



From The State Deputy



Michigan State Council 2019 State of the State

I first would like to thank our Bishops from our seven Dioceses for their unending support of the Knights of Columbus here in Michigan.

Thank you to all Diocesan Chaplains for your support and religious guidance. Without your support our leadership would not be what it is.

Thank you to all council chaplains for your support and religious guidance – your support of the councils at the local level is vital to our continued success.

Please know we are always here to support you, whatever you as our religious leaders need - we will always be there for you.

In June of 2018, we held our District Deputy Training at Queen of Angels in Saginaw. At this training, 38 new District Deputies were in attendance.

The core message we shared was the importance of effective communication and the tools they need to be successful in their respective districts.

From July 5th through July 8th, we had our Summer Organizational meeting at the Crown Plaza in Lansing with 90% of our District Deputies and just about all our directors were in attendance. Our main topic was on making the word Membership a positive word. We explained the importance of rebuilding our Army to stay vibrant for the Church and communities. We talked about the importance of Sacred Heart Major Seminary and the Scholarship endowment program.

Because of this program we assure that no seminarian will leave the seminary due to a lack of finances. The Michigan Knights of Columbus committed to \$1,000,000. A quick start of \$22,000 was raised at the summer organizational meeting, with the help of one members matching funds that were raised at the summer meeting.

We talked about many different membership scenarios and reinforced the importance of communication and being positive with helping their councils succeed.

On July 12th we hosted fresh start Council officers training and had 73 councils participate.

From July 10th through July 20th, the state leadership traveled to all seven dioceses in the Jurisdiction on our annual diocesan road trip. The leadership explained our philosophy of commitment, communication, positive attitude and obtaining the best effort out of everyone for the good of the Order.

On August 3rd we celebrated the 350th anniversary of Holy Name of Mary Proto-Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie.

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From The State Chaplain Rev. Paul E. Erickson



As I come back from the State Convention, there are two Scripture passages that are on my mind. The first is called the Great Commission and comes in Matthew 28:19-20 which says, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” The second passage I have been thinking about comes earlier in that same Gospel; Matthew 16:26 reads, “What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life.” I want to talk about these passages as I think they relate to the Knights of Columbus.

I want to start this reflection by saying how proud I am of the Knights; all of the work, the charitable giving, the support for seminarians, the work for the pro-life movement, and so much more. We have much to be proud of as Knights and much to be thankful for as Catholics. But in the mire of work, it becomes easy to lose sight of who the Knights really are and what we are all about.

Jesus did not say, “Go and make Knights of all nations.” As much as we might wish He had said that, that is not the overall mission. The Knights exist, not to build up themselves, but to build up the Church. As soon as we become inward facing, we have lost our way. The building up of disciples must be our call, as that is the call of the entire Church. And we cannot make disciples unless we are disciples ourselves. Whatever else you may be, from the State Deputy to the pancake breakfast volunteer, as a Knight you simply must be a disciple first and foremost.

How many Knights of your local council have stopped coming to Mass or confession? Discipleship has to start with us if we have any hope of bringing it to anyone else!

“What profit would there be for one to recruit ten new Knights and forfeit his life?” Again, recruiting for the Knights is a noble and good work, but we must not lose sight of the Lord in order to gain sight of the Knights. Without Jesus, all of it becomes fruitless, and the Knights not only lose members but credibility. We become the object of jokes and are known for our weaknesses rather than our strengths. Connection to the Knights must be part and parcel to connection with Christ for any man who would join our ranks.

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**From The State Chaplain
Rev. Paul E. Erickson**

Discipleship must be our focus. As soon as we lose that focus, we become something strange, something counter-productive, something that literally acts against our entire reason for existing. But if we are disciples, and if we build up men into disciples, all of our efforts and endeavors gain a quality of the eternal. We become something more than we ever could have been, because the Holy Spirit always transforms the lives of those He touches with His love and His power. This is the only answer to our questions of declining numbers, aging membership, and those disquieting feelings of being irrelevant and out-of-touch. Disconnection from Jesus, the source of life, only means death is the only option. But this does not have to be a forgone conclusion. We can, and must, be rooted in the love of Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit, in the sonship of the Father. Only then do we become what Venerable Fr. McGivney dreamed we would be. My brothers, be disciples first.

**Catholic Values by a Catholic Organization.
By
Daniel Thelen, FICF, CSA
General Agent**

NEVER INVEST IN AN ANNUITY!! You've no doubt seen this kind of headline in the financial pages or you've seen pop-up ads on your computer or you've heard some friend repeat what he's heard from his buddy's uncle. Are they serious?

Let's start with the basics: An annuity is a tax-favored savings instrument. The government gives it special tax treatment because it's designed for retirement income. An annuity can be qualified or in other words, funded with money that you have not yet paid taxes on, like an IRA or an RRSP in Canada. Or non-qualified, that is, funded with money you've already paid the tax on. Like money you take from your paycheck or out of your savings account. Either way, the tax on the growth in your Knights of Columbus annuity each year is deferred...you pay no current tax on it and pay only when you withdraw money.

I'll tell you that I think an annuity is a great product in the right situation. Especially a Knights of Columbus annuity. In addition to tax deferred growth, here are a few more reasons why I think that way:

1. Your minimum interest rate is guaranteed...for life! There is a floor that the interest rate will never drop below. The good news is that we've always paid a higher current interest rate than the guarantee. This feature means nobody has ever lost a dime in a Knights of Columbus annuity...and never will!
2. Your principal is guaranteed by the Knights. Now that kind of guarantee is only as good as the company backing it...and we've had 40+ years of Superior ratings from A. M. Best for financial strength. (As of January 2019, rated A+ Superior by A. M. Best)
3. Even though annuities are designed for long-term growth, after one year you can access 10% of the value without any KofC penalty.
4. Owners of annuities name a beneficiary; this means that at death, the proceeds bypass probate. This saves time and usually money, too.
5. You can enjoy an income that you (and if you wish, your wife) can never outline!

But let's be fair; an annuity is not the answer every time. It's not a short-term product. It's not designed to be a "put and take" account where you stick some money in and then take it out a short time later. There is a reducing early withdrawal penalty over the first seven years if you take out more than the 10% free withdrawal. That feature, in all annuities, not just the KofC, is to encourage people to leave the money alone until retirement age.

So, although there are situations where an annuity is not the proper product, there are many where it is...And we haven't even talked about triple compounding, protection from creditors and other features.

How do you know if an annuity is right for you? Meet with me and let's look at your goals. It might be the perfect fit.

Where do you keep your safe money?

Vivat Jesus!

PROGRAMS

Faith in Action

Organized into Faith, Family, Community and Life categories, the Faith in Action program model empowers Knights to come together to share faith, celebrate fraternity with loved ones, and do what they do best — stand shoulder to shoulder in service to the community and to defend life at all stages and in every condition.

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**From The State Warden
Charles E McCuen, III**

My Brother Knights,

Well it looks like summer has finally made its appearance for good! Thank God for that, I was getting tired of dragging that snowbrush in and out of my garage at any given time. Now its time for Summer fun like picnics, Bar B Que's, camping, boating, golf, time to reflect on what's important in our lives. Like spending quality time with our paternal families, spending time reflecting with our spiritual families and spending fraternal families or just spending time alone with ourselves contemplating the great things that have happened to us over this year. Nothing beats great Summertime fun than spending it with your family. Now speaking of time lets not forget our protocol for your summer events that you might have the State Deputy invited to, remember that those invites are to be mailed via the United States Post Office to him at least 6 weeks before your event so that he can look it over to see if he can fit it into his schedule, he is very busy so he might assign another State Officer or two to also attend either with him or in his place so timing is very important. That address is "Willam Chasse" PO BOX 1090, East Lansing Mi, 48823. Don't forget to keep checking the State Web site for the Summer activities we have lined up, like the State Camp Out in August where we might crown a new Bean Bag Toss Champion or our Annual Tiger Night. It was awesome seeing many of you at the Convention this year and now that has come to a close, we look forward to seeing and meeting many more of our KofC friends on the road as we go about the State visiting the many Councils in our Jurisdiction. As I have said before we have met some amazing people in our travels, and I am proud to call all of you my friends. So, with that we hope you and your families have a Great Summer and that you enjoy the time you spend together, I know we will!

Vivat Jesus

Charlie McCuen

State Warden

**State Membership Director
James N. Kraus**

There's no lay organization in the world that does more important apostolic service than the Knights of Columbus. Any bishop will tell you that, because it's true. When Knights live their vocation, they're a witness of Christian manliness, and we need a lot more of that special kind of witness -- urgently. We need men who know how to be real men, men who serve and lead as Christian husbands and fathers. Programs and resources are important, and the Knights do that sort of work better than anyone else. But the real gift that Knights give to the Church is their lives and their love for Jesus Christ. Nothing is more powerful.

*- Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput
Archbishop of Philadelphia*

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I wanted to start my message to each of you with this quote from Archbishop Chaput as I believe he captures the essence of what being a Knight of Columbus means to us. Being a Knight has certainly helped me grow in my faith and become a better Catholic and I suspect it has done the same for you as well.

This spirituality is a gift we gain as Knights. We share this gift with our families and our council brothers. This love for Jesus should be the driving force to share with others what is at the core of why we are members of this great Order. This gift is much too valuable not to share with others. We must ask Catholic men to join us in our important work in our parishes and communities.

If we, as men of faith, believe what we do for priests, parishes and communities matter to those we serve, then we have an on-going obligation to ask other like-minded men to join us in our Order. This obligation will ensure our councils continue to have the means to assist those in need with many hands to help. The

work of our Order is never done and perhaps in light of the current social climate, is needed more than ever.

We have many resources, tools and materials available to help in our recruitment efforts, but the single most important resource is YOU. The number one method of being successful in finding men to join your council is simply asking someone to join. Take a few minutes to talk to them, to share what being a Knight is about, to explain your faith journey and how being Knight has changed you. Tell them the good things many hands can do together within our fraternal organization.

