

# State Council Program Awards

## Entry Form

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(A separate reporting form should be completed for each program category.)

CATEGORY (MARK ONE):  Faith  Family  Community  Life

### COUNCIL INFORMATION:

1 Council Number: 9182 Total Council Members: 179  
Grand Knight: Charles March E-Mail: gk9182@mikofc.org

### PROGRAM INFORMATION (complete all sections):

2 Program Title: Tragic Farm Accident Program Date: Nov. 3, 2023

Participation:  $\frac{79}{\text{Members}} + \frac{350}{\text{Non Members}} = \frac{425}{\text{Total Participants}}$   $\frac{1140}{\text{Total Volunteer Hours}}$

Program Planning:  $\frac{2408.28}{\text{Costs}} \& \frac{218 \text{ hours}}{\text{Time}}$  Members Recruited: 0 Donations:  $\frac{30,000.00}{\text{Local Currency}}$

3 Describe the program in full detail using the space below and on page 2. Programs must be organized by the council or involve significant participation by council members to qualify. Programs must also engage members by enhancing faith and spirituality, serving a charitable purpose, or a combination of the two. Program descriptions should reference how they meet these criteria. *Along with the description of the program, provide the program's purpose, goals, accomplishments and why it deserves to win the award.*

Supplementary material may be submitted along with the nomination. Accompanying materials can include letters, testimonials, news clippings, photographs, pamphlets, etc. Do not submit tapes, videocassettes, DVD's, display materials, films, etc., as they will not be considered in judging the nomination.

This program was started by the tragic farm accident that killed a member of our Knights of Columbus, Mason Council #9182, on September 8, 2023. Brother Knight Jason McMahon was killed by his own bull on his farm in Mason, MI. Jason was doing his morning chores, when the bull attacked him and killed him. When the word got out, several Brother Knights went over to Jason's farm to help his wife Jill and offer assistance. This was a huge shock to the family, friends and the community of Mason. In addition to helping on the farm, our council gave Mrs. McMahon a check for \$500.00 from our Family Relief Emergency Fund to help with immediate expenses.

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At Jason's funeral, a group of Brother Knights talked how they could help the family, particularly with the Education Expenses for the children, Wyatt and Grace. This was when they came up with the idea for a pig roast. Jason had always Home Schooled both children but now they face the extra cost of tuition to one of the local Catholic Schools plus transportation and other education expenses. Assistance with higher education is also a possibility and will be determined later.

At the next Knight's Council Meeting on September 24th, it was proposed that the council conduct a pig roast to fund the children's education fund. Father Kusitino Cobona, pastor of the Catholic Community of St. James, Cornelius and Cyprian, was asked if he would support the project and allow us to use the hall and he enthusiastically agreed. The first planning meeting was held on September 28th under the direction of Jeff Haueter and Chris Knudstrup. Assignments were given to the committee members and sign up sheets were developed and provide for their use. A sponsorship program and board were developed for the workers with the plan to have all of the food and products needed to be paid for by the sponsors. It was decided to have a silent auction and well as a live auction. Committee members were assigned to develop flyer's to advertise the event and solicit items for the live and silent auctions. They also proceeded with plans to have a live band, hayride and bonfire, corn hole games and a raffle. Once the flyer's were ready, they were placed in area businesses and Churches announcing the event and soliciting donations. Church bulletin announcements and pulpit announcements also took place. Funds and donations started to flow in from our generous community. Plans continued and the event started to really shape up.

On November 4, 2023, the event took place. Early in the morning the pig was loaded into the roaster. Brother Knights, Knights Angels, parishioners and family members started working in the kitchen and hall preparing the food and setting up tables and chairs and the serving line. The tables were decorated with pictures of Jason's farm activities, his equipment and family members. The bonfire was started, corn hole was set up, live and silent auction items were displayed. The live band was set up and played throughout dinner and then later for dancing. The event started with the 4 PM Mass. When Mass ended, it was time for dinner. Over 400 meals were served either sit down or take home. The cost for the dinner was a free will offering and totaled over \$7,700.00 for the meals. When dinner was completed the live auction took place and generated \$10,000.00. Then the hayrides, bonfire and corn hole started right after the live auction. The raffle brought in \$2,200.00 and the silent auction brought in \$2,600.00. The initial sponsorships brought in almost \$10,000.00.

