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From The State Deputy William H. Chassé



Vivat Jesus!

Our first Quarter is over. Where do we stand? The first time in a while we are on the first page of Supremes' intake report. Congratulations! Thank you to all the councils that have been active and please keep the ball rolling. I hope many of you were able to watch the web video from Supreme on Church drives. One key point was church drive teams must have people at all exit doors that believe in our mission. If you believe, it is much easier to stand at doors handing out a prayer card for Fr. Michael McGivney's Canonization and answering questions people may have about our mission. Maybe even ask Father. to end mass by leading us with the prayer.

The State board, by the time you read this article, will have had a meeting with all Bishops in our State. One important fact we already know, the Bishops are in 100% support of the Knights of Columbus. With Faith in Action in place, some relationships between the Knights and their parishes should improve. I believe the Bishops will help with this also. It is our job to show that we are the right arm of the church. I ask all of you to please ask a family member or friend to attend mass with you. We as Knights must lead the charge of rebuilding the church.

Brother Knights if just one person comes back to mass with us, we will see the difference. I believe if the church is to sustain its ability to lead us with our beliefs as Catholics we must stand together and fill the church. Can we not ask a family member or a friend to give up one hour a week for God? That's the question you have to ask. We all need faith.

Same goes for joining the Knights of Columbus. If we explain the good the Knights do, including all the charitable work done in every community in the State of Michigan and all the fundraisers put on to help all communities, I just can't see how people would not want to join. Brother Knights when we hold a first degree please send in your form 100's right away. It is important so that brother Knight is eligible for our insurance benefits

Pray for all Clergy

We all know it's been a difficult time for our clergy and we must show our support more than ever. All clergy are human beings and that's what we need to get others to understand. Yes we look up to them as our Catholic leaders in faith. They are humans first and are capable of sin. In most cases Clergy sin far less than the rest of us but at times there might be a bad egg in a dozen. We can show support to the 99% of clergy who have not committed these crimes and stand by their side in times of need. The Knights of Columbus have stood by our clergy since 1882, the birth of our Organization and we will continue to stand by their side always. That's what we do. Support, respect and help when needed.

I ask all of you to pray for all clergy. Now more than ever we have to stand up for our Catholic beliefs.

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From The State Chaplain Rev. Paul E. Erickson



One of the most common complaints that I hear as a priest is, "Father, I just don't get anything out of Sunday Mass." Oftentimes, this is used as an excuse to skip Sunday Mass. The biggest problem with this excuse, is that this is exactly opposite to the way we ought to think about the Mass. Mass is not about you. Mass is not about me. Mass is not about the priest or bishop. Mass is not about the music or church decor. Mass is about Jesus Christ. We have to begin with Him if Mass is going to make any sense at all. And ironically, shifting the focus off of ourselves and onto Him is precisely the way to "get something" out of the Mass.

When we begin to shift this focus, a lot of things become clear. As we offer to God our worship, as we offer Him our lives and hearts, as we desire to be joined to Him in a real way, we find that all of our efforts fall flat until we come to Mass. Jesus accepts our offering, and in turn offers a chance to participate in the very action of salvation, making His sacrifice real and present to us in a way that it never can anywhere else. Only at the Mass are we invited into the completion and fullness of the cross of Christ. Regardless of how boring the priest may be, how bad the music sounds, how unfriendly the congregation, or how ugly the church building, the Mass is and always will be the ultimate and most important action of humanity. This is because it is not about us. It is about God and how He comes into the world He has made.

Now there are things that make it easier for us to enter into what the Mass is and what it means. Unfortunately, most of these things are out of your control. But there is one thing that I always recommend in order to immediately help you pay attention better and "get more" out your

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**From The State Deputy
William H. Chassé**

Upcoming Events

Please remember the voluntary assessment for the Scholarship Endowment Fund for Seminarians This Endowment Fund is to help Seminarians when needed to continue their education of becoming a priest. This is a great way to show our support for our seminarians. The need for priests is large and we need to support them so we don't lose future priest. The requirements to receive help from the fund is: they must be a Knight of Columbus and reside in the State of Michigan.

The winter meeting will be held at the Crown Plaza in Lansing November 30 – December 1st.

The Right to Life March in Washington will be leaving on January 24th Thursday Night and head home on Sunday January 27. Please join us if you can.

God Bless you all and lets rebuild together.

Bill Chasse

State Deputy

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experience at Mass. I always recommend that people read the Scripture readings a few days before they get to church on Sunday. Think about what you might say if you had to give the homily. Think about what questions you might have because of what you read there. See if there are any common themes between the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalm, and Gospel passages. Pay attention to the prayers to see if anything from the readings is incorporated into the rest of the Mass. This is, I think, the easiest way to "get more" out of Mass because it helps me focus less on myself and more on the Lord.

Mass is about offering ourselves to God. And the best part of that offering is that He offers Himself to us in return. The sacrifice of Jesus makes it possible for us to be united to the divine life of God. It is not about you, me, or anyone else. We do this in order to engage in the spiritual battle that is raging around us. We do this in order to protect ourselves and to fight for others. If Sunday Mass is not your top priority, your priorities are in the wrong order. It is time for us, as Knights and as men, to set the example for the next generation, to be credible witnesses to the life of faith. Let us begin and end with the recognition that it is not about us. Rather, it is all about Jesus, and what He is able to do in us, through us, and for us, that our "Vivat Jesus" may be a call ever on our lips and embedded in our hearts.



**Daylight savings
time ends**

**Sunday
November 4, 2018**

**Memorial Mass
Sunday
November 4, 2018
Sacred Heart Seminary
10am Mass**

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**From The State Advocate
Barry M. Borsenik**



My Brother Knights, I am honored to serve the Michigan jurisdiction as your State Advocate. With the support of my wife Mandy and daughter Olivia, it has been a real gift to have our family involved in the Knights of Columbus from our local council, to diocesan activities, to state events and beyond. We owe so much gratitude to the many friends we have made and the committed members of the Eagle Committee who have been such great supporters.

When it comes to issues or questions regarding the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Order I will do my best to help you resolve conflict or confusion that can't be handled at the council level. The Council Advocate's duties are as follows:

- Acts as parliamentarian for the council.
- Should have a working knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order, Charter, Constitution & Laws, council by-laws, and *Method of Conducting Council Meetings*.
- *When needed, will seek legal assistance from the state advocate.*

While I do not want to discourage any member from contacting me, issues are best resolved at the lowest level possible. Your district deputy is also a great resource and should be more knowledgeable of your specific situation.

If you have an issue that requires assistance please consider the following when you make an inquiry; The more detail you can provide, the better and faster response you will get. I know a lot of brother knights and council names, but council number and location helps. Previous discussion with the district deputy or other advisors should be detailed. Keep in mind there are over 400 councils and over 90 district deputies in Michigan! Furthermore, please use discretion and recognize the difference between an allegation, an accusation and real evidence. Someone raising concern about a brother knight should be willing to offer his testimony or evidence of wrongdoing. Rumors and hearsay quickly cause scandal that may not be warranted.

The Praesidium Safe Environment Youth Protection Training provided by Supreme is required at a minimum, for Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director and Community Director. After training, the Grand Knight will be able to access the Armatus Administration dashboard to check on the training status of council members. Invitations to this on-line training are e-mailed to the appropriate members based on the submission of the Service Program Personnel Report 365. Note this training is a requirement for councils to receive Supreme Council awards at the end of the fraternal year.

Another common issue is created by councils promoting insurance agencies or companies that compete with Knights of Columbus Insurance. Please show our Supreme Council Field Agents and General Agents our appreciation and respect. As a member, it is your insurance company. Treat it as such.

Finally, we have a great duty to support our priests and bishops. To this end, let us be aware of the damage done by aggressive news reporting of accusations and charges levied against our clergy and the Church herself. Wrongdoings must be handled judiciously. But restraint must also be used to avoid propagation of rumors or vile attacks from non-legitimate sources and those who wish to harm our Church. Our support of vocations is needed now as much as ever. Pray for our priests and bishops and let them know our appreciation.

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**State Membership Director
James N. Kraus**

—As the State Leadership team was planning this fraternal year, setting goals to measure our performance and thinking of ways to support our causes, we often spoke of a “fresh start” as part of our vision for the Order here in Michigan. With the changes in the program structure and increased focus on members being involved in their Parishes, we knew the amount of change was going to require much work at the Council and District level to be successful. The phrase “fresh start” is being used to remind all of us of the change truly needed to continue to move the Order ahead and increase our efforts to support our Faith.

This challenge of change has been elevated with recent news reports of the evil from within being reported about our Church leadership. This places additional pressure on the Knights of Columbus to step up supporting our Faith, our Priests and our Parishes. To continue to support our Faith at the local Parish level in this environment is vital. While many may turn away from our Faith as a result this news; I suspect you already know we should not judge the Holy Catholic Church by the actions of a few. In this time of horrible news in the daily media, it can be tough to ask new members to become involved and to keep members engaged in Council works of charity.

At one point in John's Gospel – Jesus asked the twelve disciples, “Do you also want to leave?” In light of the man-made crisis facing our Church, do you also want to leave or not work to support your Parish? Thinking about this in another way - “Did Jesus leave our Faith because of the actions of Judas?” While these questions may be simplistic given the complexity of the current situation; I believe our Faith is not about the sinners, but about our belief in Jesus and his sacrifice for us. With this in mind, I would offer we cannot lose the drive to grow the Order as our work as the strong right arm of the Church has never faced a time where the Knights are needed more.

