



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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**RICHARD COUNCIL 788 • LANSING, MICHIGAN**  
**MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER**

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## **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

GK COREY LIVINGSTON

My brother Knights and their families,

Vivat Jesus!

I hope this article finds you well as we have been sheltering in place while navigating these interesting times. I hope that with every day that passes we are getting one day closer to putting this all behind us and will be able to congregate together as a council and continue executing our outstanding programs for the good of the order. While our lives are different than what we are used to, we were still able to meet virtually to enjoy some fraternal time together and still take care of some council business that needed to be wrapped up and plan for life after COVID-19. Within the month of April I am proud to say that we were still able to grow our council by adding in one new member and three reactivations welcoming back brother Knights who had been away from the council. Also the officers divided up the membership roster and made calls to everyone on the roster to check on their well-being. We spoke to some and left messages with others and encountered some disconnected numbers. If you did not receive a phone call we are missing your correct phone number. If so please send your updated contact info both phone number and email address to [fs788@mikofc.org](mailto:fs788@mikofc.org).

As we come into May we are going to continue our council business to the best of our abilities, which includes the nomination of officers. Mike Wegener has once again agreed to take on the lead of the nominations committee. If you are interested in becoming an officer and taking on a larger role within your council, please reach out to Mike at 517-331-3959. With that I would like to call attention to two officers who have chosen to take a step back and not seek reelection, Recorder Dennis Becht, and Chancellor Mike Shepard. Mike and Dennis together with their wives Karen and Terri have been staples at every dinner and event the council put on for as long as I have been a Knight. While their presence as officers will be missed, both Mike and Dennis wanted to assure me and their fellow brother Knights that they will still be just as attentive and supportive of their council. To Mike and Dennis I can't thank you enough for all your service to the council in your officer roles and for your continued service to Richard Council #788.

Yours in fraternity,

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 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
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
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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# SICKNESS & DISTRESS

We offer our condolences and prayers to the families of member Ray Drouin, and Mary "Kate" Fedewa (mother of member Duane Fedewa), 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](mailto: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](mailto:fs788@mikofc.org) or [rjbierwagen@hotmail.com](mailto:rjbierwagen@hotmail.com).

# OUR COLUMBIAN PATRONS

Lyle Adams — Napoleon Agonor — Christopher Albright — John Bachelder  
Timothy Barry — Daniel Beachnau — Dennis Becht — James Bleicher — James Bollman  
(in memory of) Francis Brandell — Robert Brinker — Ronald Bruner — Matthew Carey  
Mark Carey — Vince Carporate — William Chassé — Scott Cole — Jay Corey  
Christopher Costigan — Phillip Cummings — Michael Curley — Lawrence Dalimonte  
C. Douglas Dart — Mark Dewitt — Mario Diaz — Justiniano Diaz — Frank Downey  
Michael Doyle — Michael DuMont — Richard Endres — Steve Fata — Anthony Fedewa  
Duane Fedewa — John Fiero — George Fox — Joseph M. Frazier — Joseph Garcia  
Andrew Goeddeke — Hilary Goerge — James Gonzalez — Kyle Gottfried  
Ronald Grades — David Greeley — James F. Green — Michael Hanlon — Don Headley  
Timothy Hermes — Richard Hicks — Gerald Holmes — Michael Hudson — Horace Hull  
Joseph Jackus — Zeljko Jurković — Thomas Kalchik — Brian Killian — Joseph Kobus  
Anthony Kolp — Rom Kriauciunas — Robert Lamond — Douglas Lloyd — Dave Luedtke  
Steven Macksood — Kurt Manning — Richard Maurer — Richard McCloy  
Michael McCrackin — Richard McCrackin — Robert E. McDonald — James McMahan  
Phillip Melton — Todd Miller — Justin Moore — George Noirot — Nicholas Pavona  
Enrique Perez — Mark Piggott — Thomas Pillar — Bernard Pollack — John Potoczny  
Donald Pung — Rosendo Reyes — Robert Robitaille — Fredrick Rocheleau  
Francis Roznowski — Donald Ruthruff — Richard Rybicki — Richard Ryczek  
William Schaner — David Schertzing — Brian Schertzing — Lawrence Schrauben  
Kenneth Schroeder — Dave Schulte — William Shaw — David Shay — William Sickler  
Michael Simon — Harold Simon — Richard Smith — Kenneth Sohn — Homer Sprague  
Edmund Stafford — Ralph Stamford — Charles Stickney — Michael Szostak  
Dennis Theis — Daniel Thelen — David Thelen — Fred Thelen — Richard Thelen  
Terrance Walsh — Keith Warriner — Michael Wegener — Herbert Wegener  
Christopher Wegener — Eric Wegener — Tom Wegener — Robert Whyte  
Paul Wittkoski — Carl Yarsevich — Ronald Zervas