In conclusion, on December 17, 2023, Mason Council 9182 and friends were honored to present Jill and her family with a check for \$30,000.00 for the McMahon Educational Fund for Wyatt and Grace. This event took many of members, non-members, family and the entire community to make it so successful. What a way for the Catholic Community of St. James, Cornelius and Cyprian, the Knights and the entire community to come together in a time of disaster and grief.

Signed:   
Grand Knight

2/26/2024  
Date

# **Mason man killed in tragic farm accident.**



**Grand Knight: Charles March**  
**Project Co-Directors: Jeff Haueter &**  
**Chris Knudstrup**  
**Mason Council 9182**  
**Mason, Michigan**



## Introduction

### Gone!

In our Exemplification Ceremonial, we are taught the perpetual watchwords "Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori". It means time flies, remember death. We do not know the day, nor the hour, that we will be called to give an account of our life.

On September 7, 2023, Mason Council 9182 lost one of our brother knights in a tragic farm accident, Jason McMahon. Jason loved farming and was doing his morning chores when he was attacked by one of his own bulls. What a terrible shock to his family, his friends, our community and our Council.

Once the word got out, Mason Council 9182 stepped up to help Jason's wife, Jill, with some of the farm chores. Several brother knights went to the farm to help and offer other assistance. Our Council decided to assist the family with a \$500.00 check from our budgeted Family Emergency Relief Fund to help with immediate expenses.

The Mass of Christian Burial was held on September 13, 2023, with our Chaplain Fr. Kusitino Cobona officiating. The service was very well attended in support of the family after this devastating tragedy. At the funeral dinner, several Brother Knights were sitting together and talked about how they and our council could help the family. They quickly came up with an idea for a pig roast to establish an Education Fund for the two children, Wyatt and Grace.

Fr. Kusitino Cobona, Chaplain and Priest at the Catholic Community of Sts. James, Cornelius and Cyprian Parish, was asked for his support and he totally agreed to the project and offered his support.

At the next Knight's meeting on September 24, the idea was brought up and met with overwhelming support. The first committee meeting was held on September 28th with eleven Knights, Knights Angels and other parishioners present. Co-Chairman, PGK Jeff Haueter presented an agenda for the meeting and had prepared various sign-up forms to use to get this project started. A plan was established and those in attendance were given assignments for various parts of the project.

Three additional committee meetings were held and more people were brought into the committee. A pig and other pork products were donated. A signup sheet including all of the food and products needed to complete the pig roast was developed including suggested donation amounts. It was our intent that all of the food and product expenses would be covered by sponsor donations and not come out of the pig roast proceeds.

Plans continued to include the pig roast dinner, games, hayride, bonfire, raffle, silent and live auctions, live band and lots of donation jars. Flyers were developed for distribution in the church and throughout the community. We were blessed that everything was developing as expected. Final plans were being made for the big event on November 4th right after the 4 o'clock Mass on the St. James Campus. It was amazing how this was accomplished in just 39 days.

The event served dinner to over 400 people with free will offering jars bringing in over \$7,700.00. The live auction, conducted by Brother Knight and Auctioneer Bill Sheridan, raised \$10,000.00. The Silent Auction totaled over \$2,600.00. and the Raffle was another \$2,200.00. Board Sponsorships and Anonymous donations accounted for the final \$10,000.00.

When all was said and done, on December 17, 2023, Mason Council 9182 presented Jill McMahon and her family with a Check for \$30,000.00 to go towards the McMahon Education Fund for her children, Wyatt and Grace.

It was a huge project but with many hands including family, friends, parishioners, Knights and local community members, this wonderful event was accomplished.

Charles March  
Grand Knight  
Mason Council 9182

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## NEWS

# Man, 44, killed in 'tragic' Vevay Township farm accident



**Ken Palmer**

Lansing State Journal

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VEVAY TWP. — A 44-year-old Mason man died Thursday in an apparent farm accident, police said.

The Ingham County Sheriff's Office responded to a call for a man "injured and down" in a field at a farm in the 1700 block of West Columbia Road, near Ives Road, about 6:22 p.m. and were led to "an area occupied by large animals," sheriff's officials said in a news release.

The man was pronounced dead at the scene.