July and August were a great start for bringing new members in to the Order, we saw the best intake of new members in the past several years. I want to thank everyone for helping make this happen, especially the 73 proposers of our new members in July alone.

Two men earned membership in the newly formed “Ambassador Club” by recruiting five or more new members in first month of the fraternal year: Lawrence Binder, Council 12808 personally recruited eight new members and GK Paul Smith, Council 2890 recruited five new members. Each will be receiving a specially designed dress shirt to reflect the work they have done for the sustainability of their Councils. In addition to these two new members of the club, the following brothers will receive five tickets to the State Raffle for recruiting two or more new members in July:

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From The State Program Director William Leveque, SR

My Fellow Catholics

Faith in Action

Our new direction from Supreme has been widely praised by Our Bishops, they are encouraging all Pastors to assist the Knights in this direction. They have asked to be more informed of all that's going on in Their Dioceses with the Knights and have offered any assistance we may need. I am being told that many councils have also embraced the Faith in Action model and are pursuing many of the new programs along with their existing programs, keep up the good work.

The following are a couple of programs to pay attention to, I would like to thank both directors for their articles.

Special Olympics

The Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus has long been a civic sponsor of the Special Olympics here in the state of Michigan, with various examples of financial and hands on support from attending the opening ceremonies, to donating funds from our MI Program, and as Special Olympics Michigan gets ready to celebrate 50 years of greatness, the Knights of Columbus will continue to support our Olympians in various ways. One way that you can become more involved in your area.

Adopt an Olympian.

Being a special Olympian can sometimes come with added expenses with travel, hotel stay, clothing, meals etc.

Councils are encouraged to contact the Special Olympics Chairman in the area and seek the proper information on whom and how many you might be able to adopt.

Special Needs Mass.

Working with your pastor, obtain his permission and recommendations on conducting a Mass for People with Special Needs. Determine when this Mass would be most appropriate and schedule it for a certain date and time.

If you need additional information or help getting started, please contact me.

Vivat Jesus,

Rick McCloy Jr.

Special Olympics Director

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Community

PROBLEM: There are young children attending various Early Childhood Centers throughout the state, who are in need of basic winter wear essentials. According to a State of Michigan Department of Education report, during the 2016-2017 school year, there were a total of 20,476 children ages 3 to 5 years old enrolled in Early Childhood programs, with 8,751 of them being economically disadvantaged. We do not know the number of children/families who need our help, but not having appropriate clothing is unacceptable for just 1 child. We, as Knights of Columbus, can make a dramatic change in this situation through charity.

SOLUTION: The new Knights of Columbus Program - Clothes for Kids. School is now in session and winter is just around the corner. If we plan, we can be prepared when the occasion arises to help those in need of coats, hats, gloves, snow pants, boots, shoes, socks and clothing in general. The curriculum calls for the children to have outside play in all types of weather and not having proper attire necessitates them staying inside. Outside time is a vital part of their day and for some it is the only time they'll spend outdoors.

NOW: It is time to order your coat supply for "Coats for Kids" and It is also time to contact the Director of your Local Early Childhood

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Ladies Corner

Goodbye Summer and Hello Fall. The board has been very busy attending various activities, including the Installation. Congratulations to the State wide leadership team. We attended the 136th Supreme Convention in Baltimore where it was a very steamy week of masses and inspirational messages. A big thank you to our host and hostess Dale and Linda Trott, the State Deputy of Maryland and his wife for their wonderful Hospitality. I think the board definitely had their fill of Blue Crab!!

Here we heard the message from Carl Anderson, "...to put charity in the forefront and to participate in the renewal of parish and family life." We are asking you to do that with your family, friends and fellow parishioners. One way you can do this is to try and attend Sunday mass with your family. Make time at dinner to connect with the members of your family, put down your electronic devices and participate in your parish activities as a family.

The Winter Meeting will be here before we know it. Nov. 30-Dec. 1st it will take place at the Crown Plaza in Lansing. Please make sure your husband's councils are aware of the many things that they can participate in for Holy Cross Services. Some of the things in need are twin sheets, hats and mittens, bath baskets, sweatshirts and gift cards. Chris Brennen, wife of Mike Brenner will be sending out specifics on the types of sweatshirts needed and how they should be packaged. Please only new adult-sized sweatshirts.

__Bath baskets should be filled with dollar store items. They should not be wrapped in anything. You can place them in the baskets from the Summer Meeting or if you do not have one, they can be purchased at the dollar store as well. Or they can simply be placed in a gallon sized zip lock bag. Please keep in mind the following: all baskets must be similar to avoid rivalry. The total cost should be no more than \$10.00. Please NO scissors, hairspray, nail clippers, brushes, pencils, sharp objects, or aerosol cans. Thank you for your support. Remember your councils do not have to participate in all of these things, pick one. Also if you are willing to help with the packing of sweatshirts at the Winter Meeting, please email me; m.chasse@mikoc.org

Thank you for supporting your husbands and the Catholic Faith.

God Bless,

Marybeth, Karen, Julie, Mandy, Pam and Ellie

Veterans Day November 11, 2018



**From The State Advocate
Barry M. Borsenik**

As the heat of summer wanes and cooler weather approaches, let our collective passion for the Knights of Columbus continue to fuel a fire that drives us to build up the Order and draw in more men and their families to Faith in Action.

Fraternally,
Barry
Borsenik
Your State
Advocate

**From The State Program Director
William Leveque, SR**

to introduce yourself and to alert them to our new “Clothes for Kids” program. Let’s extend a “Helping Hand” and make sure the needs of these children are met.

CATHOLIC AND PROUD: In being the “strong right arm of the church” and in promoting the importance of the family unit, these programs are a prime example of the willingness of the Knights of Columbus to jump in and assist when the need is there, especially for the most vulnerable.

If you need additional information or help getting started, please contact me.

Vivat Jesus,
Dan Searle
State Community Director
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COATS FOR KIDS

Who we help: Children, especially those going back to school, whose families cannot afford a warm coat.

What is it: The Coats for Kids program ensures that no child in North America goes without a suitable coat.

Where: Parishes, schools, or other community gathering places.

When: Any time September through March.

Steps to Getting Started

- Review the Coats for Kids Program Action Plan and contact the state council about coordinating a Coats for Kids event in your community.
- Set a distribution date, location and time. Buy cases of coats through knightsgear.com or knightsgear.ca.
- Promote the Coats for Kids drive in the community and to local media.

**State Membership Director
James N. Kraus**

Daniel Rourke, Council 7418
Zachary Hokans, Council 2931
David Lane, Council 4090
Daniel Weibel, Council 4362

Gerald Burger, Council 7365
Thomas Kleparek, Council 7413
John McGrath, Council 13793

Congratulations to each of these Knights for sharing the word about the value of being part of this great Order and bringing these men along to learn more about their faith and to help support their communities. A time tested way to move forward with your Council’s sustainability is host a quarterly church drive in each of your Parishes. The key to a successful church drive is planning beforehand with your parish priests. We have three remaining church drives scheduled this fraternal year. Our next drive is in October in honor of Columbus Day. Please start your planning now by ordering from Supreme the church drive kit (CRD-KIT-G). The best part is the kit is FREE.

Church Drives require some planning and working with your Parish - but the opportunity to introduce a man to our Order and help him and his family grow in their Faith and in Service to their Parish is so important to us. The work needed to host a drive is so worth it.

No one is a fan of our Council paperwork. As a past grand knight, I certainly understand all the reports needing to be completed to keep everyone happy. Reports are a necessary evil. Two vital reports are the #185 “Report of Officers Chosen” and #365 “Service Program Report”. These reports allow Supreme to send out important information to the officers and directors including the information to register for the Youth Protection Training which is mandated for the Grand Knights, Program Directors, Community Directors and Family Directors of each Council to take by the end of September. If your Council has not submitted these important documents - please ask your Financial Secretaries to submit these forms ASAP using Member Management and be sure a copy is sent to your District Deputy and to the State Council. We are counting on you.

As we enter the fall season and look to the work needed to protect our Faith and grow our Order, always remember your State Council leadership team is committed to your success and we will be working at your side as continue our “Fresh Start” across this great state.

A message from the Supreme Office

**Thank You for Helping
Save Our Communities**

In 2017, K of C Charities has distributed \$266,772 to purchase coats for children in need, \$300,000 to the Global Wheelchair Mission and \$641,475 for Food for Families. None of this would have been possible without your help.

With your continued aid, we can do even more, transforming our communities and leaving our mark as Knights of Columbus. Visit

State Chaplain Tribute Dinner

Saturday February 23, 2019

DeCarlo’s Banquet Center



FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Who we help: Youth ages 9 to 14.

What is it: The championship encourages good sportsmanship and healthy competition. Participants compete by gender and age, progressing from local level to district, regional and state/province competitions.

Where do we conduct it: A basketball court at a local park, school, community center or other location selected by your council's Free Throw Championship chairman.

When do we schedule it: January through March.