This fraternal year has seen a steady increase in new members joining our ranks. We have seen over 250 men join as "e-members" and about half of them converting their membership to local councils. We have been in the top twenty of the Order worldwide since January and battling with Texas for being first in our division (Division One states - largest states by KofC membership).

Michigan has seen several new parish councils formed this year and this work continues to be sure our parishes have a council to assist the parish community. In addition, we are reaching our younger men. Michigan has two new college councils, Michigan State University and Michigan Tech. Both of these new college councils bring new, young members to the Order. They will learn valuable leadership skills and community service while in college, along with growing in their faith. As they graduate from school and start their careers, these Knights will certainly become involved in their local councils.

Our message of sustainability has been heard and we are changing the perception of who we are as Knights and as men of faith. With each new member we strengthen our church and our organization. We are the ones to build the future of the Knights. Are you willing and able to share our good news and bring in those new members?

**Your Recruiting Can Help Make a Priest**

You never know the impact of asking a man to join. In the case of Father Michael Mary Dosch — a Dominican friar of the Province of St. Joseph and novice master at St. Gertrude Priory in Cincinnati, Ohio — being asked to join the K of C was the first step in finding his vocation.

"My introduction to the Dominicans was thanks to a one-day retreat for the College Council Knights at the Dominican House of Studies. I knew the Knights from my parish growing up. I joined right away my freshman year. ... The Knights of Columbus were a huge support for me throughout my college years in trying to learn and grow in my faith. That helped plant the seeds for my vocation."



## How Michigan Is Reversing the Trend and Finding Committed, Catholic Men



By Rose Wagner

*Michigan Knights are growing thanks to these helpful recruiting strategies*

Michigan has had a steady decline in membership for 10 years. It's a decline that matches the sharply decreasing numbers of Catholics in Michigan parishes. The state council had to do something fast if it was going to ensure the future of the Knights — and the Church — in the state.

The state has more than 430 councils. State Deputy William Chasse said the state's leadership realized that growth would depend on all of them working together.

To achieve this, state officers created the "Fresh Start" program that rolled out July 1, 2018. At the program's center is the phrase "council sustainability." The state officers chose this term as a way to avoid talking about "membership" or "membership numbers."

"[We need] to always be here to help our community as they count on the Knights of Columbus," Chasse said. "This sustainability is a key to our renewed success — to support our priests, our parishes and our communities."

Another key to success was creating membership and retention teams. The state held training sessions for these teams, who were taught to think of membership as a lifelong process.

"Retention starts with having a Form 100 signed and continues until we present the family with a Bible after the member passes away," Chasse said.

As part of the Fresh Start Program, council retention teams were encouraged to keep in touch with fallen away members. They hoped this regular contact would help inactive Knights remember the joy of being involved and get re-engaged.

Online membership was also promoted as a way to welcome new men.

"We have seen a strong trend of these members converting to their local councils," Chasse said. "We inform the council leadership and district deputy within a day of the new member joining, so they can reach out to the man about their council and share with them how to join."

Another benefit of the Fresh Start program is that it helps keep state leadership accountable, as it allows Knights on the council level to offer their own suggestions.

This communication process "has seen a positive return of council engagement" and has helped ensure that "councils remain strong and able to remain a vital part in our faith communities," Chasse said.

And it's working, too. Not only were two new councils formed at the end of April, but the state is on track for earning the Circle of Honor Award.

## Ladies Corner

Dear Ladies,

I would like to thank all of you for your hard work on Mackinac Island with the raffle for Holy Cross Services. It takes a team, Mandy Borsenik and her dedicated team of workers made it a success. Thank you to our two families that matched our proceeds; The Peter Bertsch Family and the Weingartz Family. Together we were able to raise \$38,400 for Holy Cross Services. Holy Cross Services provides help for women, children and veterans across the state of Michigan. We were able to use a smaller basket raffle at the Summer meeting in Lansing to add some more money to this great Service provider to our youth and adults around Michigan.

I hope you were able to attend some of the break out sessions at the Summer meeting to get a better understanding of what your husband does and why it is so important for them to do the work of the Order. We hope you enjoyed yourselves at the Carnival while making important connections with others around the State.

Bath baskets were passed out at the Summer Meeting to be returned filled with products at the Winter Meeting. This is only one of the many charitable donations your groups can make. A pamphlet was passed out explaining the multitude of donations that can be made to the needy in our state. The winter meeting will be the collection arena for many different things: bath baskets, twin bed sheets, gift cards, new sweatshirts, socks, hats and mittens.

Bill and I are blessed by a wonderful team of people that continue to guide and help us on this journey. Enjoy your summer!

God Bless

Marybeth, Karen, Julie, Mandy, Pam and Ellie

## Class of 1999 celebrated their 20th year of ordination



Class of 1999 celebrated their 20th year of ordination with the Knights on Mackinaw Island.

Top left: Bishop Jerry Vincke, Fr Jeff Day, Fr Tim Laboe, Fr Paul Ballien, Archbishop Allen Vigneron.

Bottom left: Fr Brian Cokonougher, Fr Rich Treml, Fr Robert Copeland.

Missing Msgr. Robert McClory.

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2018-2019  
“Family of the Year”



Pat is graduated from Catholic Central High School in 1954 and Magna Cum Laude from the University of Detroit Law School in 1961, he received a Masters Degree from Georgetown law in 1962. He served as Captain in the US Airforce from 1962 to 1965.

Peggy graduated from Convent of Sacred Heart High School in 1955 and received a BA from the University of Detroit in 1959. They were married on August 10, 1963 at St. Clare of Montefalco, Gross Pointe Park MI.

They have eight children Daughter Marianne & husband Michael their children Peter, Andrew and timothy, Son Mike & wife Marysol their children Patrick, Conor, Rohan and Mary, Daughter Colleen a& husband Robb their children Brian, Cecelia, Maggie and Benjamin, Son Patrick & wife Kathleen their children Brian, John, Henry, Timothy and MIMi, Son Tom & Wife Kom their children Juni and Wyatt, Daughter Molly & husband Seth, Son Tom & wife Elicette their children Christopher and Anthony, and Daughter Maureen.

With Peggy’s blessing Pat entered the newly Permanent Diaconate program initiated by Pope Pius VI in 1968 and was ordained by Cardinal Dearden on June 24, 1972 at St Marys in Redford. Then they settled down in Brighton at St. Patrick Church and joined the Knights of Columbus as a charter member of Council 7304.

Both Pat & Peggy have been very involved in Community, Family and Parish life just some of the organizations they have been involved with. Detroit Public Schools, Guest House, St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic College Night, Keep Christ in Christmas are just a few there are many more.

Pat and Peggy continue to be models of a good Catholic Married Couple. They attend daily Mass together, Peggy is an Extra Ordinary Minister, they serve the homebound at Brighton Center for Recovery. I could continue there is so much more but I would again like to congratulate the whole family on being a gift from God to all of us. Thank you and God Bless.

**Mission Accomplished.**

Members of Our lady of Mount Carmel Parish ( Temperance MI) along with 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly members having just celebrated a Sunday corporate communion service were pleased to gather and announce : Mission Accomplished.



Members of the Knights of Columbus pictured above including Fr Don La Cuesta, Chaplain of Our lady of Mount Carmel Parish Council 8902, joined to celebrate the conclusion of the 3rd annual project conducted by Council 8902, dedicated to Blessed Mary (Our Lady of Mount Carmel). Each year during the month of May the Council collects a variety of baby products and all donated to Heart Beat of Monroe.



Items above displayed before a Last Supper mural in our parish hall painted by a parish member. The truck load of diapers, baby food, clothing, and other items donated by parish members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Temperance Mich., and others was transported to our friends at Heart Beat of Monroe.

Heartbeat of Monroe a pro-life, Christ centered, non-profit center founded in 1973 two months after Roe vs. Wade. They have been serving Monroe and surrounding areas continuously since then. They offer Newborn Care Classes to expectant moms, a Toddler Class for those dealing with toddlers and Parenting Classes aimed at improving

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On August 3<sup>rd</sup> we celebrated the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Holy Name of Mary Proto-Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie.

From August 4<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>, the State Board attended the 136<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention in Maryland.

The board gained much valuable information from the various sessions as well as making new contacts with our Supreme Leadership.

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, we attended the Vocations Night baseball game at Lansing Lugnuts stadium.

Over 50 priests and more than 40 sisters of the different orders were present.

This type of support for vocations is at the core of what we do as Knights of Columbus.

August 25<sup>th</sup>, the State Board and many council members attended the annual Tiger Night at Comerica Park in Detroit for a night of fraternalism in spite of the rain.

On August 26<sup>th</sup>, the Board, along with our State Chaplain and State Program director held a meeting with the evangelization team and discussed the roll out of the "This Man is You" program.

A new program for the state to help men be more involved in their parishes and their faith.

On September 5<sup>th</sup> the State Board had a meeting with all Bishops and Diocesan Chaplains at the Michigan Catholic Conference Center in Lansing. We discussed our role in Evangelization and the work we need to perform throughout the year to increase our involvement within our parishes.

The Bishops reinforced they are 100% behind the Knights of Columbus and asked us to help get people back in the pews.

Also, our Bishops would like to know more about what we are doing in their respected dioceses and it was agreed to share information about our efforts with them through better communication with the Diocesan Chaplains.

On September 8<sup>th</sup> we held our Installation of State Leadership at the Lansing Center in Lansing with a State wide turnout, showing solidarity of our newly elected and appointed Leadership team throughout the State.

September 13<sup>th</sup>, the Board attended the Saginaw Bishop's Charity Dinner.

In October, we attended several clergy appreciation dinners Throughout the State.

We also worked with the Columbus Day Tootsie Roll Drive throughout the State.

October 10<sup>th</sup> was a proud day in my life, as I was able to knight my oldest son into the Fourth Degree at Michigan District Two Exemplification in Kalamazoo.

Throughout the year, the State Board attended all Fourth Degree exemplifications across the four Districts to support the Patriotic Degree and reinforce how we are stronger working together.