"This incident appears to be a tragic accident, (and) no foul play is suspected," officials said.

The release said the ICSO was conducting an investigation in conjunction with the medical examiner's office. No other details about the incident were released.

Contact Ken Palmer [atkpalmer@lsj.com](mailto:atkpalmer@lsj.com). Follow him on Twitter @KBPalm\_lsj.



Obituary information for Jason Allen McMahon

## Jason McMahon Obituary

Jason McMahon, age 44, of Mason, Michigan, passed away on September 7, 2023, after an unexpected and tragic farming accident. Jason was born in Saginaw, Michigan, on June 24, 1979, the son of Joseph and Diane McMahon, who are surviving. He graduated from Hemlock High School and Kettering University and excelled in his career as a mechanical engineer. Jason retired early to build a small farm for his family focusing on healthy and sustainable eating with naturally fed livestock and organic gardening. Jason was a devoted husband to Jill and loving father to their two beautiful young children, Grace and Wyatt. He homeschooled his children teaching through experiential learning on the farm and in the community. Grace and Wyatt loved the way he taught, from the way he brought history to life with stories, teaching them "old school" math, to making Latin and Greek fun with decoding games. Jason loved God and his church. In addition to attending mass, Jason was a member of the Knights of Columbus and volunteered as a catechist - teaching kids the sacraments and sharing his faith in God. He was a dedicated volunteer coaching his kids' sports teams, teaching physical education to his home school cohort, coaching a robotics team, and working in the community garden. His inquisitive and mechanical mind helped develop his interest in antique tractors and traditional farming techniques as well as allowing him to fix just about anything including phones and lawn mowers. He will be greatly missed by his family - in the daily activities of going down the stairs in the mornings to make breakfast and reading bible stories with Wyatt and Grace in the evenings, to special events such as finding the perfect Christmas tree, hiding Easter baskets, and going to Mackinac Island. Jason will be remembered as an honest, patient, faithful, and hardworking man who loved his family.

In addition to his parents, Jason is survived by his wife of 12 years, Jill McMahon; children, Wyatt and Grace; siblings, Adam McMahon and Jennifer McMahon (Beau Rankin); Jill's siblings: Robert (Andrea) Slade, Michael Slade, Keli Fleming, Larry Slade, and Tommy (Amy) Slade; Jill's parents: Robert Slade, Meribeth and Jim Rightmire; and his nieces and nephews: Stella, Laila, Bridget, Cameron, Alex, Ethan, Nick, Vince, Bobby, Christopher, Logan and Jackson. He is preceded in death by his 1-year-old brother, Joseph McMahon.

The Catholic Community of Sts. James, Cornelius, and Cyprian are honored to host the services celebrating Jason's life at the St. James campus located at 1010 S. Lansing Street in Mason, Michigan. Please join Jason's family for the funeral mass at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, with Fr. Kusi Cobona officiating. The service will be livestreamed and can be accessed at the link on his tribute wall. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 12 from 4-7 p.m. with a rosary service immediately following at 7 p.m. Visitation will also be held on Wednesday beginning at 10 a.m. prior to the service. Jason will be laid to rest at Maple Grove Cemetery following the service. A time for sharing memories, love and laughter will be provided during a luncheon back at the St. James campus following the burial. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be directed to the family to support his kids using their gofundme page: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/jason-mcmahon>. Arrangements entrusted to Vickers Leslie Funeral Home, 109 N. Church Street/PO Box 503, Leslie, MI 49251. 517-878-6600.

## From our October 2023, Council Newsletter, "Knight Times"

*And on the 8th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said,*

*"I need a caretaker."      So God made a farmer.*

*God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk cows, work all day in the fields, milk cows again, eat supper and then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board."*      *So God made a farmer.*

*"I need somebody with arms strong enough to rustle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild. Somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait lunch until his wife's done feeding visiting ladies and tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon -- and mean it."      So God made a farmer.*

*God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt. And watch it die. Then dry his eyes and say, 'Maybe next year.' I need somebody who can shape an ax handle from a persimmon sprout, shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire, who can make harness out of haywire, feed sacks and shoe scraps. And who, planting time and harvest season, will finish his forty-hour week by Tuesday noon, then, pain'n from 'tractor back,' put in another seventy-two hours."      So God made a farmer.*