Steps to Getting Started

- Review the Free Throw Playbook (#1928) for guidelines, volunteer requirements and other information.
- Set a date, location and time for the Free Throw Championship. Train volunteers in the Safe Environment protocols (kofc.org/safe). A minimum of two volunteers must be Safe Trained.
- Contact schools and youth centers to explain and promote the program. Suggest that the schools or youth centers consider using this activity as part of their physical education classes.

The Supreme Council has promotional items available through knightsgear.com to enhance the Free Throw Program on all levels. Knights of Columbus Basketballs are also available for use at council competitions, and may be used as awards for council winners.

Take an Inventory

Taking an inventory of your council is a way of finding out where your council is heading by seeing where its been.

It's a good idea for council officers and program directors to get together at the start of the fraternal year to take stock of last year's endeavors as a way to help the new officers and chairmen with the coming year's efforts.

This meeting should be a time to look back over the council's membership recruitment and retention efforts and program activities to size up their strengths and weaknesses. What programs can be expanded or improved? How can glitches be avoided next year?

This review is a time for honest assessment, not finger-pointing over projects that may not have worked out. When reviewing programs, ask these questions:

- How well were the membership recruitment and service programming plans designed at the start of the year followed?
- Were these plans realistic?
- Were the plans overly ambitious, or did they fail to tap into the council's full potential?
- Where goals achieved?
- Were families involved to a sufficient degree? If not, how can family involvement be expanded?
- Were the entire parish and community involved in these efforts?
- Were materials available from the Supreme Council office fully utilized?
- How can the lessons of this year be used to develop better plans for the coming fraternal year?

The program and membership directors should share their evaluations with their grand knight and incoming directors to ensure the lessons they learned through experience are passed along.

SOCCER CHALLENGE

Who we help: Youth ages 9 to 14.

What is it: An athletic event for youth that encourages good sportsmanship, skills and healthy competition. Designed for players to demonstrate their skills in the penalty kick and to advance to the district, regional and state/province championships.

Where do we conduct it: Soccer fields at a local park, school, community center or youth center.

When do we schedule it: August through November.

Steps to Getting Started

- Order the Soccer Challenge Kit (#SC-KIT) and review the Soccer Challenge Playbook (#4576).
- Set a date, location and time for the Soccer Challenge. Train volunteers in the Safe Environment protocols (kofc.org/safe).
- Contact schools and youth centers to explain and promote the program. Suggest that they consider using this activity as part of their physical education classes.

Pro Life Chair Couple

Reverend Father's, Religious, Brother Knights All,

It has been quite an active first quarter to begin the new fraternal year. By the time you read this there will have been two additional ribbon cutting ceremonies for new ultrasound machines, CareNet Berkley and Image of God Pregnancy Center in Madison Heights. With the addition of these two the total number now is at FORTY NINE. Many thanks to all involved as you truly are making a difference for those men and women facing difficult decisions.

Also, many of you participate in the March for Life in Washington. We would like to urge you to attend this coming years March which is scheduled for January 18, 2019. The Michigan Knights of Columbus will have a bus leaving Thursday, January 17, 2019 and returning on Sunday, January 20, 2019. Please continue to visit www.mikofc.org for updated information and instructions on how to register for this event. Please know that you will not be disappointed as you march along side of Religious, Brother Knights, children, and men and women from all walks of faith. This is an ecumenical effort which needs to be embraced by all in our combined efforts to finally put an end to this horrific scourge that began over Forty Five Years ago.

As we approach October (Respect Life Month) please listen to the Word of Our Lord & Savior to let your conscience be your guide. Being a Disciple of Christ tells all of us that it's our Obligation as Catholics & Brother Knights to lead by example in Protecting the Sanctity of Human Life as we know it to be. God bless each of you & your families!

Respectfully, Tim & Cindy Donovan
Pro Life Chair Couple
Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus

ALL SAINTS' DAY
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2018

“TEN FOR CHARITY”

I am pleased to make this annual report of the “TEN FOR CHARITY” program for the 2017-2018 fraternal year. This was the most successful year since its conception in 1977. Council contributions amounted to \$154,604 plus miscellaneous contributions from the 4th degree and other sources of \$7,508.50, making a grand total of \$162,112.50.

While this is a sizable amount, it is still much less than our potential. We were able to reach this amount without any remittance from 139 councils. It's hard for me to believe that if the opportunity to contribute to this worthy program had been properly presented, that not one member of these councils would have made a donation. It is incumbent upon every financial secretary to include the donation information with their December billing notice, thus giving every member the privilege and opportunity to make a donation.

Below is a list of the councils that contributed during the 2017-2018 fraternal year. If you made a contribution and you don't find your council number listed below, please contact your council financial secretary immediately and find out why. A sincere thank you for your continued contribution in the up coming fraternal year.

Fraternally Yours
William J. Walsh,

P.S.D.

Michigan Charities

Director

ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT \$61,994.00

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KALAMAZOO DIOCESE \$6,238.00

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MARQUETTE DIOCESE

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SAGINAW DIOCESE

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Church Recruitment Drives

A church recruitment drive is the easiest way for your council to ask qualified Catholic men to join your council. A successful church recruitment drive is dependent on careful planning and collaboration with your parish priest.

A church recruitment drive is meant to compile a list of prospective members' contact information. **It is imperative that your council follows up with the prospective member within a few days and invites him and his family to learn more about the charitable activities your council conducts in the parish and community.**

Here are the steps for your council to follow in conducting a church drive:

- Contact your pastor and obtain his permission to conduct a church recruitment drive at all Masses on a particular weekend.
- Provide an announcement for inclusion in your parish bulletin during each of the two weeks before the drive. For a sample announcement, please see Appendix E or kofc.org/drive.
- Prepare a council display which highlights your council's charitable programs and member benefits, then place it in the main entry of the church.
- Before each Mass, post teams of two or three Knights at each entry to hand out council informational flyers and *Prospect Cards* (#921A).

- Leave pens or sharpened pencils in each pew for men to complete the *Prospect Card* (#921A).
- Arrange for your pastor, grand knight or membership director to make a brief announcement prior to or after Mass, explaining the Knights of Columbus and the charitable works conducted by your council. For a sample pulpit announcement, please see Appendix E or kofc.org/drive. Encourage men to complete the *Prospect Card* (#921A) and hand it to Knights as they leave church.
- After each Mass, post teams of Knights at each exit to answer questions from prospective members, assist with *Membership Documents* (#100) and collect completed *Prospect Cards* (#921A).
- Deliver all completed *Membership Documents* (#100) and *Prospect Cards* (#921A) to the membership director.
- Assign recruiting teams for personal follow-ups with prospective members. Team members should invite prospects and their families to participate in a charitable service program; inform prospects of the dates for the Admission Committee interview; and invite prospects to the Admission (First Degree) Ceremonial, which should be held within one week of the church recruitment drive.

The Importance of Fraternal Insurance Companies in the Industry

To understand the importance of fraternal insurance companies in the industry today, it's important to first look back at the history of the fraternal benefit society. Why did organizations like the Knights of Columbus and the others represented here today come into existence?

Living conditions around the turn of the 20th century were conducive to the rise of fraternal organizations. Many Fraternal were formed to serve groups and communities that were on the fringes of society, overlooked by the established institutions of the day. In 1882, when the Knights of Columbus was founded in New Haven, Connecticut, many of the government programs and agencies that exist today to render aid had not even been dreamt of yet. There was no welfare, no government assistance. No individual health care and certainly no employer-based health care. In fact, working conditions for these overlooked members of society were often deplorable. There was no OSHA and largely no rules or standard for safety.

Keep in mind that the most dangerous jobs, as is often the case today, were held by immigrants or minority groups who were struggling to survive. In 1882, the vulnerable group was Catholics and their need was seen by Father Michael J. McGivney who, along with a few other brave men, gathered to form the Knights of Columbus. Their mission, through humble beginnings, was to provide for widows and orphans of members, killed while trying to earn a living, usually leaving the family destitute and hopeless on the church steps, with nowhere else to turn.

Many Fraternal can cite similar origins, rendering assistance after the death of the breadwinner. Taking care of their community, whether based on faith, creed and nationality. Charity work that actually began at home, but it did not end there. It expanded to the neighborhood, to the council, to the parish hall, to the community at large then, expanded into the world beyond.

In 2017, members of fraternal benefit societies donated more than 75.1 million volunteer hours into the communities they serve. Over the past decade, the Knights of Columbus volunteered more than 700 million hours, which, according to Independent Sector, a foundation that encourages charitable giving, the estimated dollar value of that time is in excess of 16.6 billion dollars. In 2017, Michigan Knights alone gave more than 1.9 million hours in charity service.

In itself, the charitable work of fraternal has a positive impact upon the industry as a whole. There's no way that that volume of service and good deeds could not influence the industry. But consider also the amount of money that fraternal put back into their communities. Annually, fraternal contribute more than 400 million dollars to charitable organizations. This is not to say that the large insurance companies do not participate in or give to charities, but fraternal and their members are driven to give and many local, grass-roots organizations could not survive without the contributions of fraternal.

All of this reflects well on the insurance industry. Our presence is a flower in the industry's lapel. Among our fraternal members, our organizations stand out among other insurance providers because of our commitment to give and because of our strong presence in our communities.

Fraternal have a unique role in the industry and in the lives of our members. Our organizations are sometimes seen as two separate, but interlocked businesses: a fraternal, charitable group and an insurance provider. This interesting distinction is one that other companies in the industry cannot claim, along with our non-profit status. These

give fraternal an edge in the market as well as a responsibility to that market.

