tom Wegener's fine monthly series on Father Gabriel Richard, our council's namesake, will resume in a future newsletter. First things first, though...get well soon, Tom!

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.

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.

LADIES AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS DINNER AND AUCTION

A great time was had by all attending this year's Ladies Auxiliary Christmas dinner and auction. Here are a couple pictures from the event:



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Help us meet our goals this year!
Contact Membership Director Josh Riley
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COUNCIL # 788

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COUNTRY RIB DINNER



Friday – January 17th

\$10.00 Per Person - 5 – 7 pm

\$9.00 Per Person Early Bird 4 – 5 pm

MENU



BBQ Country Ribs – Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans – Salad – Rolls & Butter

FREE MEAL !!!!

Must complete a Membership Form (Form 100)
Or E-Membership Application

Members – Families - Guests

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PINEWOOD OPEN



Saturday, February 1, 2020
Registration at 1pm. Racing starts at 1:45
Columbus Hall, 5300 N. Grand River



Racing is open to **EVERYONE!**



ENTRY FEE: \$10
FAMILY DEAL: \$25
(up to 5 cars, max 2 cars/person)

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COUNCIL 788 JANUARY 2020 ACTIVITIES



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
DEC. 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	4 Club Opens 4:00 PM
5 Club Closed	6 Club Opens 4:00 PM Burger Night 5:00 – 7:00 PM Euchre Night 6:30 – 8:00 PM	7 Club Opens 4:00 PM Faith Meeting St. Gerard Church 6:00 PM Officers Meeting 7:00 PM	8 Club Opens 4:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM	9 Club Opens 4:00 PM	10 Club Opens 4:00 PM	11 Club Opens 4:00 PM Wild Game Dinner St. Gerard Fr. Weber Hall 5:30 PM
12 Club Closed Parish Breakfast St. Gerard Parish Hall 8:30 AM	13 Club Opens 4:00 PM Burger Night 5:00 – 7:00 PM Euchre Night 6:30 – 8:00 PM	14 Club Opens 4:00 PM Council Meeting 7:00 PM	15 Club Opens 4:00 PM	16 Club Opens 4:00 PM	17 Club Opens 4:00 PM Country Rib Dinner 4:00 – 7:00 PM	18 Club Opens 4:00 PM
19 Club Closed	20 Club Opens 4:00 PM Burger Night 5:00 – 7:00 PM Euchre Night 6:30 – 8:00 PM	21 Club Opens 4:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting 7:00 PM	22 Club Opens 4:00 PM LCA Meeting 7:00 PM	23 Club Opens 4:00 PM	24 Club Opens 4:00 PM	25 Club Opens 4:00 PM
26 Club Closed Big Man for Christ St. Gerard Parish Hall 7:15 PM	27 Club Opens 4:00 PM Burger Night 5:00 – 7:00 PM Euchre Night 6:30 – 8:00 PM	28 Club Opens 4:00 PM	29 Club Opens 4:00 PM	30 Club Opens 4:00 PM	31 Club Opens 4:00 PM	FEB. 1 Club Opens 4:00 PM Pinewood Open 1:00 PM

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