*God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds and yet stop in mid-field and race to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor's place.      So God made a farmer.*

*God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bails, yet gentle enough to tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink-combed pullets, who will stop his mower for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadow lark." It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight and not cut corners. Somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed and rake and disc and plow and plant and tie the fleece and strain the milk and replenish the self-feeder and finish a hard week's work with a five-mile drive to church. "Somebody who'd bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh and then sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says he wants to spend his life 'doing what dad does.'*

*So God made a farmer.*

*Paul Harvey*



# Funeral Mass, September 13, 2023.

## God's Farm

God needs someone in heaven  
to plow and plant the rows.  
And when He calls on me,

I know that I must go.

Remember that I won't be gone —  
I will just be away working on God's farm  
til we're united again one day.

There will be no storms in Heaven  
and the fields are long and straight.

When it's time for you to join me,  
I'll be waiting inside Heaven's gate.

Remember, until that day arrives,  
When once more our lives we'll share,  
to look in the green fields growing  
and you'll see me working there.

In Memory of  
Jason Allen McMahon

Date of Birth  
June 24, 1979

Date of Death  
September 7, 2023

Service  
The Catholic Community of Sts. James,  
Cornelius & Cyprian, Mason  
September 13, 2023  
11:00 a.m.

Officiating  
Fr. Kusitno Cobona

Place of Interment  
Maple Grove Cemetery



*In Memory of*

**Jason Allen McMahon**

# Request to support the McMahon Family from funds in our Council Emergency Relief Fund.



Paul & Terri Miller <ptspartans@gmail.com>

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## Council Relief Fund

1 message

Paul & Terri Miller <ptspartans@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 13, 2023 at 4:45 PM

To: Charles March <gk9182@mikofc.org>, Ted Burch <4michiganburchs@comcast.net>

Bcc: Jeff Haueter <aw94107@aol.com>, CHRIS KNUDSTRUP <cknudstrup@comcast.net>, Charlie Heiler <charleskaren.heiler@gmail.com>

Worthy Grand Knight and Worthy Financial Secretary.

I am making a request for consideration from Brother Knight Trustee Charli Heiler, supported by Brother Knight Chancellor PGK Jeff Haueter, Brother Knight Trustee PGK Chris Knudstrup and Brother Knight PGK Paul Miller, to have the Council Relief Fund meet and authorize the Worthy Treasure to cut a check from the fund to Jill McMahon ASAP. Not sure who the third member of your committee is, Treasurer or DGK? Sadly, there is only \$300 in the budget, down from previous years of \$750. If you choose to honor this recommendation, it is strictly confidential and not voted on by the membership. If a check is written, it should show up on any published document as "Member in Need" not the person's name. With the fish fries now being scheduled again, I would hope that the Grand Knight might authorize another \$200 on top of the budgeted amount to go to the McMahon Family.

Thank you for your consideration.

Paul Miller, PGK, Webmaster, Editor, on behalf of the Brothers listed above.  
6600 Emergency and Assistance Expenses (Council Relief Fund)

# “KNIGHT TIMES”

**Mason Council 9182, Knights of Columbus**

Website: [masonknights.org](http://masonknights.org) E-mail [knights9182@gmail.com](mailto:knights9182@gmail.com)