October 12<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>, we attended the Father Louis Hennepin Provincial Meeting in Sterling Heights.

On October 17<sup>th</sup>, we attended the Focus for Life benefit in Saginaw.

On October 20<sup>th</sup> the Board attended Prep Bowl, a Michigan Knights of Columbus sponsored event for all Catholic High Schools from across the state for the annual football playoffs held at Ford Field in Detroit.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of October, we held our State Soccer Challenge in Clarkston.

Also, during October, the Leadership team conducted team building sessions with all District Deputies.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> we attended a Warriors for Lourdes fundraiser to send wounded veterans to Lourdes. This first-time event was well attended. We also attended the Special Olympics Hall of Fame dinner.

On November 4<sup>th</sup> we attended the Sacred Heart Major Seminary Memorial Mass for all deceased Knights of Columbus members.

November 10<sup>th</sup>, we attended a charity benefit dinner for St. Louis Center in Chelsea.

November 30<sup>th</sup>, we had our Mid-year District Deputy Organizational meeting in Lansing.

We received \$11,000 in gift cards for Holy Cross services along with over 1750 sweatshirts for residents for Holy Cross Services.

In the month of November, we handed out over **6000** Coats for Kids at 6 different locations that does not include local councils who held coats for kid's events in their local communities.

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, we attended the Doc Egan Christmas Party for Adults with special needs.

Throughout the year, we attended 11 Ultrasound dedications, bringing us to a total of 56 machines for our state. This is a great example of how the Knights put our belief of life into action; as these ultrasound machines have saved countless lives.

Knights on Bikes is a new program instituted this year. Knights on Bikes have brought in 14 new members this year. They will add more charitable works throughout the State.

During the month of December and January, we attended over 50 District meetings throughout the State to share our message with the council's leadership and hear their feedback and concerns.

Also, in December, we reactivated Bellaire Council #7338.

On January 18<sup>th</sup> we participated in the annual March for Life in Washington DC to end abortion.

On January 26<sup>th</sup> we started a new council – MSU College Council #17197; with our own State Treasurer's son as the Charter Grand Knight.

On January 30<sup>th</sup> we attended the Winter Special Olympics opening ceremonies in Traverse City and presented a \$10,000 check to this organization.

This was in addition to \$220,000 already given to Special Olympics though all councils efforts with the MI Drives held here in Michigan.

February 2<sup>nd</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>, we attended Delta Membership Training given by Jon Olson from Supreme.

February 7<sup>th</sup>, we attended Council #4090 in Davison for their annual Seminarians benefit dinner.

On February 9<sup>th</sup> we attended the State Bowling Tournament opening ceremonies in St. Claire Shores.

During the month of February, we started another new college council - Michigan Technological University Council #17237 in Houghton, Michigan.

On February 23<sup>rd</sup> we held our State Chaplain Tribute Dinner honoring our State Chaplain, Father Paul Erickson.

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, we held our State Free Throw contest and walked in the St. Patrick's Parade in Detroit.

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, we held our State Spelling Bee Contest in Essexville.

On March 17<sup>th</sup>, we attended Holy Trinity's St. Patrick's Day Mass in Detroit.

On March 19<sup>th</sup> we started a new council St. Mary's Visitation Council #17232 in Byron Center.

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, we attended the Top Ten Student Awards Dinner at Council #2291 in Merrill.

From March 26<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>, we attended additional Delta Membership Training sessions with Jon Olson from Supreme.

On March 30<sup>th</sup> we attended the Former State Chaplain Rev. William Turner's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination with a dinner in Chelsea.

During the last week of March, Joe Ramirez, Marty Yzaguirre (Eza-guirre) and Le Nguyen (LEE WEN) from Supreme came to Michigan to help with Hispanic

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and Vietnamese new council development.

On April 4<sup>th</sup> we attended the Michigan Right to Life Dinner. We were pleased on behalf of all our councils in Michigan to present a check for \$100,000 to support RTL Education in our state.

During the April Board meeting, RTL of Michigan discussed the expense on the planned petition drive that will challenge Michigan RTL. Because of the support of all Michigan Knights, we were able to show our 100% backing to Michigan RTL and decided to give \$40,000 to Michigan RTL towards sending a Bill to our legislature to ban dismemberment abortions during late term abortion procedures.

On April 30<sup>th</sup> we attended a Protect Life of Michigan dinner benefit in East Lansing. With more than 1,000 people in attendance, it was the largest benefit dinner for Protect Life of Michigan of the five they've held.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> we attended a Sisters Appreciation dinner at Council #2740 in Essexville.

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, we attended St. Pius X Council #3848's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner in Warren.

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, we participated in the Living Rosary on the Michigan State Capitol's front steps in Lansing which we would like to introduce as a new State Program.

At this year's Convention we were able to present a check for \$12,000 to Michigan Special Olympics. This is given for being number 1 for the eighth year in a row in division 1 States for contributions and man hrs. given towards Special Olympics.

With all the achievements here in Michigan I want to thank all of you for your dedication and support.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our State Membership director Jim Kraus for his commitment and dedication.

Jim has shown his dedication by developing effective strategies for building council sustainability and growth statewide to help councils achieve their individual successes.

I would like to thank our State Program director Bill Leveque for his leadership introducing the changes to our programs and helping

our councils use these new programs to increase their service to their parishes and communities across the state.

Our Order's success is because of our programs, membership would not be as successful without strong programs and without new members our programs would not be what they are. Membership and programs do go hand in hand.

As you heard our New Council Development program was successful in bringing in two new college councils one of them being MSU - a college that has been in the works for over 20 years.

The other being Michigan Tec in the Marquette Diocese. One other new council in the Kalamazoo Diocese in Byron center and a few others to follow.

Thank you Dan Fuller for all you hard work and looking forward to all the new councils that you already have in the works to start up in the coming year.

I would like to extend a heartfelt appreciation and thank you to my Fellow State officers. If it weren't for your dedication and willingness to work as a team - we would not be in the position of making Michigan great again. Thank you for your commitment

I would also like to thank Vice Supreme Master Cliff Wasmund for your dedication in working together with the State Board and all your masters as we know accomplishments happen when we work together.

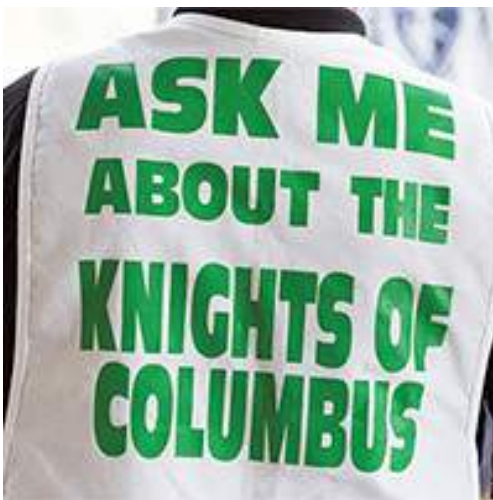
To all of our State, Regional, & Diocesan directors thank you for your commitment and dedication in helping with Making Michigan great again.

To all past State Deputies thank you for your support and friendship. Thank you for paving the road for all that is done here in Michigan. Without you leadership Michigan could not be where we are today.

A special thanks to my Wife and the ladies on the board for your support, understanding, and willingness to travel with us to support the Order here in Michigan. Without your support and assistance - we could not do what we do.

This concludes the 2019 State of Michigan State of State.

A Lasting Legacy



Father's Day.  
First  
Communions.  
Confirmations.  
These traditions and sacraments are part of the legacy that we've inherited, the tradition we pass on and the standard we live by. It's what we

leave behind as Catholic men.

As Knights, we're part of this legacy.

We want to share our experience with the next generation. Here's your challenge: Invite your family and friends to join the Knights of Columbus. Welcome

Mission Accomplished.

the bond between parent and child. They help clients with diapers, formula, food, clothing and other items they may need for their little ones. There is never a charge for any of the services they offer.

**Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus  
119<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention, Mackinac Island  
May 25, 2019**

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**State Round Table Director Daniel P. Remeika:** Worthy State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Religious, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Supreme Treasurer, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Delegates, and brother Knights, Vivat Jesus.

It has been a joy to meet here on Mackinac Island to renew our dedication to our mission as the new Faith in Action model approaches its one-year anniversary. By now we all know that it shows our council members how to participate in faith and family activities that foster unity and spirituality and integrate our families and councils in the sacramental and social lives of our respective parishes.

Faith in Action can also tackle declining membership in our Holy Church and the challenges we face in growing and promoting the good of our own Order by drawing us closer to God and the Church in tangible and meaningful ways, not just for ourselves but also for those around us to whom we give witness. Quoting from the Archdiocese of Detroit's *Unleash the Gospel*, "Our goal is not to be good and make it to heaven. Our goal is to extend the kingdom of God on earth by making the world a place where Christ is known and loved, so that as many people as possible are brought with us to eternal life."

Although damage had been done by scandals, we have opportunities to help refill the pews by involving men and their families in our parishes, by supporting our priests, and by evangelizing in our homes, businesses and communities. In the Gospel of St. John 6:67-68, after Jesus told the assembled about his body and blood in the Eucharist, He then said to the twelve, "Do you also want to leave? Simon Peter answered him, 'Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life.'"

We do indeed believe Jesus is the way, the truth and the life; that is our faith. But He went mysteriously further in the next verse, "Did I not choose you twelve? Yet is not one of you a devil? He was referring to Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot; it was he who would betray him, one of the twelve." Maybe Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori had this verse deep in his mind when he cautioned us with these words in his address at the 2017 Supreme Convention:

"Time and again, I have experienced the great dedication of many brother Knights. In their commitment to the Order, they are passionate about the principles upon which the Knights of Columbus was founded, about the brotherhood we share, and about the good works that we do. Such commitment and passion sometimes lead to strong opinions, and experience teaches that these opinions can differ. At times, we may disagree with a decision made by our local or state council, or with a decision that comes from Supreme. After we've expressed our opinion respectfully and cogently, we may be upset that our view did not prevail. When that happens, it's easy to throw our unity and charity under the proverbial bus. Sadly, some brother Knights may even decide to walk away. If and when we reach such a crossroads, I firmly believe that we need to stop, look, and listen. We have to stop being angry, look at what the Order is really all about, and listen to the voice of the Lord." The Supreme Chaplain was asking us to listen to the Lord, to the Church, to our loved ones, and to our brother Knights, and keep things in perspective. The committee urges all Knights to devote themselves to the good of the Order using Faith in Action based on prayer in unity with Christ.