At the Knights of Columbus, we refer to this edge as the fraternal advantage. Most other fraternal likely make the same claim. Unlike commercial companies, we do not solicit business from the general public. We don't advertise our products and services to non-members. When a brand new agent walks in the door to my agency, he already knows who his target market is and already has a lot in common with them. Fraternal companies, unlike the industry as a whole, do not ask the agents to find people to call. There is no cold calling. Every lead is a warm lead and every call is to a brother and his family. This allows us a great privilege: access to people who may not speak to a commercial agent, but they will speak to a fellow Knight or a fellow Woodman.

This goes back to the origins of our benefit societies. We are not strangers to our members. We share much in common with them, and we can understand their financial situations better than those in the commercial world. This insight helps us gain their trust, which is so very important in any sales or consulting situation. We take on the role of advisor in a way that is unique in our industry because of the close interactions we have with our client-members. After all, this is a family who attends your church, volunteers with you on the weekend, attends councils meetings. We are our marketing and that keeps our organizations strong and ethical.

Today, our market needs us more than ever. Statistics show that more than half of American families have no individually owner insurance policies. Most who have any insurance know that they have too little coverage. Many families, especially young families, plan to buy life insurance products in the next year, but they are procrastinators. They will put it off because the need doesn't seem as immediate as it really is. They don't purchase because they are afraid the coverage they so desperately need will be too expensive. They don't purchase because they don't understand our products, how they work or how simple the buying process really is. Study after study provides hard data that reaffirms this.

The trust and rapport that agents in fraternal benefit societies form with their clients-members gives us a great responsibility in the industry. It is our duty to educate our members, to reach these men and their families as only fraternal agents can. To go into households every day and discuss the needs that family has, for today and for the future, is the mission. We are tasked with overcoming their objections and getting to the root of their fears about our products. Pushing through the procrastination, fraternal agents must show the immediacy of the need that uninsured or underinsured families face daily. We must show that coverage has a cost in dollars and cents to can fit into any budget, but having no coverage has a price beyond measure. We must educate and explain our products in simple terms and breakdown the human element of insurance that is too often intangible. We all have personal stories of families who went without coverage. It is our responsibility to share these stories with all of our members in hope that future tragedies can be avoided. Don't get me wrong, commercial agents are driven. But there is a different underlying drive in every fraternal agent. He may not be aware of it. He may have taken the field agent contract out of simple need for a new career path, maybe the flexibility of schedule offered, or maybe the income potential. But somewhere in that agent is the same calling that the founding members of his fraternal society heard. The desire to help like-minded members and their families lives through him and the work he does. Above all, this spirit sets fraternal apart in the industry and keeps our organizations a valuable

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MARKETING DIRECTOR OF ST. FRANCIS CAMP ON THE LAKE - SPEECH 2018 STATE CONVENTION

As the marketing director of St. Francis Camp on The Lake it is an honor and a privilege to speak to you today.

As a brother knight I am awed to be in such fine company.

As some of you may recall my speech from last year, about home plate being 17 inches, I received many accolades afterwards. I'm not sure I am deserving of such high praise. As a student of the Dale Carnegie public speaking class we are taught many tricks of the trade to make great speeches. The first lesson you learn is, if you are nervous about speaking in front of a crowd try to imagine that your audience is in their underwear. I assure you this is not gonna happen today; especially with that guy going commando.

But seriously Dale instructed us to watch other great speeches to try and pick out the subtle differences that make them so great. For example take the cadence JFK used when he said "*ask not what your country can do for you*" or when the great orator President Ronald Regan would always answer a question with a resounding "*well*".

The last speech that I reviewed was President Trump's state of the union address. There were many things I noticed, both good and bad. I was always taught to stand when the President of the United States enters the room out of respect for the office. I was discouraged when I saw that many did not. And when he thanked our service men and woman for their ultimate sacrifice, he explained that that is why we put our hand over our hearts when we recite the pledge of allegiance and why we stand for the national anthem. Again many did not acknowledge that. I was outraged and I'm sure many of you in the fourth degree know what I mean and perhaps feel the same.

One of the best parts of the president speech was when President Trump introduced "*ordinary people doing extraordinary things*". Like the off duty cop who saw a pregnant homeless woman who was about to shoot up. She was worried for her baby. The officer assured her that her baby would grow up and be safe. He kept his promise and when the baby girl was born he and his wife adopted the child to give her a safe and loving home. We all know how important taking care of the unborn is.

"Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things".

Then there was a 12 year old boy from California who noticed that the grave sites of veterans were not flagged during veterans day at his neighborhood cemetery. He took the initiative to fix that and the following year he placed a flag at the marker of each and every veteran all 40,000. **He Made a Difference!**

I sometimes wonder if "*we make a difference*" when we stand on a street corner during the MI Drive and collect money to be donated to St. Francis Camp on The Lake to help support the campers with developmental disabilities. You see the actual cost of a camper for a week at camp is \$870.00 but we only charge the camper \$550.00, leaving a short fall of \$320.00 and when you have 215 campers

attending summer camp you need over \$65,000.00 to subsidize the difference. Thanks to you and your contributions from the "*tootsie roll drive*", you do make a difference! and yet you are "ordinary people doing extraordinary things".

There was a line that the President used in his speech that gave me pause. He said "*Americans are dreamers too*". I didn't go to the political side of that statement but instead I wondered if *our campers are dreamers too?*

Does camper Kevin, who is afraid of the water, dream about some day swimming and splashing in Goose Lake at camp?

Does Karen, who is so shy, dream about going on the climbing wall while the other campers cheer her on?

And does William, who rarely speaks because of his autism, dream about being around the camp fire singing songs, making s'mores and making new friends?

Thanks to your generosity this is no longer a dream. It is **their** reality!

You see, at camp we try to encourage the campers to acknowledge their limitations and then through specially design programs we teach the campers to overcome their fears and shortcomings so that at the end of the camp week we have truly empowered our campers to be potent, loving, contributing individuals and then they have had the ultimate camping experience they so richly deserve.

Now sweet Marilyn who is 43 years old has lived in a wheel chair all her life & she knows it. You see, when you're developmentally disabled sometimes your brain won't send the proper signals to your arms and legs; thus the wheel chair. Marilyn has always dreamt of being able to play without her wheel chair. Last year when she went down an old fashion 100 foot slip n' slide her screams of joy weren't just because the water was splashing in her face, it was because her dream had come true. Thanks to *ordinary people* like you who do *extraordinary things* like supporting our campers, you have become extraordinary by directly enriched their lives with a new and powerful freedom.

Thank you for opening your hearts and your wallets to make this possible.

Of course, we all follow the teaching of our patron saint, St. Francis of Assisi, who said "**it is in giving that we receive**", and you my brother knights give unconditionally!

One of the last things I learned from Dale Carnegie about great speeches is the 3 g's. Yes the 3 g's.

Be Gracious Be Greatfull And Get Off.

That being said...

God Bless You And God Bless Our Campers.

Russ Smith

Marketing Director

St. Francis Camp on the Lake

The Importance of Fraternal Insurance Companies in the Industry

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The Parish Round Table Program

To understand the Parish Round Table Program, one needs to understand the distinction between home corporations and the councils that meet in home corporation facilities, that is, “building councils.” Councils that rent and/or meet away from the parish in non-parish facilities are also considered to be “building councils.” Because home corporations and local councils are distinct, building councils must have round tables with parishes, even if to only one parish. Parish-based councils can have round tables with other parishes. To explain, I use quotes below from “Handbook for Councils Using Home Corporation Facilities.”

“The Supreme Council has for many years ... urged all new and existing councils to focus on greater involvement in their parishes. A home corporation may constitute a suitable meeting place for a council to carry out the fraternal and charitable activities of the Knights of Columbus so long as the home corporation’s business operations and activities do not conflict with the mission and activities of the Knights of Columbus.”

This means every council that meets at a home corporation facility should “carefully consider whether it should re-locate to a local Catholic parish” if its association with the home corporation neglects its association with the local parish. To be specific, we are called to proclaim the New Evangelization and to bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our councils and parishes. It’s a mistake if most if not all of our attention is on maintaining home corporation facilities.

The Parish Round Table Program was established to ensure home corporation activities and local council activities do not conflict in regard to participation in parish life. “By participating more fully in parish life, rather than isolating themselves in private social clubs, members could more effectively assist the Church’s evangelization efforts through an increased emphasis on the Order’s charitable mission and its commitment to community service.” Using round tables to participate more fully in parish life demonstrates emphasis on supporting the Church in solidarity with its priests and bishops. Making and reporting appointments of round table coordinators to parishes communicates a building council’s commitment to having greater involvement in its parishes.

In summary, building councils need round tables to sustain a Catholic action in every parish that is visible beyond the council

itself. The parish round table creates a unique and effective support structure with the parish that is ordinarily only found in parish-based councils. Thus, devoted Knights in both parish-based and building councils can serve as valuable resources for realizing the needs of the parish.

Now, how are round tables applied? The round table’s fraternal year begins and ends with sending two important reports.

Send Notice of Appointment of Round Table Coordinator (Form #2629) EVERY JULY to report appointments to the Fraternal Mission Department using the fraternalmission@kofc.org email address. Copy State Deputy, District Deputy, Council File, and State Round Table Director. Appoint only one coordinator per parish who is a member from that parish.