Chartered December 1, 1985, at St. James Catholic Church, Mason, Michigan

## October, 2023

October 6, 7, & 8, Fall MI Tootsie Roll Drive

October 9, Columbus Day

October 29, Officers Meeting at 4:30, Rosary at 5:30

October 29, Membership Meeting 6:00

**Minutes of the Knights of Columbus 9182, September 24, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6 PM. Deacon Chuong led us in prayer and the GK led us in the pledge of allegiance. Steve motioned, Larry 2nd to accept the minutes as printed, passed. Deacon Chuong reflected on the rosary and suggested that we put the Mother Mary statue out front. He also thanked us for supporting a family in distress and to continue. The GK mentioned the sweatshirt drive, the deadline for the Blue Mass (your attendance) is the 15th, and he presented certificates to Vito and Chris from last month. The treasurer gave his report and a copy is included in the council record book. The FS reiterated on the expenses and income and the GK passed many Thank Yous from seminarians. The Advocate reminded us that there is one more flag day to do and said that we could still use men altar servers. The DGK had the program, 6-8th is tootsie rolls, 9th is Columbus Day, 11th is 4<sup>th</sup> degree, 14th is pie making day, 29th is our next meeting, and 31<sup>st</sup> is Halloween. The Chancellor had the usual cards along with 5 upcoming mass intentions. The 4th degree reported that we had 2 members for the next degree which is on October 28th, Scott Eckhart and Tim Hall and he passed out certificates and pictures to Phil Wierich and Steve VanBuren from the degree that they went through. He also solicited ads for the degree book. We had no field agent or DD so no reports from them. We had no unfinished business and under New Business; there is a meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> at 5PM at A & W for a possible fund raiser for the McMahan family which will be on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Jim Powers mentioned our annual visit to Jefferson Square on the 30th, from 6-7. Charli Heiler could use some help on pies with making and delivering: Motion by Ted, 2nd by Paul for a full page ad in the degree book, passed: Motion by Ron Bates to replenish the emergency relief fund, 2nd by Larry, tabled. The Knight of the Month and Family of the Month were given to the late Jason McMahan and family for all he did for our council whenever needed. Gene Murawski won the 50-50 and Nick Harmon was the no show-no dough loser. The lecturer reflected on the change of seasons, losses we have had, good and bad seasons and a good quote from the bible. Under good of the order, remember in your prayers Jason McMahan and family, Jenny Knudstrup, Antoinette LaCinski, Bob Burgess, Theresa and Don Kill, Paul Miller, George Wygant, Mike Harrington and all the names on the website. The meeting was called at 6:50PM.

Respectfully submitted, Don Kill, recorder



September 26, 2023

Charles March, Grand Knight  
Mason Council 9182 Knights of Columbus  
1010 S. Lansing Street  
Mason, Michigan 48854

Dear Charles,

I was devastated by the sad news of the tragic farm accident that took the life of our own parishioner and Brother Knight, Jason McMahon. My prayers go out to his family at this most difficult time.

I am pleased that the Knights are following the principles of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney by planning a pig roast fundraiser for the education of Jason's children, Wyatt and Grace. I am in full support of this project and give my permission to use the Church property for this wonderful event.

My prayers and blessings are with Jill and her family and with all of you in hopes of a very successful event.

*K Cobona*

Fr. Kusitino Cobona, Pastor  
The Catholic Community of Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian

# First Committee meeting on September 8, 2023, including the agenda and committee members.

11/4/2023

FUND RAISER Jason McMahon FAMILY

5-11PM

1. OPENING PRAYER

INTRODUCTIONS

3. BAND.

RALPH DIVITTO

4. LOCATION

ST JAMES SOCIAL HALL

HAY RIDE/ BON F FIRE

6. LIVE/SILENT AUCTION

BILL SHERIDAN

*Mary / Linda / Raffle  
Selling 2wks  
20 PRS*

7. FOOD

*Steve VARR*

8. FINANCING

K of C AND DONATIONS

9. DONATION JAR

*→ Rachel GOKO Gone R.S.V.P.*

10. COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT

11. PROMOTION

12. STAFFING

13. SIGN UP FOR FOOD

14. FARMING COMMUNITY

15. QUESTIONS

16. NEXT MEETING

17. CLOSING PRAYER

*some school  
community*



Each committee member was assigned a section or task for the event. Documents were prepared to assist each member to carry out their task.

11/4/2023

SIGN UP SHEET FOR DISH TO PASS JASON McMAHON FUND RAISER

|   | NAME | ITEM | PHONE |
|---|------|------|-------|
| 1 |      |      |       |
| 2 |      |      |       |
| 3 |      |      |       |
| 4 |      |      |       |

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP McMAHON FUND RAISER

Nov 4, 2023

CLEAN-UP RUMMAGE SALE /SET UP HALL

LEADER:

Paul Miller

1:00 PM  
~~11:30 AM~~

NAME:

PHONE

STEVE VAN BUREN

230-4807

Paul Miller / TERRI MILLER

676-4033

JEFF HAEETER

594-1532

PAT MORRISON

231  
231 4807

RONNY SCHROEDER

517 676 203

RALPH DE VITTO

MIKE BROUCA MAN



11-24-23

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP McMAHON FUND RAISER

Wrd { MAP  
2 Early ups  
Trim Tree  
Empty & Reig

CLEAN-UP CREW: LEADER:

10:00PM TO DONE

NAME

PHONE

Stephane Rubin 703-6887

James Kenyon 883-1901

Roy & Theresa Bates 555-1212, 285-9338

VITO FACCHINO 630-306-7216

Phil Wiefelich 517-256-0814

Len Williams 517-881-4135

Mark Light 517-740-0855

B.C. Vincent 517-676-4636

Christopher Lewis

Gen Mumanstki

11-2-23

Board meeting

Pickup Bands 11:00

11-4-23

WORKER SIGN IN LOG

JASON McMAHON FUND RAISER

NAME

HOURS WORKED

Jonas Krayon

Charli Decker

Tammy March

Frank March

Steve Vern Buren

Linda Haueter

Kim Hall

J.T. Toth

Pat Morrison

Mary Knudstrup

Chris Knudstrup

Chris Harrison

Bob McComick

IAN Williams

Paul Miller

Jeff Haueter

11-4-23

## WORKER SIGN IN LOG

JASON McMAHON FUND RAISER

| NAME                              | HOURS WORKED |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Jill McMahon Family               | 25.0         |
| IAN Williams                      | 8.0          |
| Mike Broughman                    | 8.0          |
| Martha Williams                   | 8.0          |
| Gene Murawski                     |              |
| J.T. Totz                         |              |
| Greg Heiler                       |              |
| Mark Hall                         |              |
| Kim Hall                          |              |
| Tammy March                       |              |
| Boy Scouts                        |              |
| Girl scouts                       |              |
| Charli Heiler                     | 12.0         |
| Denis White                       | 5.0          |
| Condem White                      | 5.0          |
| Ralph DeVitto BAND RB; The 3 Guys | 32.0         |
| William Sheridan                  | 3.0          |
| John Evey                         | 2.0          |
| Ron Bates                         |              |
| Teresa Bates                      |              |

11-4-23

WORKER SIGN IN LOG

JASON McMAHON FUND RAISER

NAME

HOURS WORKED

| NAME                         | HOURS WORKED        |                  |
|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Chris Knudstrup              |                     |                  |
| STEVE VAN BUREN              | <del>100</del> + 50 |                  |
| VITO Tracchino               | 3-9                 |                  |
| Iana Williams                | 1-12                |                  |
| Rob Julin                    | 2-3                 |                  |
| Toby West                    | 2-4                 |                  |
| Frank March                  | 3-11                | 25 Total For all |
| Linda Haueter                | 1-12                |                  |
| TOM MURAWSKI                 | 1-9                 |                  |
| JAMES KENYON                 | 19                  |                  |
| Meredith Right Mike          | 9-12A 2:30-8PM      |                  |
| Mary Knudstrup               | 100 +               |                  |
| Ken Fleming                  | 7                   |                  |
| Tommy <del>Slade</del> Slade | 5                   |                  |
| Gene MURAWSKI                | 20                  |                  |
| PAUL MURAWSKI                | 10                  |                  |
| BOB McCormick                | 6                   |                  |
| BECKY McCormick              | 4                   |                  |
| Mike Beoughman               | 9                   |                  |
| Pam Prokop                   | 2                   |                  |
| Jeff Haueter                 | 50                  |                  |
| Larry Prokop                 | 5                   |                  |





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**OVERNIGHT DELIVERY:**  
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# RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATION

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|--|--|--|--|--------------------|--|----------------------------|
| QUALIFICATION INFORMATION  | 1. Organization Name<br><b>Mason Council 9182 Knights of Columbus</b>  |  |  |                    | 2. Organization ID Number or Last License Number Issued<br><b>123961</b> |                            |
|  | 3. Organization Street Address<br><b>1010 S. Lansing St</b>  |  | City<br><b>Mason</b>   | State<br><b>MI</b> | Zip Code<br><b>48854</b>   |                            |
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|  | 4. Has your organization ever received a license such as bingo, raffle or charity game ticket?<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes - Complete application and submit with the appropriate fee.<br><input type="checkbox"/> No - You must submit the documentation requested on the Qualification Requirements sheet and become qualified before any licenses can be issued. The Qualification Requirements sheet can be obtained from our website at <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/cg">www.michigan.gov/cg</a> or by calling our office at (517) 335-5780. |  |  |                    |  |                            |
| 5. Is your organization a candidate committee, political committee, political party committee, ballot question committee, independent committee or any other committee as defined by, and organized pursuant to, the Michigan Campaign Finance Act 388 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, being sections 169.201 to 169.282 of the Michigan Compiled Laws?<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |  |  | 6. Has your organization received contributions or made expenditures of \$500 or more in the last calendar year for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the action of voters for or against the nomination or election of a candidate, or the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question?<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |                    |  |                            |