But what better way is there to unity than through the Holy Eucharist, a sacrament of unity. By receiving the Body and Blood of the Lord in the Holy Eucharist, we enter into a close union with Him and with one another. So, to those councils who have drifted

away from regular corporate communions, consider that the Eucharist makes us one in Christ and strengthens our love and respect for one another, helping us to eliminate all obstacles to brotherly cooperation.

Let us make each other better Knights, Catholics, fathers and husbands through our interactions with each other. Among the different ways we spend our time, include a few hours each month with brother Knights to help us grow together. In a time when we can be isolated from each other because of competing interests, come together socially as men with common interests.

Yes, Jesus knew his apostles. And he also knows the leaders of his holy Church. He knows us and our need for frequent forgiveness. In this month's *Columbia*, the Supreme Chaplain wrote, "These days though, it is the Church – sinful in her members – that needs healing. Sins against young people and the failure of Church leaders to respond continue to haunt and hobble the Body of Christ." Archbishop Lori helped draft the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People which became particular law for the Catholic Church in the United States. Its purpose is to ensure that no one who works for the Catholic Church will ever pose a threat of any kind to any person, young or old. Please keep this context in mind lest any become upset about anything that seems too strict regarding Safe Environment training and certifications.

"An anecdote on filling the pews that you can find at various internet sites goes like this: A Church goer complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. 'I've gone for 30 years now,' he wrote, 'and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.' This went on for weeks until someone wrote: 'I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for ... those meals. But I do know this; they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!'"

Whether or not this story is enough for anyone struggling for a reason to regularly attend and pray at Mass, it is made more difficult in the current news environment. We are bombarded by media ignoring facts and reporting opinion. This discourages us from making our own decisions. Like Archbishop Lori said, we may be upset that our view did not prevail among a people who refuse to consider anything that conflicts with their own position. Our youth face unique pressures and a breakdown in family life, missing strong, religious parenting. So, the committee's advice, brothers, is to become deeply involved in our parishes and schools – Faith in Action. Help families be strong; help fathers lead and become deep in their daily commitments to follow always in the footsteps of Christ – Faith in Action.

Remember to make worship of God through prayer a priority in all council activities; an involved chaplain is particularly helpful here. It's important to show new members that they are in an environment that will, "Deepen your faith with access to spiritual resources to help you become a better Catholic man." Remember to plan with the pastor and the various parish committees on how the council can assist him and serve the parish. The round table program is especially important to non-parish-based councils and why it is so important for councils to be of the parish, not only at the parish. Remember to use and inform your insurance agents, diocesan membership directors and diocesan program directors. They are all resources.

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Brothers, it has been a privilege to present this report on behalf of the Good of the Order Committee. Worthy State Deputy, thank you for the honor to address the 119<sup>th</sup> State Convention of the Knights of Columbus on Mackinac Island and to present this report to our distinguished brother Knights. The Good of the Order Committee requests that this report be approved and incorporated into the proceedings of this meeting and that the members of the Good of the Order Committee please stand, be recognized, and with the permission of the state deputy be released.

On motion duly seconded it was voted that the report of The Good of the Order be incorporated in the proceedings of this meeting.

Good of the Order Committee: Round Table Director and Committee Chair Daniel P. Remeika, Detroit Archdiocesan Regional Director David Bieniak, Gaylord Diocesan Membership East Director Michael J. Czajkowski, District Deputy #37 Martin Babich, District Deputy #82 Bob Luxford, District Deputy #46 Roger Pamment, GK1492 Michael O'Brien, GK2569 Sean Dare, GK 4401 Henry Testa, GK 7200 Darin Gilbert

**Marcel (Randy) Ranville 100th Birthday**

By George Jakska



He laughed, he listened, he hugged, shook hands, kissed and exchanged remembrances for virtually three hours with many of the more than 300 people who came to give their best wishes May 26, to Marcel (Randy) Ranville on his 100th birthday and who originally joined the Knights of Columbus 80 years ago.

Ranville was born May 29, 1919 in Flint, was feted at a dinner party in Flint Elks Lodge 222 in a festoon afternoon gathering planned by his nine children, all of whom attend as well as many friends and relatives who came to honor the retired McDonald Dairy retail sales and deliveryman.

Ranville seemed to know most of the well-wishes who greeted him over a three-hour period as he sat in a chair at a corner of the dinning room dressed in a dark blue suite, red shirt and matching tie. "Please no gifts" guests were cautioned in their invitation which declared "Time to Celebrate!" They abided by the request but carried greeting cards dropped in a basket next to birthday greetings from President Donald Trump, a Papal Blessing from Pope Francis and a bowling ball which drew attention to Ranville's 71 years in the Flint Knights of Columbus Bowling League.

He retired from the league in January 2018 at 98 and said at his party, "I can't bowl anymore."

But, he is still active and loves to share peanut-and-jelly sandwiches with family members. He still lives in the same Flint area home he and his late wife, Ruth Ellen, shared. His family members show up regularly to keep tabs on him.



"They're nine of us so it's easy to do," said son Tim Ranville, who like another brother, Mark, is a member of Msgr. Dunigan Council 695, Flint, along with their father.

Not only are there the children but there are 22

grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren stay in touch.

Another group of friends are connected with Holy Family Catholic Church in Grand Blanc where Ranville has been a parishioner for 61 years, he led a Tuesday night Rosary at the Church.

The most Rev. Gerald L. Vincke, who was pastor of Holy Family for part of the time Ranville has attended, has been bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Salina, Kansas, since August 2018. But, he was on hand for the celebration to congratulate Ranville and gave him a blessing.

the papal blessing, encased in frame next to Ranville at his party, read: "The Holy Father Francis cordially imparts his apostolic blessing to Marcel Ranville on the occasion of his 100th birthday and through the intercession of divine grace. May 29, 2019."

President Trump's greeting from the White House said in part: "Happy 100th birthday! Congratulations on this wonderful occasion. God bless you and happy birthday. Best wishes, Donald Trump.

Bro. Knight Ranville joined Council 695 March 26, 1939 and was reinstated Jan. 1, 1969.

Many may have been too tired to do much of anything for days after Ranville's birthday experience. But, not this World War II veteran. He was off to a family picnic on Memorial Day.

"But, it's only a small one," daughter, Ginger Bowman, Laughed.

"If your actions inspire others to do more, to learn more, to dream more or to become more, you are a leader."

John Quincy Adams



Dear Brother Knights,

Now that the summer months are upon us and the weather is getting warmer, I hope you get the opportunity to enjoy family outings, friends and all the wonders our Great Lakes' State offers!

At Holy Cross Services, we have a busy summer planned too. While our students remain involved in a year round educational program throughout the summer months, we also give our kids plenty of opportunities for recreation, summer outings and field trips.

As always, we thank each and every one of you for your continued loyal support of our mission. Your efforts, time and donations change the lives of so many in positive and productive ways.

Please have a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer.

With Gratitude and humility,

Sharon Berkobien  
CEO

## About Holy Cross Services

Holy Cross Services (HCS) is a human services' agency whose mission is to bring hope, promote change, and help people live free, healthy and productive lives. Holy Cross has four main service areas: Children's Services (Foster Care, Residential, Independent Living, Juvenile Justice Transition); Behavioral Health Services (Substance Use & Mental Health Disorders); Homeless Services; and a Community Resource Center.

Founded in 1948, Holy Cross touches the lives of approximately 1,500 people every day who are abused, neglected, traumatized, and/or who suffer from substance abuse and mental health issues across Michigan, plus over 7,000 homeless veterans, adults and children in Lansing, Michigan. HCS is one of the largest private, not-for-profit providers in Michigan.

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

[www.HolyCrossServices.org](http://www.HolyCrossServices.org).

## How Does Holy Cross Change Lives? Client Testimonial

"With the schooling program, before I came here I really wasn't attentive because I kinda didn't have the control of my own life. But once I came here, I gained the responsibility to take my classes serious, and really take my life serious. With the schooling Holy Cross has given me I received enough progress to benefit myself and I went from failing grades to getting all As."

### HOLY CROSS SERVICES APRIL CALENDAR WINNERS

Stephen & Kimberlie Lewis, Arthur Stanley, Ralph Chappa, Camden Anderson, James Pitsch, Mike Bauerschmidt, John Rogers, Thomas Wegener, Robert Trocke, Arthur Spencer, Nancy Hozeska, Carl & Mary Treadway, James Raiss, Michael Radelt, John Gallina, Lynn Walters, John Thelen, Jerome & Marie Manofsky, Stefan Davidek, Robert Renaud, Mark Mercurio, Louie & Ruth D'Ambrosio, Stephen Reno, Christina Liss, William & Kelley Schmitt, Charles Loader, Gregory McCarty, Ronald & Diana Iwankovitch, David Pariseau, Ann O'Neil,

**\$500 WINNER - George & Esther Jakska**

### HOLY CROSS SERVICES MAY CALENDAR WINNERS

David Pohl, James Zanoni, Kathleen Roush, Thomas & Gail Thelen, David Sledge, Thomas Bigelow, Theresa Williams, Larry & Ruth Stoinski, Brian Lane, Wayne Clinger, Harold & Mary Lou Schmitt, Don LaMarche, Thomas Brooks, Scott Corbin, Charles Rutkowski, Edward Slaughter, Edwin & Judith Kuberski, Keith Peterson, Ronald Bush, Carolyn Zanetti, Jodi Jameson, Donald Kortas, Thomas Marvin, John Will, Mary Ann Zukowski, Henry & Marie Alarie, David & Elaine Peyok, Alan Kramer, Elmer Rinehart, Steven Chetcuti, Marcia Wilson,

**\$500 WINNER - John Andres**

### HOLY CROSS SERVICES JUNE CALENDAR WINNERS

Richard Rehmann, Ethan Gerber, Raymond Ross, Bruce Blonde, George Wygant, John Rogers, Frank Formosa, Alfred Hood, Lance Butler, Sr., Mary Fox, James & Lynn Thelen, Jeff Gilliland, Barbara Pietras, Lawrence Hess, Peter Cervini, Carl Taus, John St. Andre, James Mattina, Russell Fein, Mark Kopyy, Gerald & Janet MacFalda, Carl Ozanich, Eliodoro Hinojosa, Walter Winkle, Jr., Ronald Coopshaw, Daniel Frank, Raymond Scherer, Martin Finucane, Virginia Heinritz, Robert Holihan,

**\$500 WINNER - Joseph Dunn**

The 2020 Holy Cross Services Giving Calendars are available at your local Knights of Columbus Council or you can contact Karen Rupley at [krupley@hccsnet.org](mailto:krupley@hccsnet.org) or 517-423-7556 to order yours today. These calendars make great gifts for birthdays, anniversaries and help bring hope and opportunity to our kids – it's a WIN/WIN!!