*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!*

**MAY 2020**  
**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**  
*Mike DuMont*

**MAY 2020**  
**FAMILY OF THE MONTH**  
*Mike and Vickey Wegener*

## **FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**RICHARD BIERWAGEN, FS**

Coronavirus Update:

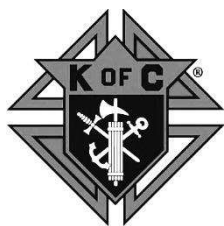
The Officers of Council 788 have been contacting our members to check on their health and any needs that we may be able to assist with. During that process, we have discovered that some of our members have phone numbers and email addresses that are not current in our member database.

Please provide updated phone numbers and email addresses to me at [fs788@mikofc.org](mailto:fs788@mikofc.org).

Stay healthy!

Thanks,

Richard Bierwagen  
Financial Secretary  
[FS788@mikofc.org](mailto:FS788@mikofc.org)  
Knights of Columbus - Council 788



### **PROPOSE A NEW MEMBER TODAY!**

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

## **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.

# 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.

## FROM THE NEWSLETTER DESK

DAVE SCHULTE, EDITOR

As Corey Livingston said in his letter on the front page, the work of the order continues. There is much that we can do, and as Knights we have a history of perseverance in the face of adversity. In the meantime, I've been advised that as circumstances permit, we will begin to schedule events again; rather than appearing here in the council newsletter, they will be announced by email, on the council website, and on the council Facebook page. Watch for updates...things will get better!

Please continue to pray for all those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic: 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 **June 2020** newsletter, this deadline will be **May 15**. Please send it to my email address, [dschulte1113@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.788.councilnet.us).

# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ALWAYS NEEDS YOUR HELP

Habitat for Humanity needs your help to build a better tomorrow in the greater Lansing area. This is done through the ReStore, which has two area locations in Lansing and Williamston. The Lansing ReStore is located at 1941 Benjamin Dr. (phone 517-374-6235). The Williamston ReStore is at 954 E. Grand River Av. (phone 517-655-1872). Both locations are open Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, as well as Saturday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and are both closed on 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 online at [www.habitatlansing.org](http://www.habitatlansing.org). Help them help those less fortunate and please tell all your friends about them.

## 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.

## 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!



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# COUNCIL 788 MAY 2020 ACTIVITIES



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>APRIL 26</b> Club Closed	<b>27</b> Club Closed	<b>28</b> Club Closed	<b>29</b> Club Closed	<b>30</b> Club Closed	<b>MAY 1</b> Club Closed	<b>2</b> Club Closed
<b>3</b> Club Closed	<b>4</b> Club Closed	<b>5</b> Club Closed	<b>6</b> Club Closed	<b>7</b> Club Closed	<b>8</b> Club Closed	<b>9</b> Club Closed
<b>10</b> Club Closed	<b>11</b> Club Closed	<b>12</b> Club Closed	<b>13</b> Club Closed	<b>14</b> Club Closed	<b>15</b> Club Closed	<b>16</b> Club Closed
<i>Mother's Day</i>						
<b>17</b> Club Closed	<b>18</b> Club Closed	<b>19</b> Club Closed	<b>20</b> Club Closed	<b>21</b> Club Closed	<b>22</b> Club Closed	<b>23</b> Club Closed
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<i>Memorial Day</i>						
<b>31</b> Club Closed	<b>JUNE 1</b> Club Closed	<b>2</b> Club Closed	<b>3</b> Club Closed	<b>4</b> Club Closed	<b>5</b> Club Closed	<b>6</b> Club Closed

**ALL EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT COLUMBUS HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.  
PLEASE WATCH YOUR EMAIL, THE COUNCIL WEBSITE, AND THE COUNCIL FACEBOOK  
PAGE FOR UPDATES...EVENTS MAY POSSIBLY BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED!**



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