Send Annual Report KofC Round Table (Form #2630) EVERY JUNE to report accomplishments to the Fraternal Mission Department using the fraternalmission@kofc.org email address. Copy State Deputy, District Deputy, Grand Knight, and State Round Table Director. Note that this form has two parts, a report by the coordinator and next fraternal year appointment(s) by the grand knight, each used by different departments.

During the year, the Parish Round Table Coordinator listens in the parish and reports requests, opportunities, concerns at council meetings under council meeting agenda item #20, Report of Round Table Chairman. He stands ready to represent the council and improve the council’s relationship with the parish and the pastor. How this happens is up to him. Supreme offers recommendations in pamphlets, but it may be best for him to work it out himself based on the situation at hand. If possible, I recommend that the coordinator be involved in one of the parish committees, particularly the Christian Service Commission, because it puts him at the center of information and planning where the council can be offered as a resource. But he can just be a concerned and informed parishioner-Knight. Ultimately, it’s up to the council on how it responds to reports from the coordinator, so the council needs to have his back and be ready to serve. Go for it.

One member per council per month

May They Rest In Peace

Alpena Council 529

George Gill, Richard Fatka

Lansing Council 788

Fred Pirochta

Portland Council 2168

Mike Schafer

Standish Council 2724

Lawrence Cameron PGK

Grand Haven Council 2975

Dr. Lawrence Jullie, Thomas

Streng

Joseph Maka

Lincoln Park Council 3078

William Dmochowski

Nicholas Magusin, Richard Morrow

Allen Park Council 3774

Tony Linares, Virgil Kozfay

Gerald Genevich, Joe Bellante

John Bojanowski, Mike Savona

Garden City Council 4513

Frank Mireles

Roscommon Council 6593

Ralph Krolczyk, Robert Fay

Lauren Mead

Posen Council 6657

Leonard Orban, Frank Budnik

Klacking Creek Council 8948

John Muenz

Ann Arbor Council 8989

Carl Larkins

Port Huron Council 11756

Joseph Pietrowski

Sterling Heights Council 12102

John Naughton, Albert

Sorentino

Edward Kanigowski

Bay City Council 12423

John Senkowski

Muskegon Hgts. Council 13579

Fr. Charles Dautremont

Southfield Council 14928

Charles Briggs

Keep Christ in Christmas

A Higher Purpose

Promote the true spirit of Christmas in our homes, schools, parishes and communities. Knights of Columbus councils will evangelize society through their faithful acts, celebrations and a variety of activities.

Overview

The Knights of Columbus offers multiple activities that promote Christmas and the season of Advent in their proper context: Journey to the Inn, Light Up for Christ, Crèche or Advent Wreath Blessing, and the Christmas Poster Contest. These programs are centered on the example of the Holy Family and the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The new Keep Christ in Christmas program brings all related activities together under one umbrella. It encourages councils to compel their neighbors to shift from a preoccupation with materialism to the light of Christ and the spirit of giving. Activities include whatever efforts best suit the parish and community of a particular council and do not need to originate from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council.

Action Steps

1. Conduct activities promoting the true spirit of Christmas and the importance of Christ's birth and message.
2. If needed, order the **Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC)** program resources through Supplies Online, the supply ordering portal available on Officers Online.
3. Prior to each event you conduct, consider crafting and distributing a tailored release to local media.

4. Build public interest for your KCIC program! Promote all activities in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:
 - Prominently display promotional posters (which can be made specifically by your council or ordered through Supplies Online)
 - Bulletin announcements
 - Pulpit announcements
 - Posting on your council and parish website / social media pages
 - Wear Knights of Columbus-branded apparel to all your KCIC activities and have the council membership director bring brochures and membership documents (including **Prospect Cards #921A**). Do not forget that this event is a recruiting opportunity!
 - Enlist a fellow Knight or community member to photograph the event.
5. To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms at the end of the Christmas season and submit them to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission. Remember to retain copies for your council records.
6. Immediately after your event is finished, complete the *Family Report Form (forthcoming)*
7. At the end of the fraternal year, complete your **Columbian Award Application (#SP-7)**

PROUD TO BE A 3RD DEGREE KNIGHT

BY

GENE MURAWSKI STATE CEREMONIAL DIRECTOR

I am proud to be a 3rd Degree Member, because I love to work with my fellow Knights on church projects. Sure, you do not have to be a 3rd Degree Member to do this. However, now that I have gone through the Formation and Knighthood Degree's, I have a good knowledge of what is our function. We Knights are here to help the poor, sick, deaf, aged, disabled, and disadvantaged. The lessons of the 2nd and 3rd Degree give us a better understanding of what these words really mean.

Yes, we should be very proud to belong to a group of fine Catholic Men. So my question to you is why not go through the 2nd and 3rd Degree to learn the other lessons of what the Knights of Columbus is all about. Sure, some of you have been members for years and do not see the reason for finishing your journey, but tell me why not? If you think that once you are a 3rd Degree member or your full Knighthood, you will have to become an officer, that is all wrong. You really are not a full Knights of Columbus until you complete the 3rd Degree. Please take time to think and pray about the journey and consider finishing your walk when you are asked the next time to complete your journey.

I have been asked to give some stats on Major Degrees for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year. Michigan did 67 Major Degrees for a total of 953 for an average of 14.22 per degree. The breakdown by days is as follows:

Sunday	14 degrees	188 candidates	average per degree was 13.42
Monday	1	12	12.00
Tuesday	0	0	0.00
Wednesday	3	76	25.33
Thursday	4	76	19.00
Friday	1	5	5.00
Saturday	44	596	13.54

Let's work to beat these numbers this next fiscal year.

Keep Council and Member Records Current

A substantial part of the councils Financial Secretary duties is to keep the records of each member in your council up-to-date. Review the Supreme Council's records on a regular basis (as often as possible) to ensure they match your council's records. You can check the accuracy of the Supreme Council's records by referring to the Officers Online section of the Knights of Columbus website, kofc.org, and compare your records with those on the council's dashboard page. If there is a discrepancy, work to resolve it in a timely manner.



Dear Brother Knights,

The summer months went fast this year and we had many Holy Cross events that hopefully some of you were able to attend! I wanted to also thank you for the various activities you all host year-round to benefit Holy Cross. Your efforts are so very appreciated and needed and we can never thank you enough.

We had our 48th Annual Holy Cross Services' Golf Outing this July and some Michigan Knights golfed and some of you volunteered as well. **THANK YOU** for helping that event be the success that it is every year!

I wish all of you a very happy and blessed Fall!

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." *Galatians 6:9*

Thank you for being part of our mission and helping us serve thousands of people in need.

With blessings and gratitude,

Sharon Berkobien
CEO

Recent Fundraiser Winners

Below is a list of recent awardees

July: Martha Schaub, Paul Saigh, Thomas Kent, Frances Dusik, Ronald Rutkoski, Robert Fluture, Lance Butler, Sr., Jay Corey, Richard Feldpausch, Mark Briggs, Lawrence Hess, Donald LeClair, Mark Koppy, Thomas Scheidel, Norbert & Judith Burt, John Andres, Ronald & Cheryl Thoms, Charles Bolda, Louis Parsch, Joe Gerber, Henry Burkhardt, John Candiloro, William Kostrzewa, Joe Fournier, Marjory Arning, James Telinda, Paul Berger, Richard Ehinger, Jacob Ferguson, Gino Gattari, Adam Smith, **\$500 WINNER** – Glenn Ramsey

August: Randy Baughman, Jane Fox, Fr. Donald Eppenbrock, Mike Bauerschmidt, Judie Schanbeck, Donald Koenigsknecht, Robert Walsh, Cyndiata Kolassa, Kenneth King, Ella Gerber, Clifford & Monica Wyss, Blanche Graney, Brooke Schall, Nicholas Wittman, Bradley Hasenfratz, Vern Miller, Mark Brown, Bernard Young, Virginia Thelen, James

Bruso, Rick Ferguson, Charles Virant, John Steinbacher, Kellee Eyre, Kevin Vermeesch, Gerald Thees, Robert Frasier, Stephan Patoprsty, Paula Williams, Mary Melling, Gregory Damveld, **\$500 WINNER** – Lois Feldpausch

September: Thomas Irrer, David Williams, Ryan Near, John & Janet Vermeesch, Mike Szydowski, Jon & Dawn Nobis, David Deradoorian, Philip Balmforth, Mark Damveld, Joseph Dunn, Sarah Tratt, Donald Herman, Dan Ostrander, Scott & Heidi Schofield, James Walkenhorst, Arthur Bartniczak, Edwin & Judith Kuberski, Clare Koenigsknecht, Daniel Godfrey, William Powers, Fr. Vernon Olmer, Richard & Irene Tanghe, Rosemarie Trojanowski, Steven Chetcuti, Daniel Collins, Cheryl Makowski, Geoff Wright, Beth Hogan, Juan & Donna Hinojosa, Frederick Ruppel, Jr., **\$500 WINNER** – George & Esther Jaksa

Visit our website to see the new things we are doing, and to learn more about HCS!

www.HolyCrossServices.org



Holy Cross Residential Teens stay busy with Summer Retreats

This summer, teens in our residential facilities went on Spiritual Retreats where they had fun, learning important core values and life skills. There were many team-building activities, games, and introspective teachings, too.