A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to one of HCS Board Members, Ron Weingartz, and his family for donating a heavy-duty mower we needed badly for our Saginaw properties. The Weingartz Family has been generous supporters of HCS for over 35 years. We so appreciate you!



A special thanks to Mike Fontana, a HCS Board Member, for donating hundreds of new socks to our clients across the state. We appreciate you!

### Good Samaritans Ladies Annual Fundraising Event

On the evening of May 16, guests enjoyed dinner at Cuisine Restaurant then strolled across the street for a performance of "Waitress" at the Fisher Theatre. This was the 7th annual event organized by the Good Samaritans, a group of ladies from Bloomfield Hills and Grosse Pointe who raise funds to benefit the kids at Holy Cross Services.



If you held events at your Council to benefit Holy Cross Services and would like them published in the Michigan Columbian please send photos and information to Karen Rupley at [krupley@hccsnet.org](mailto:krupley@hccsnet.org).







**Michigan  
State Council**

**2019**

**Camp Out**

**When:** August 23/24/25, 2019 (Arrive Friday-Leave Sunday)

**Where:** Coldwater Lake Family Park  
1703 N. Littlefield Rd  
Weidman, MI 48893  
(989) 644-2388  
Email: [parks@isabellacounty.org](mailto:parks@isabellacounty.org)

**Who:** Open to all Families.

- 30 Campsites available. \$25.00 per day.
- Games for all ages.
- Corn hole tournament to include possible grudge match between SD Bill Chasse and PSD Bob Fox.
- 50/50 Raffle....proceeds go to SD charity of choice.
- Saturday evening Mass.
- Potluck after Mass.

Please contact me directly to reserve your campsite or to answer any questions you might have.

**Dan Searle, State Community Director**  
[d.searle@mikofc.org](mailto:d.searle@mikofc.org) (616) 443-4151

**FROM THE FIRST CHRISTIANS  
TO THE JIHAD TODAY**

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MASHED RED POTATOES  
VEGETABLE MEDLEY  
WHITE / RED WINE  
DESERT

OUR LADY HELP OF  
PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

SEPTEMBER 21 IN ALLEGAN, MI  
BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH  
110 N. CEDAR STREET  
ALLEGAN, MI 49010  
TIME: DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM  
DINNER SERVED AT 6:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 28 IN DETROIT, MI  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL  
22040 RYAN RD  
WARREN, MI 48091  
TIME: DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM  
DINNER SERVED AT 6:30 PM

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY:  
\$25 PER PERSON OR \$40 PER COUPLE  
CALL BOB BAGLEY FOR TICKETS: 269-806-3883  
PURCHASE TICKETS BY SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

May They Rest In Peace

**Flint Council 695**  
Philip Smith, PGK  
Severino Lombardie  
Richard Chimmer  
**West Branch Council 2022**  
Bob Griffen, Williard Wangler  
**Detroit Council 2739**  
Frank Pilzner  
**Lincoln Park Council 3078**  
Gerald Kruso, Edward Zygmunt

Michael Rae, Richard Suchyta  
Thaddeus Sipowicz, Lynn Labadie  
Fred Pellegrine, John Kisk  
Dominick Roselle, Ronald Currie  
**Allen Park Council 3774**  
Fr. Eugene Wojtevicz  
**Clawson Council 4188**  
Mike Ryan

**Roscommon Council 6593**  
Tom Koscinski, Larry Eastley  
**Macomb Council 7200**  
Ron Verellen  
**South Lyon Council 7586**  
David Hellmer  
**Montrose Council 8669**  
William Winters, George Baksa  
**Port Huron Council 11756**  
Richard Meadows

**Sterling Heights Council 12102**  
Ted Roth  
**Muskegon Hgts. Council 13579**  
Dann Vanbergen  
**Southfield Council 14928**  
Fr. John Gagala, Sherman Neil

| 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. |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 7/20/19            | 8:30 AM                        | 10:00 AM                         | 11:00 AM                          | Grand Rapids       | 8291           | Gerald Barry    | 616-318-5767      |
| 9/7/19             | 11:00 AM                       | 12:00 PM                         | 1:00 PM                           | White Pigeon       | 13749          | Bruce Blonde    | 574-358-0119      |
| 9/14/19            | 8:00 AM                        | 9:30 AM                          | 10:30 AM                          | Caledonia          | 8291           | Gerard Barry    | 616-318-5767      |
| 9/19/19            | None                           | 6:30 PM                          | 7:30 PM                           | Portland           | 2168           | William Vallier | 517-526-2956      |
| 4/25/20            | Patriotic                      | Degree                           |                                   | Bay City           |                | Keith Woodrum   | District #4       |

**WHAT WILL THE NEW DEGREES BE LIKE?**  
by  
**EUGENE MURAWSKI, STATE CEREMONIAL DIRECTOR**

This will be the question of the year. Supreme has not given any indication as of April 1, which is when I am writing this article. I have talked to our Supreme Ceremonial Coordinator, Joseph Behnke, and he told me that there has not been any announcement yet. I was told that it will probably be another year before this will happen. We have heard all kinds of changes that may happen, however until we get the official word, we will schedule and do Major Degrees the way we have been doing them.

Now what can our wives participate in? At the present time they can be in our Council Meetings, but have to leave the room when a vote would be taken. To me this will be very disturbing to try to conduct a good meeting. We have had a question about whether or not a wife can observe an Admission Degree, and the answer is NO at the present time. Maybe with the change that is coming it will be possible, but not until that is announced. Therefore, at the present time the degrees should be conducted as in the past.

At the Winter Meeting, I gave the District Deputies a Challenge called Knighthood Degree Challenge. The winner of the Challenge would win a free Wednesday Night, May 22nd, before the Convention starts at the Great Grand Hotel. The winner of the Knighthood Challenge was District Deputy #24 Gary Kopp from Washington Twp. On February 16, 2019, Gary had 33 men go through their Knighthood Degree at Macomb. Congratulations to Gary.

I have compiled totals as of May 29th for the total of men that have going through their Knighthood Degree.

Day of the week    Number of Degrees    Number of candidates  
Average per degree

|           |    |     |
|-----------|----|-----|
| Sunday    | 13 | 228 |
| 17.5      |    |     |
| Monday    | 3  | 45  |
| 15.0      |    |     |
| Tuesday   | 2  | 10  |
| 5.0       |    |     |
| Wednesday | 3  | 28  |
| 9.3       |    |     |
| Thursday  | 8  | 101 |
| 12.6      |    |     |
| Friday    | 1  | 4   |
| 4.0       |    |     |
| Saturday  | 38 | 445 |
| 11.7      |    |     |
| Totals    | 68 | 861 |
| 10.0      |    |     |

As you can, see we do not get very many men going through the Knighthood Degree. Gentlemen, if we do not get men through the Knighthood Degree, where do we get these new Officers that we need so badly. As the older men die, who will be there to fill their shoes. We keep getting less each year to go through the Knighthood Degree. We need to change this and soon. As a District Deputy, you need to schedule a Major Degree in your District so our 1st Degree Knights learn the lesson of Unity and Fraternity.

**2019 Bishops Gala**



Michigan State Deputy William Chasse` presented Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron with a check for \$150,256.58 for the seminary as part of the Knights` national match program in which the Supreme council in New Haven, Conn., contributed a \$31,000 match to the overall donation.

William Chasse State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus gifts Archbishop Vigneron with a six figure donation to the seminary on behalf of the knight.



After accepting the check, Archbishop Vigneron took to the podium, where Chasse` had another gift for the Archbishop – a large icon of Our Lady Help of Christians, a devotion near and dear to the Knights of Columbus.

Knights of Columbus State Deputy William Chasse` gifts Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron with an image of Our Lady of Persecuted Christians at the 2019 Archbishop`s Gala at the Cobo Center. The annual gala is organized to benefit Sacred Heart Seminary.

