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## **RICHARD COUNCIL 788 • LANSING, MICHIGAN**

### **NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER**

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## **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

**GK COREY LIVINGSTON**

My brother knights and their families,

Vivat Jesus!

Welcome to November, and let me take a moment to thank everyone that took time out of their schedule to volunteer the action-packed October that we had. Rounding out some old business, we now have the official signature count from the petition signing: we came through with 1,088 signatures from the 2 weekends in September that the Knights and volunteers from St. Gerard manned the doors and assisted parishioners in signing the petition to bring an end to dismemberment abortions in the state of Michigan. From the Steak Fry to the Tootsie Roll drive, then the parish breakfast and the parish mission, then rounding out the month with our annual Halloween party. I want to take a moment to thank Alessandro Bozzo who was our Tootsie Roll drive chair person, and Dave Luedtke, and John Book who assisted him in helping get volunteers for the locations. Also a thank you goes out to all the volunteers who helped with the Tootsie Roll drive, as without your help, it would not have been a success. Also in the month of October our community director Chris Wegener and a handful of brother Knights joined the up with the parish office and other volunteers and assisted in the creating of the "Blessing Bags" at the church, and donating an additional \$300 to help purchase supplies for the bags. As if that was not enough, we also were able to pack in a membership drive at the church lead by our membership director Josh Riley. We gained some interested members who are going to consider joining our ranks. We also welcomed 2 new additional members to our order: Dr. David Nebbeling and Tyler Grekowicz. Remember that for the sustainability of our council and our order, membership is the responsibility of all members. So propose a new member today by contacting Josh or myself. Both of our phone numbers are located in the newsletter.

Our faith-based social meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 5, and our monthly business meeting takes place on Tuesday, November 12. I would like to take a moment to encourage you to attend our business meeting as we will be remembering our brother Knights who have passed this past year. The memorial service will begin at 7:00 PM, followed by the business meeting. The annual Spelling Bee is going to take place on November 17th at 12:30 PM in the Majella Room in St. Gerard School, adjoining Father Weber hall. As the cold weather begins to set in and we brace ourselves for another upcoming Michigan winter, it serves as a reminder that we have our Coats for Kids program right around the corner. You will have an opportunity to put a coat on a child who otherwise would not be able to afford it. This is a great program and I would encourage as many members as possible to take part.

I invite you all to take an active part in your council, and I look forward to seeing everyone throughout the month.

# 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	(open)	
Secretary	Rich Rybicki	517-663-1854
Treasurer	Jon Jackinchuk	517-303-1464
Director	Carl Yarsevich	517-899-4535
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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# 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, and Mike Shepard.

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).

## NOVEMBER MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for deceased members of Richard Council 788 will be held on Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00 PM. This memorial service will precede the Council's business meeting. The service is open to all members and their ladies. Please mark your calendars for this important celebration of the lives of our recently deceased brothers.

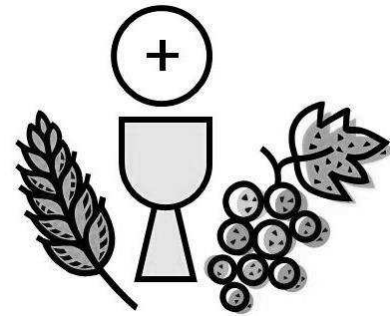
**NOVEMBER 2019**  
**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**  
*Kevin Morrison*

**NOVEMBER 2019**  
**FAMILY OF THE MONTH**  
*Mike and Patti Schaefer*

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019

John Suckow (Capt.)  
Jay Corey — Mary Corey — John Leabu  
Casey Griggs — Ed Stoffer — Bernie Pollack  
Bob Whyte — Michelle Barker — Dave Barker  
Hilary Goerge — Rick Smith



# 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 Goerge  
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 Noirot — 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 Zervas



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### PROPOSE A NEW MEMBER TODAY!

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



# FATHER GABRIEL RICHARD

CONTRIBUTED BY THOMAS WEGENER, PSD



*Fr. Gabriel Richard begins his ministry in Detroit*

In 1798 the American flag flew over Detroit, but about half of the 1,200 inhabitants were from France. Most were traders or trappers. The town had shown little progress since being established by French explorer Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac a century before, as it was cut off from the rest of the New World by forests and a lack of roads. The buildings were nondescript, the streets filled with mud. There were no schools, industry or agriculture.