Many of these youth need Foster Care Families and Host Homes and Holy Cross is in great need of both.

If you would like more information about how you can be the positive change in a child's life, please call 989-799-2630 today!



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of Columbus**

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Bill Chasse!

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Families of the Month

NOTE: FOR GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCIL PR CHAIRMAN

In each issue of the Michigan Columbian we print the Current Knights and Families of the month as designated by the local councils in the State. These men deserve State wide recognition. We appreciate your help in keeping this information current. The names of the Family of the Month and those of the deceased members, need to be sent to: Gary M. Kolbicz, 39373 Durand Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48310. The Names of the Knight of the Month need to be sent direct to:

Richard A. Budd, State Council Family Life Director, 1004 Degroff St., Grand Ledge, MI 48837 *cfy - council family of year

Port Huron Council 521

Mike & Kathy Brown

John & Lori Pidick

Alpena Council 529

Jeffrey & Donna Bruski

Don & Blanche Macnail

Raymond & Cathy Anderson

Al & Sally Krajniak

Marquette Council 689

Joe & Tiffany Ampe

Mt. Clemens Council 744

Edmund Gauvreau family

Jeffrey Ashman family

Randall Lentini

Lansing Council 788

Drew & Monica Bergstrom

Bill & Liz Schafer

Clay Council 856

Roland & Sue Woelker

Wyandotte Council 1802

Dale & Nelia Miller

Robert & Carrina Hall

Standish Council 2724

James & Anggie Somerfield

Kenneth Bottomley family

Westphalia Council 2890

John & Jo Ann Lehman

Joe & Kelly Bengal

Pinconning Council 2986

John & Maureen Duley

Fred & Betty Koth

Lincoln Park Council 3078

Chris & Brenda Teklinsky

Tim & Christine Mostoller

Frank & Carol Tarrant

Ruth Council 3823

Harvey Booms family

Perry Messing family

Saginaw Council 4232

Jerry & Doris Burzyck

Jim & Cynthia Shea

Sandusky Council 4693

Dennis & Monica Brown

Waterford Council 5436

Daniel & Kara Fuller

Jon & Artha Horowitz

Joseph & Deborah Brenner

New Baltimore Council 5981

Wayne & Judy Miller

Michael Desmarais family

Jim & Michelle Rivard

Roscommon Council 6593

Tom & Jane Kozlowski

Tim & Maryanne Keenan

Terry & Rosie Gallagher

Posen Council 6657

Ted & Julie Kazubowski

Dave & Jan Misiak

Jim & Kathy Romel

Gladstone Council 6667

Robert & Joanne Snowaert

Swartz Creek Council 6694

Jim & Sue Drummond

Ralph & Mary Lou Palka

Macomb Council 7200

Chris Jacks family

Mark Kovasity family

Dewitt Council 7237

Pat & Susie Schneider

Joe & Karen Ciaramella

Grand Ledge Council 7311

Ken & Joanne Dugopolski

Fenton Council 7418

Harold & Gracie Phillips

Thomas & Laura Starrs

Jenison Council 7487

Bernard & Karen Bowhuis

Freeland Council 7582

Nathan & Kristen Bercel

Andy & Janet Alexander

Dave & Kim Clouse

AuGres Council 7717

Gontko's Breakfast Kitchen Crew

Hillman Council 8041

Herman & Judy Elkie

Roger & Mary Marquardt

Sanford Council 8043

Frank & Kathy Allbee

Flushing Council 8489

Jonathan Smith family

Bill Nelson family

Tim Luskey family *cfy

Auburn Hills Council 8659

Jerry & Madeline Rowland

Montrose Council 8669

Richard & Donna Burnet

Bryan & Tricia Andres

Yale Council 8710

Marshall & Liz Jowett

Richard & Kathleen Hooper, Sr.

Mason Council 9182

Steve Crippen family

Norm Puma, family

Daniel Beschert, family

Okemos Council 10006

Richard Olson, William LaRue

Ann Arbor Council 10963

Michael & Stephanie Saylor

Sean & Kelly Bingham

Patrick & Sarah Schloss

Rob & Marie Skrobola

Harbor Beach Council 11432

Carl & Sue Siemen

Sam & Jody Capling

Gary & Joanne Wolschleger

Harvey & Rosemary Geiger

Port Huron Council 11756

Tim & Martha Maxwell

Joe & Joanne Napolitan

Robert & Kathleen Gaytan

Sterling Heights Council 12102

James Frenza family

Gaines Council 12186

Don & Sue Carmer

Lee & Patricia Wendt

John & Barbara McCollum

Al & Jan Proulx

Bay City Council 12423

Andrew & Monica Voll

Dave & Jane Spyhalski

Gene & Janet Cianek

Reed City Council 12668

Mike & Sue Maskill

Vicksburg Council 13305

Karl & Margaret Kerchief

Chad & Mary Hessling

Muskegon Council 13579

Martin Stevens family

Robert & Susan Johnson

William & Louise Forton

Westland Council 15204

Kenneth Konrad family

Krcatovich family

Canton Council 16169

Bill & Ginny Springer

Knights of Charity! Meals on Wheels



From left to right: Chuck Morrison, Anna Morrison, Clara (Program Administrator), PGK Stu Baron, and Faithful Navigator John Maclean. Not pictured is Sir Charles Egbuonu.

Knights from Lincoln Park Robert H. Jones Council #3078 and Sir Knights from the Msg. Clement H. Kern Assembly #1963 answered the call from Council Chaplain/Faithful Friar Fr. John Sullivan to volunteer for the Melvindale Meals on Wheels program to deliver meals to Seniors and others who are not able to provide for themselves. Fr. John was contacted by the program to ask for volunteers to deliver the meals as the program was in jeopardy of closing because they did not have enough drivers to deliver meals.

One member per council per month

Knights of the Month

NOTE: FOR GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCIL PR CHAIRMAN

In each issue of the Michigan Columbian we print the Current Knights and Families of the month as designated by the local councils in the State. These men deserve State wide recognition. We appreciate your help in keeping this information current. The names of the Family of the Month and those of the deceased members, need to be sent to: Gary M. Kolbicz, 39373 Durand Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48310. The Names of the Knight of the Month need to be sent direct to:

Daniel R. Searle, State Community Director, 4857 Summergreen Ln., Hudsonville, MI 49426

*cky- council knight of year

Port Huron Council 521 Jerry Nehl, Steve Drouillard	Walled Lake Council 4064 Stephen Sugars	Remus Council 7869 Bruce Mullard	Bay City Council 12423 Andrew Bialyk, Dave Spyhalski
Alpena Council 529 Dan Przeslawski, Larry Bak	Saginaw Council 4232 Vic Baranick, David Brent	Hillman Council 8041 James Achatz, William	Reed City Council 12668 Gene Cianek
Richard Losinski, Steve Wagner	Imlay City Council 4556 Robert Zgnilec	Compeau	Vicksburg Council 13305 Kenneth Hughes, Fred Maxa
Jason Banny	Sandusky Council 4693 James LeBelle	Sanford Council 8043 Jeffrey McGraw, Bill Carey	Sterling Heights Council 13340 Robert Rucinski, Dennis
Marquette Council 689 David Neuman	New Baltimore Council 5981 David Kowalski, Joseph	Richard Pytlak	Lichocki
Mt. Clemens Council 744 Ronald Chuchran, John	Quesnelle	Flushing Council 8489 Bob Vance, Keith Beiter	Raymond Sroka
Sternicki	Eaton Rapids Council 6534 Tim Oliver	Nick Ellavich *cky	Troy Council 13453 Michael Campbell, Randall
Paul Nebel	Roscommon Council 6593 Glenn Stuart, Brendan Vaughn	Auburn Hills Council 8659 Jerry Rowland	Fournier
Lansing Council 788 Brian Peacock, Fr. John Klein	Gladstone Council 6667 Jim Rivard, Robert Snowaert	Montrose Council 8669 Rev. Anthony Brooks	Gross Ile 13475 Don Antosiewicz
Scott Chalmers	Swartz Creek Council 6694 Mike Trundle	Yale Council 8710 George Koch, Carl Vermeesch	Muskegon Council 13579 Michael Caughey, Garret
Clay Council 856 Mike Zyrowski	Grand Blanc Council 6742 Chris Jones	William Vandenbossche	Kelenske
Kingsford Council 1585 Francis Antoinette	Sterling Heights Council 7011 Joseph Once III, *cky	Cass City Council 8892 Marco Estrella	Brad Chorny
Wyandotte Council 1802 Jeffrey Carley, Andrew Swiecki	Romeo Council 7018 Norman Rumph	Mason Council 9182 FR. Kusi Cobona, Dan	Waterford Council 13600 Denis Hogan
Hart Council 2199 Richard Setlak	Brighton Council 7304 Robert Baker, Mike Carrigan	Hancock	Farmington Council 13673 Armin Russenberger, Paytick
Standish Council 2724 Gerald Brown, Ronald	Kevin Mondlach	Fr. Michael Jacobus	rogers
LaLonde	Dewitt Council 7237 John Blanchard, Jay Caleworts	Kalamazoo Council 9962 Jason Engebretson	White Cloud Council 13939 Charles Pearce
Randy Huovinen	Fenton Council 7418 Craig Hering, Matthew	Lansing Council 10542 Rev. John Byers	Northville Council 13427 Mark Zaremski
Essexville Council 2740 Mark Le Vasseur, John	Gardner	Rev. George Daisy,II	Westland Council 15204 Michael Kerpinski
Johnson	Freeland Council 7582 Dave Cibulka, Bill Galligan	Harbor Beach Council 11432 Emmett Trudeau, Francis	William Wendling
Roger Ziegelmann	South Lyon Council 7586 Kit & Dan Martin	Schulte	Comstock Park Council 15548 Joe Brechting
Westphalia Council 2890 Brent Pohl, Mike Prince		Port Huron Council 11756 John Deler, David Kelley II	Canton Council 16169 Joe Camill, Joe Pryce
Utica Council 2950 James Adams		Gaines Council 12186 Don Carmer, Al Proulax	
Grand Haven Council 2975 James Huyge		Brighton Council 12295 Bob Putnam	
Ruth Council 3823 Kevin Bischer, Josh Kramer			

Good Shepherd Council 8669

Good Shepherd Council 8669 in Montrose held their annual Wild Game Dinner this year on February 19. 65 guests were served from a variety of wild game dishes provided by council members.