## 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

**Alpena Council 529**

Michael & Rebecca  
Kieliszewski

**Battle Creek Council 575**

Andy & Pam Rockwell

**Mt. Clemens Council 744**

James Houthoffd family

Scott Burnham family

Jeffrey Ashman family

**Lansing Council 788**

Ed & Kathy Stoffer

Ken Morrison family

Mike & Pattie Schaefer

John & Sherrie Drzik

**Marine City Council 856**

Roland Woelkers family

Judy & Karen Beauvais

**West Branch Council 2022**

Albert & Ruth Gildner \*cfy

**St. Clair Council 2251**

Leroy Mollan family \*cfy

Bill Nesbit family

**Standish Council 2724**

Albert & Janeen Dubey

James & Aggie Somerfield

**Gaylord Council 2781**

Edward & Mary Woycik

Michael & Julie Rola

Tom & Sue Wojtkowiak

**Westphalia Council 2890**

Steve & Ruth Miller

Tommy & Sue Lyons \*cfy

Sam & Amy Miller

Dave & Sherri Wollfert

**Utica Council 2950**

Jim & Jenine Langeveld

Ray & Michele Campbell

Ken & Lynn Grunewald

**Pinconning Council 2986**

Richard & Bonnie Misiak

Gary & Aelene Patelski

Raymond & Sharon Skrabut

**Lincoln Park Council 3078**

Bruce & Linda Lukosavich

Ray & Monica Bisson

Rich & Diane Tosh

**Ruth Council 3823**

Jerome & Judy Messing

Robert & Suzy Tenbusek

Rick & Sandy Vogal

Melvin & Sue Holdwick

**Saginaw Council 4232**

Ladies Auxiliary

Harry & Debbie Fortier

Jeff & Becky Woodingon

**Farmington Council 4401**

Arnel & Maria Nablo

Rinaldo & Carmen Maffezzoli

**Waterford Council 5436**

Chris & Cheryl Lee

Anthony & Joanne Blazevic

**New Baltimore Council**

5981

Ron & Jeanine DePestal

Ken & Jeanette Morrow

Michael & Kathleen Cousins

Galen & Sharyn Johnson

**Eaton Rapids Council 6534**

Ron & Dorothy Miller

**Roscommon Council 6593**

Keith & Mary Kleinert

Andre & Trina Jannise

Tom & Mary Charleston

Herman & Inabeth Bratfish

**Posen Council 6657**

Joel & Jan Kendzorski

Rick & Sandy Gronczewski

Eric & Tammy Hincka

**Swartz Creek Council 6694**

Ken & Molly Lixey

**Macomb Council 7200**

Greg & Angie Deakin

Dave & Lois Gacki

Brian & Gretchen McAleer

**Jenison Council 7487**

Tom & Tina Parrish

Mike & Sue London

Rick & Karen Grzesiak

**South Lyon Council 7586**

John & Rose Joseph

Steve & Barb Penkevich

Jim & Hildegarde Dean

**Hale council 7623**

Roger & Kathy Houthoofd

David & Joanne Bonnau

Brenda McDonald &

Anmne Kaffenberger

**Hillman Council 8041**

Joe & Sue Kennard

George & Elaine Daniels

**Sanford council 8043**

Don & Connie Fortier

Jonathan & Ellie Morse

**Auburn Hills Council 8659**

Michael & Molly Mueller

John & Laura Langlois

**Montrose Council 8669**

Ronald & Brenda Woodward

Edward & Kateland Polzin, III

Steve & Judy Fejedelem

**Yale Council 8710**

Jeffrey & Mary Ellen

Pattenaude

John & Janet Vermeesch

**Mason Council 9182**

Tony Igl family

Gordan & Mary Ann May

**Kimball Council 9526**

Steven & Jennifer Ginther

Theodore & Nancy Hubbard

Richard & Evelyn Carl

Edgar & Kathy Fandrick

**Ira Council 10724**

Ray & Laura Somogy

**Harrison Township Council**

11658

Dave & Dianne Lahey

Anthony & Sarah Rangel

**Clinton Township Council**

11689

Daniel & Rosanne Steele

Steve & Sandie Hull

John & Tina Mocerri

**Laingsburg Council 12044**

Jack & Julie Rich

Jim & Anita Leathers

Mike & Aloise Bachelder

**Sterling Heights Council 12102**

David & Debbie Hill

Joseph & Ruth Ann Swantek

Al & Terri Shulin

**Gaines Council 12186**

Frank & Jackie Kondel

Brent & Marlene Cole

Phil & Lisa Elder

Richard & Beth Ockerman

**Reed City Council 12668**

Greg & Maura St. Onge

George & Sherry Strodl

**Vicksburg Council 13305**

Gary & Marie Lynn Gauthier

Edward & Amanda Klein

**Sterling Heights Council**

13340

Kevin & Virginia Wisely

**Muskegon Hgts. Council**

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Thomas & Susan Ketchum

Gregg & Sheri Anderson

Wayne & Irene LaPointe

Michael & Kathy Lewis

**Sterling Heights Council**

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Pat McGinnis

**Shelby Twp. Council 13983**

Darrell & Sally Pawlowski

Tom & Cindy Cupisz

**Southfield Council 14928**

Will Hughes family

**Westland Council 15204**

Jay & Carol Nelius

Ed & Wendy Findysz

Michael & Kate Mercado

**Canton Council 16169**

Ed Hurst family

Rob Dempsey family

Ron Kaledas family

**Membership Growth**

Recruiting new members is essential to the continued growth and well-being of your council and the Order. Offering a man membership in the Knights of Columbus gives him the opportunity to improve his own life and his community. Membership allows him to experience the fraternal bond that Knights share while growing closer to his family and faith.



## 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

**Alpena Council 529**

Kim & Michelle Miller  
Lawrence & Nancy Forster

**Mt. Clemens Council 744**

David Lynn, Peter Nollette  
Frans Brinker

**Lansing Council 788**

Chris Wegener, Mike Shepard

**Marine City Council 856**

Dan LaVere, Jim McPhee

**Monroe Council 1266**

Joseph Marion

**West Branch Council 2022**

Andy Zettel \*cky

**St. Clair Council 2251**

Daniel Granowicz \*cky

Todd Spreader

**Howell Council 2659**

Anthony Redilla

**Standish Council 2724**

Dennis Monsere, Gerald  
Brown

**Gaylord Council 2781**

Dennis Kudej, Christopher Bur

Terry Avenall

**Westphalia Council 2890**

Paul Fink, Francis Martin\*cky

Brian Smith, Terry Nurenberg

**Utica Council 2950**

Joe Lograsso, Chuck Pollum

Roy Attard

**Ruth Council 3823**

Hebert Pionk, Anthony

Rutkowski

Eugene Smalley

**Warren Council 3848**

Jerome Kunert, Ed Sobczak

**Farmington Council 4401**

Michael Kenney, Thomas Kyle

Anand Thakur, Rinaldo

Maffezzoli

Joseph Power

**Imley City Council 4556**

Vincent McDermott

**Sandusky Council 4693**

Tom Machalek

**Waterford Council 5436**

John Greaves, Stephen Card

David Tardiff

**New Baltimore Council 5981**

Dale Valliere, Duane Gaedeke

John Grillo, Kevin Wolf

**Roscommon Council 6593**

Lenten Pierogi Group

Joe Charleston

**Posen Council 6657**

Kenneth Momrik, James

Kendzorski

John Talaska

**Michigan Center Council**

6687

James Daley, Corey Hamman

\*cky

**Swartz Creek Council 6694**

Bob Kranz, Ken Klungle

Dan Mancillas

**Ortonville Council 6824**

Ken Sheperd

Sterling Heights Council 7011

Rick Yamin

**Macomb Council 7200**

Chijioke Oparaji, James

Catalina

Dennis Jarzombek

**Brighton Council 7304**

Jerome Gross \*cky

**Fenton Council 7418**

Daniel Cusson, John Thomas

Donald Stilson

**Jenison Council 7487**

Gary Fein, Karl Knittel

Adam Roberts

**Hale Council 7623**

Eugene Dow, Robert Kunz

**South Lyon Council 7586**

Fr. Stan Tokarski, Dave Ferrell

\*cky

Doug Osborn

**Hillman Council 8041**

Roger Marquardt, Paul Kortier

Scott Sutkay

**Sanford Council 8043**

Roy DeWyse

**Auburn Hills Council 8659**

Jim Johnson, Sean Sylvester

\*cky

William Clark, Tom Addison

Jerry Rowland

**Montrose Council 8669**

Brock Miller

**Yale Council 8710**

Lawrence Kavanagh, Scott

Wofford

**Cass City Council 8892**

Bob Mosack, Bob Butucel

Bill Klinkman,

Gordon Kujawski \*cky

**Mason Council 9182**

Jerry DeRosa, Tom Trimmer

George Wygant

**Kimball Council 9526**

William Deveny, Gale Messing

Mark Privette, Charles Peyerk

**Kalamazoo Council 9962**

Matthew Eickholt, Bob Flach

Michael Wachowski, Adam

Knott

Rev. James Richardson

Jordan Beery

**Ira Council 10724**

George Grobbel

**Harbor Beach Council 11432**

Darrell Connell, Steve Schwab

Dale Emming, Dean Kozfkay

Emmett Trudeau

**Harrison Township Council**

11658

Tim Versellie, Ronald Bergler

**Clinton Township Council**

11689

Alfred Soulliere, Philip

Mularski

Larry Orzechowski, Joseph

Kish

**Novi Council 11811**

Fred Geist

**Laingsburg Council 12044**

Mike & Aloise Bachelder

**Sterling Heights Council**

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Peter Ishioka, Joseph Myny

Mark Sulewski

**Gaines Council 12186**

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Phil Elder, Richard Ockerman

**Brighton Council 12295**

Rodney Simon, Steve Potrykus

Cory Davis

**Reed City Council 12668**

Richard Karns, George Strodl

**Vicksburg Council 13305**

William Zeman, John Lagowski

**Sterling Heights Council**

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Jakub Shonka, Shawn Kronner

George Downey, Gary

Puchalski

**Muskegon Hgts. Council**

13579

J.F. Harris, Richard Miller

Robert Johnson,

Garret Kelenske \*cky

**Farmington Council 13673**

Frank Gariepy, Kenneth May

**Sterling Heights Council**

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Marc Tuscany, Stan Sikorski

**White Cloud Council 13939**

Dean Heflin

**Shelby Township Council**

13983

Jerry Derkacz, Mark Kicinski

Mark Kicinski, Bob Ansell

Al Jankowski

**Northville Council 14427**

Jim Hunt

**Southfield Council 14928**

Jerry Rattenbury, William

Cybulski

Alexander Brankiewicz

Larry Cadotte, Zachary

Newman

**Westland Council 15204**

Doug Cyr, Sr., Ken Konrad

Paul Kinnell

**Canton Council 16169**

Dan Bihn, Chuck Lang

Larry Redman, Joe Pryce

**Washington Twp. Council**

16630



One member per council per month

# AROUND THE STATE



## The Iron River Knights of Columbus Council 2300

held its 44th annual tootsie roll drive the past Palm Sunday weekend.