But Fr. Richard was not discouraged. He set about building schools that taught weaving, sewing and dressmaking in addition to the teaching of the 3 R's. He established a "spoken newspaper," appointing a town crier who each Sunday would proclaim news of events outside their own little world from the steps of St. Anne's church. The news was posted on the bulletin board on front of the church, but most of the

people were illiterate and depended on the town crier.

In 1809, he returned from a trip to Washington with a printing press. Fr. Richard proceeded to publish the first Detroit newspaper, called *The Michigan Essay or The Impartial Observer*. Unfortunately, it was born and died on the same day. There was conjecture over the reason for its demise. At \$5 per year, it may have been too expensive. None of the news was local and the foreign news was four or five months old by the time Fr. Richard got it and many people probably preferred hearing it from the town crier.

He published many books with the press. The first publication was *The Child's Spelling Book*, which historians attribute to Richard himself although most of the other books issued were reprints.

His personal library of 240 books, preserved by Sacred Heart Seminary since 1925, was presented to the University of Michigan in 1951. They show his varied interests and wide knowledge: theological and philosophical works; classics in Greek, Latin, French and English; biographies of Bonaparte, Washington and Franklin; works on natural science, astronomy, agriculture, surveying, navigation, physics, chemistry, mathematics, mechanics, anatomy, surgery and methods of teaching the deaf and dumb. He took a great interest in trying to help the handicapped.

A book on St. John's gospel was printed in English and Mohawk, showing his deep commitment to teaching Christianity to the Indians.

*Next month's installment: ecumenical leader; founding of the University of Michigan.*



**RICHARD COUNCIL, No. 788**

**5300 North Grand River Avenue**

**Lansing, Michigan 48906**

## **34<sup>th</sup> 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 **34<sup>th</sup>** 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

# FROM THE NEWSLETTER DESK

DAVE SCHULTE, EDITOR

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](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).

***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 November 12.***



***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](http://www.habitatlansing.org). Help them help those less fortunate and please tell all your friends about them.



Knights of Columbus  
PRESENTS



LCA ASSOCIATION



# EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Friday – November 8th

6:00 pm



Columbus Hall

5300 N. Grand River, Lansing, Michigan 48906

**Tickets: \$20.00 Pre Sale Before Date**

**\$25.00 Day Of The Event**

**Only 48 Tickets Are Available**

**Price Includes: Mexican Dinner, Prizes, Door Prizes**

*"You Don't Need A Partner To Play"*



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](http://www.788.councilnet.us)

We thank you for your support!





# COUNCIL 788 NOVEMBER 2019 ACTIVITIES



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>27</b> Club Closed	<b>28</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM  Burger Night 5:00 – 7:00 PM Euchre Night 6:30 – 8:00 PM	<b>29</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM	<b>30</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM	<b>31</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM  <i>Halloween</i>	<b>NOV. 1</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM  <i>All Saints Day</i>	<b>2</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM  <i>All Souls Day</i>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM  Burger Night 5:00 – 7:00 PM Euchre Night 6:30 – 8:00 PM	<b>5</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM  Officers Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>6</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM  Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>7</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM	<b>8</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM  Euchre Tournament 6:00 PM	<b>9</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM
<b>10</b> Club Closed  St. Gerard Parish Breakfast 8:30 AM	<b>11</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM  Burger Night 5:00 – 7:00 PM Euchre Night 6:30 – 8:00 PM <i>Veterans Day</i>	<b>12</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM  Memorial Service Council Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>13</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM	<b>14</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM	<b>15</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM	<b>16</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM
<b>17</b> Club Closed  St. Gerard Spelling Bee 12:30 PM	<b>18</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM  Burger Night 5:00 – 7:00 PM Euchre Night 6:30 – 8:00 PM	<b>19</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM  4th Degree Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>20</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM  LCA Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>21</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM	<b>22</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM	<b>23</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM
<b>24</b> Club Closed	<b>25</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM  Burger Night 5:00 – 7:00 PM Euchre Night 6:30 – 8:00 PM	<b>26</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM	<b>27</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM	<b>28</b> Club Closed  <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	<b>29</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM	<b>30</b> Club Opens 4:00 PM
<b>DEC. 1</b> Club Closed  <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>

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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.