Each year council members select a local worthy cause to donate the proceeds from the dinner. This year, the council selected the Thomas Smith Memorial Foundation as recipient of the funds. A total of \$3,300 was raised and donated to the foundation.

The Thomas Smith Memorial Foundation's purpose is to provide children and teens with early detection and education regarding heart ailments. Their goal is to make sure middle and high school students have access to free heart screenings to provide early detection to teenage heart ailments, which otherwise would have gone unnoticed until tragedy struck.

Good Shepherd Council 8669 Community Director Duane Tripp presented Johnathon Smith of the Thomas Smith Memorial Foundation with a check for \$3,300. In appreciation, the Thomas Smith Memorial Foundation donated a Phillips Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) to Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

AROUND THE STATE



Emily Van Stedum and her daughter, Violet, receive a donated supply of diapers and other household goods from Ken Plude (right), grand knight of **Father Pierre Charlevoix Council 7172** and Bob Yancey of **Msgr. Clement H. Kern Council 8284** in Canton. The two councils joined forces to assist Van Stedum after she tragically lost her husband, Gregory, in a home accident.

Father J. Leo McCann Council 7304 in Brighton pitched in at the St. Patrick Shamrock Festival, one of the parish's largest fundraisers and a collaborative project between the Knights and other parish groups. Members oversaw the raffle, served a pancake breakfast for the early morning 5K runners and organized a corn hole tournament for guests.

St. Francis Assembly 2982 in DeWitt created and donated a "Military Tribute" memorial to St. Jude Catholic Church. Assembly members and parishioners also extended a small walkway at the church to display the memorial to the public. The Military Tribute was dedicated and blessed at the annual Memorial Day Mass, at which Assembly 2982 provided an honor guard.

Members of **Msgr. Russell E. Kohler**



Council 15204 and family in Westland gather after cleaning the graves of more than 30 parishioners' loved ones at St. Hedwig Cemetery in nearby Dearborn Heights.



Members of **Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536** once again took to the roads as part of Michigan Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway program. Three times per year members of the Assembly, as well as family members, pick up trash and debris along a two mile section of Plymouth Rd. between Farmington Rd. and Middle Belt Rd. This past July, 12 bags of trash were removed, creating and cleaner, and safer drive in that section of Livonia. This is the second year the Assembly has participated.

Patriotic Rosary

On July 15th the **Knights of Columbus Council 7869** in Remus celebrated the Patriotic Rosary at St Michaels Church Grotto. This is an annual event praying to our Blessed Mother for the consecration of our nation. Our Parish members prayed with the Knights and enjoyed singing Patriotic songs. We were joined by our Patriotic Honor Guard who presented the Colors.

Father Kosco Council 12808 of West Bloomfield, MI conducted its annual July Food and Funds donation program for the St. Christine Food Pantry located in a disadvantaged neighborhood in Detroit. This year generous donors contributed 660 lbs. of food and \$4756 in cash, including \$1000 from the Council.

Council members provided all the work for the donation program, as well as packaging and delivery of the food items to the Pantry. Council members also volunteer regularly at the Pantry to distribute groceries to its customers.

Volunteers from Council 2300 were Chairman Tim Peruzzi and Jack Larock **Father Arnold Kosco Council 12808** in West Bloomfield honored parishioners serving in the military at an annual Memorial Day event. Some 450 flags and banners, each standing for a military member and representing all five U.S. military services, were placed prominently on the church grounds. Council members also assisted with the proper disposal of 20 damaged American flags provided by parishioners.



The **Iron RIVER Knights of Columbus Council 2300** held their quarterly Black Cow Project on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at the Iron Mountain Veterans Hospital by serving approx. 75 patients, visitors and staff with cookies, root beer floats and ice cream sundaes.



Traverse City St. Francis Council 13958 Congratulates Russell McNamara a member of their council on his selection as the recipient of the 2018 National Cherry Festival Lifetime Leadership Award. This distinguished accolade is presented to a member of the community that has shown leadership and compassion to enhance the community and those around throughout their life.

Council 13942, St. Joseph the Provider in St. Joseph, Michigan collected \$5750 for the MI State Drive for persons with intellectual disabilities. This was recognized by the State Council of Michigan for being #1 in the diocese for dollars collected per knight. After 20% of the funds are distributed by the State Council of Michigan on the state level we have \$4,600 that was distributed to local charities that serve Berrien County. The charities we supported with our drive are: Therapeutic Equestrian Center, We Can Ride 4-H, Best Friends 4-H, Special Olympics SW Michigan and the Autism Learning Center.

On August 16th they presented these organizations with funds from the proceeds of our drive at the Community Pint Night hosted by The Livery in Benton Harbor. The knights were able to meet with several of the organizations we supported and enjoy fellowship with pizza and beer.



Date of the Degree	Start Time of Admission Degree	Start Time of "Formation" Degree	Start Time of "Knighthood" Degree	Location of Degree	Council Number	Host DD	Host DD Phone No.
10/4/18	None	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Kalamazoo	15439	Robert Smith	517-887-2368
10/6/08	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Jackson	6687	George Walrath	614-216-5673
10/6/18	None	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Gladstone	6667	Gary Chouinard	906-428-3515
10/10/18	Patriotic	Degree		Kalamazoo		David Buick	
10/12/18	5:00 PM	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Hancock	692	Edward Glowacki Jr.	906-231-6004
10/13/18	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	East Lansing	7816	Paul Kelsey	517-896-6402
10/13/18	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Sterling Heights	12102	Michael Haughey	586-873-9234
10/17/18	Patriotic	Degree		Swartz Creek		David Buick	
10/20/18	None	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Ironwood	1396	Bill Perkis	906-932-4556
10/20/18	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Essexville	2740	Mark Herbert	989-450-8065
10/20/18	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Washington Twp	16630	Gary Kopp	586-873-6906
10/21/18	11:00 AM	12:30 PM	1:30PM	Portland	2168	William Vallier	517-526-2956
10/25/18	None	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Beverly Hills	15352	Steve Atwell	248-330-3852
10/27/18	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	South Lyons	7568	Larry Paffi	248-701-4950
11/3/18	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Sterling Heights	7011	Robert Bielinski	586-206-8076
11/7/18	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Alpena	529	Joel Kendzorski	989-766-2124
11/8/18	None	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Charlotte	11875	Joseph Chim Jr.	517-449-2338
11/10/18	None	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Spring Lake	2975	Bill Bernesser	330-208-5090
11/11/18	11:15 AM	12:15 PM	1:15 PM	Livonia	5492	Charlie Rozum	734-751-1877
11/17/18	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Rockwood	5446	George Honer	734-675-3055
11/26/18	None	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Clawson	4188	John Reeser	248-399-0474
12/17/18	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	8:30 PM	Kimball	9526	Jac Armstong	810-841-6456
1/5/19	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Memphis	10501	Gregory Brunson	810-824-9533
2/7/19	None	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Westphalia	2890	Dave Freund	517-282-9084
2/16/19	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Waterford	13600	Robert Brines	248-842-8943

The Power of the Tootsie Roll: The Knights of Columbus Commitment to Persons with Disabilities

In 1970, three Knights of Columbus from a Council in the Chicago Illinois area considered as a way of offering a charitable mission to their fellow Knights and to raise money for organizations serving the needs of persons with disabilities. The idea was to ask Knights to stand in public places with a receptacle, and solicit donations for a token product. The product ultimately chosen was a Tootsie Roll, a well-established candy from a Chicago-based company. The impetus for their action was driven by the fact that one of the three Knights in the group had a daughter with an intellectual and development disability (IDD), and that persons with IDD may need financial assistances in particular instances. [1]

From this humble beginning, starting with the efforts of these three men, the Knights of Columbus have demonstrated their long-standing commitment to welcoming persons with IDD into their local parishes and assisting on a broader scale in ensuring their full participation in the life of the Catholic Church through the recognition and nurturing of their spiritual needs. To fully understand this commitment, it is imperative that the broader picture of the Church's response to the spiritual needs of persons with disability be painted.