Here knight Terry Verville presents a tootsie roll to Bigari Ace Hardware proprietor, Nick Bigari.

The drive is held annually to assist individuals with mental impairments such as the West Iron County Special Education Dept. The knights wish to thank the local community for supporting the very successful drive and also to thank the businesses which allowed them to solicit at their sites.



Joe Velie was initiated into the 2nd (formation) and 3rd (knighthood) degrees at a knights of columbus ceremony at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Norway on Sunday, April 28th., he was among 12 other candidates.

On the left, Financial Secretary Terry Verville presents Velie with a certificate, and on the right, Grand Knight Rick Commenator presents Velie with his 3rd degree membership card. All of which are members of the **Iron River Knights of Columbus, Council 2300.**



**Msgr. Kohler Council #15204 and Notre Dame Council #3021** cohosted a Silver Rose prayer on May 9th in Westland, MI.



On Saturday March 30, 2019, **St Louise de Marillac Knights of Columbus Council #8186** hosted a Desert Dinner to support local seminarians. Over 100 guests enjoyed a Chicken Cacciatore dinner, lovingly prepared by our Pastor/Chaplain Father Michael Suhy. Deacon Charlie Pace presented an informational video from Sacred Heart Major Seminary about the Desert Formation Experience while seminarians Adam Worm and Brother John of the Cross spoke about their spiritual journeys. The council provided several door prizes including a leather-bound gold leaf Bible, a beautiful hematite rosary, and copies of "Into the Breach" to our guests.



Bill Daniels, Bob Wachowski and Jerry Jalousynski, members of **Shepherd Council 8554**, stand next to the outdoor Bible stand constructed and installed by the Knights for a the "meditation garden" at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. The stand, designed to resemble a country church with a stained glass window, will allow parishioners to read and reflect on Scripture in the garden.



**Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536** helped the Plymouth American Legion Post #391 and the Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #1780 in their program to serve a steak lunch to 120 veterans from the John Dingell Detroit Va Hospital, the Ann Arbor Va Hospital and a homeless veterans facility in Detroit. Knights serving those who served in the military were: back row L-R Gene Suchyta, Tony Wright, Greg Rapelja, Ed Shaheen, Doug Cyr, Chet Ostrowski, Frank Pawelak. Front row L-R: Rick Adis, Gerry Pietszak, Bill Wendling, Shane Brazeika, Vince Ventura. Not shown Pietro Arciero.

**Good Shepherd Council 8669** in Montrose held their annual Wild Game Dinner this year on Monday, March 11. 53 guests were served from a variety of wild game dishes provided by council members. Each year council members select a worthy cause to donate the proceeds from the dinner. This year, the council designated veteran's affairs as recipient of the funds. A total of \$2,500 was raised and donated to the "Wrap a Vet" Program, which provides a combination winter coat and sleeping bag apparel to homeless veterans. Good Shepherd Council 8669's Community Director Duane Tripp presented a check for \$2,500 to Lenny Accardo, Representing Msgr. Patrick R. Dunigan 4th Degree Assembly #510, Burton MI which sponsors the "Wrap a Vet" initiative.

**Programs =  
New Members**

**Father Arnold Kosco Council 12808 in West Bloomfield** has provided continued support and contributions to The Miracle League, the first Michigan organization of its kind, is a nonprofit providing hands-on training and special baseball fields for children and adults with physical and mental disabilities.

Members of **St. Basil's Council 2594 in South Haven** raised \$2,500 through a soup lunch at St. Basil's Catholic Church, almost doubling the previous record. The money was donated to the heating assistance fund of We Care I.N.C., an ecumenical Christian nonprofit that connects people with needed resources.



On Tuesday, June 11, Scout Troop 743 joined with members of **Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536** in a Flag Retirement Ceremony at Fr. Victor J. Renaud Knights of Columbus Hall in Plymouth, Michigan. Family members, as well as members of **Fr. Victor J. Renaud Council # 3292** were also on hand for the ceremony.



On Sunday, June 9, **Reverend Derik Peterman**, newly ordained on June 8 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, celebrated his first Mass at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, in Westland, Michigan. Father Derik is also a Sir Knight in Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536, and members of the Color Corps were on hand for the celebration.



**LASTING REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DEPARTED**

Memorial Plaque:

A beautiful and lasting remembrance is to have your loved one enrolled in the Knights of Columbus Vocations Committee Memorial Society Plaque, which now hangs in the chapel of Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. Memorial plaques can be obtained or a tax deductible gift of \$25 a line – maximum 4 lines per plaque (\$100).

APPLICATIONS FOR 2019 WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL OCTOBER 21, 2019.

Also, those enrolled will share in the daily masses, prayers and good works of the Priests and Seminarians of the Seminary.

Proceeds from this ongoing fund-raiser go to aid students studying for religious vocations that are in need of financial help.

K of C Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Major Seminary  
 Sunday, November 10, 2019@10:00AM.

Families of these Brother Knights & friends are invited to attend the Memorial Mass.

|                                            |                                                                                             |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| In Memory of _____                         | Date of Death _____                                                                         |
| Gift of \$ _____                           | Requested By _____                                                                          |
| Street _____                               | Telephone _____                                                                             |
| City _____                                 | State _____ Zip Code _____                                                                  |
| <b><u>MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DAVL</u></b> |                                                                                             |
| <b>Mail to:</b>                            | Robert J. Garstka<br>DAVL Memorial Mass Chariman<br>47120 Savannah Dr.<br>Macomb, MI. 48044 |

**Applicants will be contacted for multiple line engraving information.**

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Applications are available at:

1. Michigan Columbian
2. By contacting Bob Garstka at [rjgars@comcast.net](mailto:rjgars@comcast.net) (586) 484-0781.  
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**MICHIGAN COLUMBIAN PUBLICATION SCHEDULE**  
 COPY DEADLINE MONTH

MARCH 1st.....APRIL 2020  
 JUNE 1st..... JULY 2020  
 SEPTEMBER 1st.....OCTOBER 2019  
 DECEMBER 1st.....JANUARY 2020

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 39373 DURAND DRIVE  
 STERLING HEIGHTS, MI. 48310  
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**Coats for Kids Action Steps**

Contact the state program director to inquire about assisting in a Coats for Kids event or coordinating one in your community.

Using Knights Gear (or another outside vendor) order coats for the event. Coats can be bought on [www.knightsgear.com](http://www.knightsgear.com) in the United States and [www.knightsgear.ca](http://www.knightsgear.ca) in Canada.

Prior to the Coats for Kids event, create and distribute a tailored release to local media.

Build public interest! Promote the Coats for Kids event in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:

- Prominently display promotional posters Bulletin announcements
- Pulpit announcements
- Posting on your council and parish website / social media pages.

Invite the media to attend. (For publicity reasons, councils might also consider inviting local athletes, TV personnel, and the parish priest to the distribution, as well.)

On the day of the event, wear Knights of Columbus-branded apparel and have the council membership director set up a table with 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.

Following the Coats for Kids event, update the community on the success of your program by amending the sample press release and distributing it to local media, along with energizing photographs from the event.

To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms and submit them to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission. Remember to retain copies for your council records.

**When the members of the Knights of Columbus unite, they help change the world.**



**St. Kieran Knights of Columbus Conduct Citizenship Essay Contest at Austin Catholic High School**



St. Kieran Knights of Columbus Council 13983 attended Mass at Austin Catholic High School in Chesterfield Township on March 14, 2019. Attending from the Council were Grand Knight Ralph Engler, Recorder Joseph Vogel, and Past Grand Knight Ron Koscierzynski. Members of the school’s Board of Directors were also present at the Mass that day.

The council members had the opportunity to speak to the students after Mass as well as to present awards to the winners of their Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The award winners for 12<sup>th</sup> grade were First Place winner Christian

Spearman of Sterling Heights, Second Place was Tiffany Ryan of Richmond, and in Third Place was Maria Schudt of Macomb Township. Receiving First Place at the 11<sup>th</sup> Grade level was Hannah Klatzke of Sterling Heights. 10<sup>th</sup> Grade winners were Mackenzie Byars of Clinton Township for First Place, Second Place was Victoria Dawidowicz of Macomb Township, and receiving Third Place was Abby Weingartz of Shelby Township. Recipients of awards from the 9<sup>th</sup> grade were First Place winner Nicholas Tessmer of Shelby Township, Aiden Bizzo of Shelby Township for Second Place, and Lydia Kukawka of Harsens Island for Third Place. The students were presented with a certificate and a check in recognition of their efforts.

The Knights also presented the school with a \$1,000 donation. Austin Catholic High School is a co-ed comprehensive college preparatory school serving young men and women of all faiths in northern Macomb County. Opened in 2011, Austin aims to cultivate healthy and resourceful students for college and beyond with a liberal arts program committed to the Augustinian values of Truth, Unity, and Love. Austin offers full academic and extracurricular programming, with highly qualified instructors and dedicated staff in a community environment.

**“A call to men of faith”**



Front Row L-R: Bao Nguyen, hy Ngo, Tung Nguyen, Nho Nguyen, thach Nguyn.  
Bach Row R-L: Pawel Pawliszko, Adrien Leszko, Din Pham, Przemyslaw Rozestwinski, Chuan Trin H.

On March 28, 2019, the archbishop Fulton John Sheen Council #7444 members traveled to St. Mary’s Orchard Lake Seminary where we met 10 young men who are studying to be a priest and yet taking time to join the

Knights of Columbus.

They are very busy with studies, teaching and their chores, but someday when standing on an alter where ever it may be and telling their congregation “I am a member of the Knights of Columbus.”

YES I wish to enroll in the Guild and to receive the newsletter.  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Country \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please list below the names and addresses of any family or friend who might be interested in the Guild’s work.  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address City/State/Country Country \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address City/State/ \_\_\_\_\_  
**MONTHLY MASS FOR GUILD MEMBERS**  
 Please remember these specific intentions at the monthly Mass for Guild Member.  
 1.  
 If you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to support the mission of the Guild, checks should be made payable to The Father McGivney Guild, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, Ct

**Casey Teddy Bear Order Form**

Council No. \_\_\_\_\_ Council Name \_\_\_\_\_

Order Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ Total Order (Number of Bears x \$10) \_\_\_\_\_

Ship To:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Checks Payable to: Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus Memo: Casey Teddy Bears

Send to: State Program Director  
 William Leveque, Sr.  
 7820 E Old M-78  
 East Lansing, MI 48823



**MICHIGAN STATE COUNCIL  
TIGER DAY 2019  
DETROIT TIGERS VS. CHICAGO WHITE SOX  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019 – 6:10 PM**

The 2019 Knights of Columbus Tiger Day will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 6:10 PM against Central Division rivals the Chicago White Sox. As it has been done over the past years all ticket requests must be sent to the State Director of Special Projects and Athletics, Mark Gaworecki.

**DO NOT SEND TICKET REQUESTS TO THE TIGERS BOX OFFICE.**

This year once again we have tickets in the baseline box seat area along the right field line and in the mezzanine area. The Lower Baseline Box Seats are \$32.00 each and the Mezzanine Seats are \$19.00 each. We currently have 200 box seats and 200 mezzanine seats for sale to our Brother Knights for this Saturday night game. Since there are no fireworks and it is after Labor Day the ticket prices are less than games during June through August. Also, it is the last weekend the Tigers are at home and it is Fan Appreciation weekend. The cost of the ticket you pay is the same as the Knights pay for them from the Tigers.

All ticket requests must include payment in full. Orders, which do not include payment, will not be processed. Make all checks payable to the MICHIGAN STATE COUNCIL with Tiger Day on the memo line.

What a great way to spend a warm July weekend evening with your Brother Knights and the 2016 Detroit Tigers. So don't delay and get your ticket requests in early. You don't want to be left out. **ALL TICKET REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019.**

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 313-388-6912.

Mark F. Gaworecki – State Director of Special Projects & Athletics

**Tiger Day – 2019 Order Form**

Council Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, St., Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number Of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please Note: Mezzanine Seats are \$19.00 each and Lower Baseline Box Seats are \$32.00 each

Mail Order Form and Payment to: Mark F. Gaworecki, State Dir. Of Special Projects  
14869 White Avenue, Allen Park, Michigan 48101-2138



**All Ticket Requests Must Be Received No Later Than Monday, August 19, 2019**



**St. John Neumann K of C Assembly 478  
Supports Vets Returning Home**



Vets Returning Home is a homeless shelter for military veterans located in Michigan's southeast Macomb County. Its mission is to provide the veteran with a stable, sober living environment, employment readiness training, aid with job placement, legal support, and life skills training. St. John Neumann Knights of Columbus Assembly 478 in Utica has been active over the past year in supporting not only the shelter, but also the veterans themselves as they seek to transition into society.

The Knights invited the residents of Vets Returning Home to attend as special guests the Assembly's annual picnic in August 2018. Twelve veterans attended as a result. A steak dinner was prepared and served to the vets that evening. Each vet was also presented with a personalized K of C Patriotic Service Award certificate in recognition and appreciation for their service.

The vets were also invited to attend the Assembly's annual Christmas party in December. Fourteen veterans accepted that invitation. A good time, warm fellowship, seasonal music, and a great dinner were enjoyed by all.

The Assembly likewise presented a donation of \$2,000.00 to Vets Returning Home throughout the year to assist the shelter with its operating expenses, as well as usable household items for the veterans' use as they graduate to apartments of their own.

**Program Categories:**

**Faith**

Grow in faith and build a strong parish and Church. Aid priests and religious in formation, honor our Mary, mother of God, and engage in serious spiritual reflections and religious education activities.

**Family**

Strengthen families through faith and service. Socialize and pray with other faith-filled Catholic families through special events, religious services and volunteer opportunities.

**Community**

Make a powerful difference in your community. Help those less fortunate with the basic human needs of clothing, shelter, mobility and compassion.

**MICHIGAN STATE COUNCIL  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MICHIGAN CHARITIES RAFFLE NOVEMBER 1, 2018 TO APRIL 24, 2019 - PRIZE WINNERS**

| PRIZE NO. | TICKET NO. | PRIZE                                                                 | COUNCIL | NAME               | LOCATION          |
|-----------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1         | 927145     | 1ST DEGREE CHARITY PRIZE- TRIP FOR 2 - 2020 SUPER BOWL + \$8,500 CASH | 7018    | MARK PYTLESKI      | ALLENTON          |
| SELLER    | 927145     | \$250.00                                                              | 7018    | EDWIN C. THEUT     | ROMEO             |
| 2         | 458491     | 2ND DEGREE UNITY PRIZE - \$1,500.00 CASH                              | 4055    | RONALD OSTROWSKI   | COLOMA            |
| SELLER    | 458491     | \$100.00                                                              | 4055    | RONALD OSTROWSKI   | COLOMA            |
| 3         | 442600     | 3RD DEGREE FRATERNITY PRIZE -\$1,000.00 CASH                          | 2515    | RON RAPA           | ALLEGAN           |
| SELLER    | 442600     | \$50.00                                                               | 2515    | RON RAPA           | ALLEGAN           |
| 4         | 934236     | 4TH DEGREE PATRIOTIC PRIZE - \$500.00 CASH                            | 3292    | DARWIN SEMANN      | PLYMOUTH          |
| SELLER    | 934236     | \$25.00                                                               | 8118    | HOWARD WEATHINGTON | DETROIT           |
| 5         | 634024     | \$360.00                                                              | 3860    | PAT MC CARTHY      | DEARBORN HEIGHTS  |
| 6         | 666206     | \$360.00                                                              | 14427   | GEORGE MCLEOD      | NORTHVILLE        |
| 7         | 67683      | \$360.00                                                              | 305     | GERALD S. GRUSKA   | TROY              |
| 8         | 921283     | \$360.00                                                              | 4362    | MARILYN KAMINSKI   | KENTWOOD          |
| 9         | 273427     | \$360.00                                                              | 4188    | TERRY CLAYTON      | CLAWSON           |
| 10        | 173617     | \$360.00                                                              | 8489    | CRAIG BRIGHT       | SWARTZ CREEK      |
| 11        | 43895      | \$180.00                                                              | 521     | JOE ARIGANELLO     | PORT HURON        |
| 12        | 931978     | \$180.00                                                              | 13942   | WILLIAM WALKER     | EAU CLAIRE        |
| 13        | 923022     | \$180.00                                                              | 791     | DOROTHY SABIN      | PETOSKEY          |
| 14        | 763669     | \$180.00                                                              | 12403   | BRADLEY RYSKEWICZ  | DETROIT           |
| 15        | 87923      | \$180.00                                                              | 5776    | BARBARA GOODALE    | BLOOMFIELD HILLS  |
| 16        | 556471     | \$180.00                                                              | 7100    | DAVID HANHAVIARA   | GOETZVILLE        |
| 17        | 174007     | \$180.00                                                              | 7418    | JAMES LUECK        | LINDEN            |
| 18        | 620786     | \$180.00                                                              | 7304    | LORI LALAMA        | BRIGHTON          |
| 19        | 734359     | \$180.00                                                              | 6609    | MARK ZANDE         | JACKSON           |
| 20        | 715908     | \$180.00                                                              | 5446    | RON PEREZ          | ROCKWOOD          |
| 21        | 100057     | \$120.00                                                              | 7011    | THOMAS DALIO       | STERLING HEIGHTS  |
| 22        | 115381     | \$120.00                                                              | 13983   | PHILLIP ROSS       | SHELBY TOWNSHIP   |
| 23        | 22300      | \$120.00                                                              | 7200    | JAMES CAFALINA     | MACOMB            |
| 24        | 82432      | \$120.00                                                              | 3129    | JOHN KAVALICK      | WARREN            |
| 25        | 420363     | \$120.00                                                              | 3281    | HARRY GEORGE       | ST. JOHNS         |
| 26        | 480145     | \$120.00                                                              | 7869    | EILEEN JONAS       | STANWOOD          |
| 27        | 543607     | \$120.00                                                              | 11664   | WALTER KRAIMER     | TRAVERSE CITY     |
| 28        | 141899     | \$120.00                                                              | 7444    | GERALD KLEMMER     | COMMERCE TOWNSHIP |
| 29        | 83675      | \$120.00                                                              | 16630   | RAY SAGERT         | WASHINGTON        |
| 30        | 924882     | \$120.00                                                              | 5981    | SALLY VANDENBOSCHE | CHESTERFIELD      |
| 31        | 47561      | \$60.00                                                               | 2667    | WILLY WINKLE       | COLUMBUS          |
| 32        | 12093      | \$60.00                                                               | 12403   | ROBERT MAURER      | CLINTON TOWNSHIP  |
| 33        | 563140     | \$60.00                                                               | 1705    | DON SMITH          | ROGER CITY        |
| 34        | 632306     | \$60.00                                                               | 13810   | LARRY MASEK        | DEARBORN HEIGHTS  |
| 35        | 37994      | \$60.00                                                               | 3129    | MILLICENT MATUSIAK | CHEDTERFIELD      |
| 36        | 669867     | \$60.00                                                               | 8902    | JAMES SALISBURY    | LAMBERTVILLE      |
| 37        | 97072      | \$60.00                                                               | 7011    | GAIL ECKSTEIN      | CLINTON TOWNSHIP  |
| 38        | 634495     | \$60.00                                                               | 3312    | TIM WRIGHT         | CANTON            |
| 39        | 204817     | \$60.00                                                               | 3651    | DEB NEUBECKER      | LAKE              |
| 40        | 926282     | \$60.00                                                               | 13958   | RENEE BEKIUS       | HOLLAND           |