Beginning in the 1960's and 1970's, parents of children with IDD started expressing concerns that the spiritual needs of their children were not adequately being met by their local parishes and the Church at large. Several individuals around the country, recognizing this fact, began developing programs and material for use in catechizing these children which addressed their unique needs. Also, concerned parents and professionals formed the National Apostolate for the Mentally Retarded, later known as the National Apostolate for Inclusion Ministry, an organization advocating for the spiritual needs of persons with IDD.

In many parts of the country Knights' Councils also began supporting pastoral ministry with Catholic children and adults who are deaf. The National Catholic Office for the Deaf (NCOD), was established by pastoral leaders to advance this ministry, and continues this important work in dioceses throughout the U.S.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops also recognized the importance of meeting the spiritual needs of persons with disabilities as well as the importance of welcoming them into full participation of life in the parish and the Church as a whole. In November 1978, this recognition led to the issuance of the *Pastoral Statement of U.S. Catholic Bishops on People with Disabilities*, (*Pastoral Statement*), providing guidance to their flock on the necessity to welcome all, regardless of their disability. This admonition is best illustrated by the passage in the document emphasizing that [T]here can be no separate Church for people with disabilities. We are one flock that follows a single shepherd. [2]

Soon after the issuance of this *Pastoral Statement*, there was a recognized need for a mechanism to ensure its widespread implementation. As a result, in 1982 with the assistance of a grant from the American Board of Catholic Missions, the National Catholic Office for Persons with Disabilities (NCPD, renamed in 2002 to the National Catholic Partnership on Disability) was formed. Over the last 40 years since its issuance, NCPD has worked to ensure that the directives set forth in the *Pastoral Statement* are implemented in the dioceses and parishes throughout the United States. The support of the Knights of Columbus has been essential in helping NCPD execute this mission.

Recognizing its importance and continued relevance, NCPD will host a 40 Year Celebration of the Ministry inspired by the *Pastoral Statement* on November 15, 2018 at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, Washington, D.C. As a way of recognizing the importance of the Knights of Columbus commitment to this ministry, Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus will receive an award on behalf of his fellow Knights, along with Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, representing the Bishops.

The commemoration will include a symposium from 1:00 – 5:30 pm. Mass celebrated by Washington, DC Archbishop Donald Cardinal Wuerl, reception, dinner, and silent auction will follow. We welcome the participation of Knights at the symposium and evening celebration. The symposium keynote will be presented by Professor Miguel Romero, assistant professor of Religious & Theological Studies at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI. Dr. Romero is a Knight from Council 379.

More information about the mission and work of NCPD, as well as information on the November 15 celebration can be found at www.ncpd.org.

In 2013, I began an outreach for persons with disabilities in St Clair County Michigan. After receiving the approval of the Supreme Council to proceed, I contacted the Archdiocese of Detroit to find resources and best practices on the matter. It was then I learned the Archdiocese had closed the office on disabilities. Working with members of the AOD, the office was reopened. The Special Needs Leadership Committee was formed. The effort lead to contacting the NCPD as well as other Archdioceses around the region. In 2017 the first conference was held In Lansing Michigan with members from Ohio and Indiana in attendance.

July 30 through August 1 2018 were the dates for the second annual Great Lakes conference for the Disability Ministries from Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. A nice surprise was that individuals from Illinois and Wisconsin attended as well. Each Archdiocese from these states will send members to work on the evangelization for the disability population. There needs to be a continual effort to have our parishes open to all people including those with disabilities and their families. Too many families are leaving our Church for another, or leaving the faith completely, not feeling welcomed or part of the Christian faith.

On the third day of the conference, open invitations were sent to local parishes. We had expected 20 to attend. Instead 170 showed up, all of whom wanted to bring this ministry to their parish.

Also, many ministries had tables with displays explaining their continuous efforts to assist the disabled community and their families.

In every case, we find the Order is there to offer and assist the disabled community and their families. In every case we find the Order is there to offer the funding of unique programs throughout the Arch Diocese of Saginaw. Our Order can help further these efforts by becoming personally involved or by inviting men to join the Order and families to join the Church.

[1] See: *Knights of Columbus Candy Drive History*, Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292, April 14, 2005, http://www.6292.kofc.com/newsmanager/news_article.cgi?template=news_archives&news_id=373&no_popup=0

[2] See: Para. 33, 1978 *Pastoral Statement of U.S. Catholic Bishops on People with Disabilities*.

Monroe Council 1266



The Monroe Council has a long history of supporting those with Intellectual Disabilities in our area. In fact this spring marked the Councils 40th Anniversary of our Tootsie Roll sale. How dedicated is the Council after all these

years? Recently, Council #1266 was recognized by the State of Michigan Council for a 208% increase in sales from the previous year. At this years annual Christmas celebration Council Grand Knight Shawn Piedmonte was approached by Joshua Vance who is the director of an area camp called "Holiday Camp". Holiday Camp offers activities such as arts & crafts, music, swimming, and recreational activities such as fishing and indoor games to youth and adults with physical and/or cognitive disabilities in Monroe County. Holiday Camp, the Special Olympics of Monroe, and Monarch of Monroe are the three agencies our Tootsie Roll sale moneys has supported. Camp director Vance asked if the Council would like cook and serve a luncheon meal to the campers and their directors. His thinking was this would be a great opportunity for members to see exactly what our donations were supporting. The request was brought up at a council meeting and was passed with total support.

So, on July 9th a caravan of volunteer Brother Knights left the Monroe Council traveled out of Monroe to the small Village of "Grape" where the camp is located. Holiday Camp is located along the shore of the River Raisin. Members were greeted by a large sign welcoming the Knights Of Columbus to the Camp. Members manned the barbeque grills and serving lines to handle the three shifts of the luncheon. The luncheon included hot dogs, chips, fruit cup and juice. Council #1266 paid for the lunch. Jeff Harrington of Vince's Drive of Monroe donated the special chili sauce for the hot dogs.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE**

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred, and who justify killing in the name of religion.

God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events. Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

Raffle Grand Prize Drawing

**DeCarlo's Banquet Center
6015 East 10 Mile Rd.
Warren, MI 48091**

**Wednesday, April 24, 2019
Doors Open 5:30pm
Drawing 8:00pm**

Light Dinner and cash bar provided



donations we had for the Veterans and the presentation of \$586 to Adapt in Coldwater from the Tootsie Roll Drive.



Garage Tear Down



In August 2018, crossing district lines, the Flushing Council (8489, Flushing, Michigan) teamed up with the Fr. John E. Madden Council (14031, Flint, Michigan) and organized through Deacon Mike Martin of Chelsea, Michigan. These Councils went to the fringes to lend a helping hand. St. Mary's Church was given a house to remodel and donate to a

deserving family. Located in the inner city of Flint, Michigan, these two Councils volunteered over 100 hours tearing down the garage, which was in disrepair and considered a hazard. Pictured is the beginning of this project followed by a picture of how these Councils left this property. The last picture shows Brother Ed Hallwood Jr. (Council 8489 on right) and Grand Knight Harvey Yee (Council 14031 on left) sizing up the garage just before its collapse.

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2018 Installation

The Installation of State Leadership of Michigan for the Fraternal Year 2018/2019 occurred after Mass at St. Gerard Parish in Lansing on September 8, 2018. Bishop Boyea of Lansing celebrated Mass along with concelebrants Bishop Raica of Gaylord, Bishop Hanchon and Bishop Robert Fisher of Detroit, Rv. John Klein and our State Chaplain Fr. Paul Ericson. Our Diocesan Chaplains were also in attendance.



2019 Joint Fundraiser For Council and State Charities



Brother Knights, Welcome to this years *Joint Council and State Charities Raffle*. We have put together a “**Super**” 1st Prize for a “**Super Charity**”! This is a Top Bucket List Trip for any of our members or family and friends. These \$5.00 Tickets are easy to sell, for the most respected Fraternal Organization in the world, “The Knights of Columbus”.

The sale of these tickets have a “**Super**” impact on our Council and State Charities which help people that do not have it so “**Super**”. We are asking you to just **ASK** your friends and family to support this “**Super**”

1st Degree Charity Prize - Trip for 2 to 2020 SUPER BOWL

Hard Rock Stadium - Miami, Florida February 2, 2020

- Round Trip Airfare for 2 from Metro Detroit Airport w/transfers & taxes
- Two Upper Level tickets to the 2020 Super Bowl
- 3 nights hotel accommodations
- Round trip transfers between hotel and stadium on game day
- Admission to VIP Tailgate Party on Game Day, including appearances by 25+ active NFL Players, Celebrity Guests, gourmet food by Celebrity Chef & Premium Open Bar
- Admission to NFL Fan Experience on Saturday
- Road trips On-Site Host
- Commemorative Gift Package & Official Program
- Road trips Custom Ticket Holder & Lanyard
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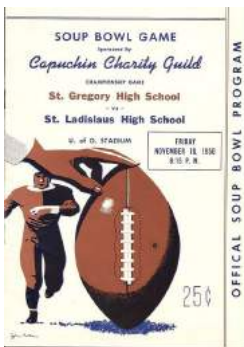


2nd Degree Unity Prize - \$1,500.00 Cash

3rd Degree Fraternity Prize - \$1,000.00 Cash

4th Degree Patriotic Prize - \$ 500.00 Cash

5th - 10th Prizes - \$360.00 Cash Each 21st - 30th Prizes - \$120.00 Cash Each



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