|  |   |                               |  |                                    |
|--|---|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| SIGNATURE(S)   | 7. Provide name, title, home address, and telephone numbers for the PRINCIPAL OFFICER, e.g., president, grand knight, worthy matron, etc., and the vice president or equivalent and one other officer of the organization. SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL OFFICER REQUIRED - OR - TWO signatures of the vice president or equivalent and one other officer. Original signatures are required. Electronic or stamped signatures are not accepted. NOTE: Executive director signature not acceptable. |                               |  |                                    |
|  | Name and Title  |                               | Street, City, State, ZIP Code                | Telephone Numbers                  |
|  | Principal Officer<br><b>Charles E. March</b>  |                               | <b>184 Maple Run, Mason, MI, 48854</b>       | Day<br><b>( 517 ) 643-6632</b>     |
|  | Title<br><b>Grand Knight</b>  |                               |  | Evening<br><b>( 517 ) 643-6632</b> |
|  | Signature of Principal Officer  |                               | Email Address<br><b>cmarch0377@gmail.com</b> | Date<br><b>10/05/23</b>            |
|  | - OR -  |                               |  |                                    |
|  | Name and Title  |                               | Street, City, State, ZIP Code                | Telephone Numbers                  |
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|  | Title   |                               |  | Evening<br>( )                     |
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| By signing above, I CERTIFY that I am at least 18 years of age, the organization applying is a NONPROFIT organization, I have examined this application and there is no misrepresentation or falsification in the information stated or attached, and the facts underlying our original qualification status remain unchanged. I CERTIFY that ALL chairpersons associated with this raffle will read and understand the duties and responsibilities of a Raffle Chairperson as described in the Raffle Guide and Raffle Rules before performing any duties as a chairperson. I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am aware that false or misleading statements will be cause for rejection of this application or revocation of the right to obtain any future licenses and I AM AWARE OF AND AGREE TO the conditions of Act 382 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, and the rules and directives of the Michigan Bureau of State Lottery. |   |                               |  |                                    |

COMPLETE THE ENTIRE APPLICATION AND MAKE A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS



COMPLETION: Required for licensure.  
 PENALTY: No license will be issued.

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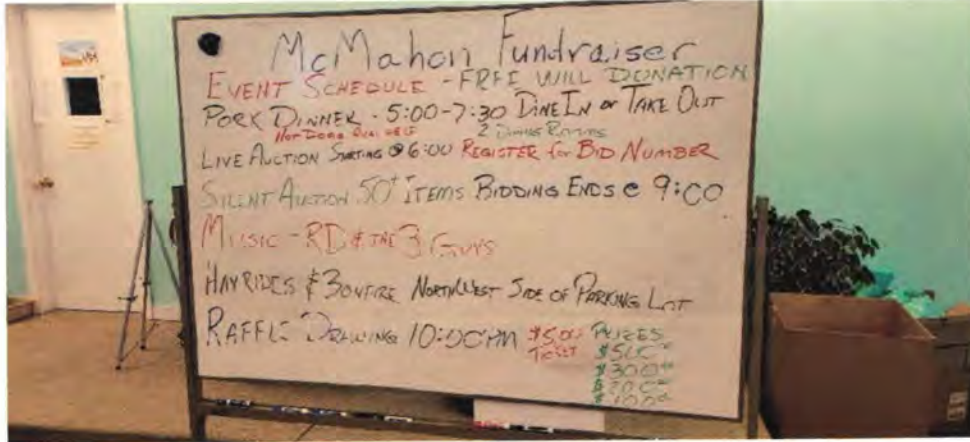
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**Raffle Tickets are \$5.00 Each**


**1st Prize - \$500.00**  
**2nd Prize - \$300.00**  
**3rd Prize - \$200.00**  
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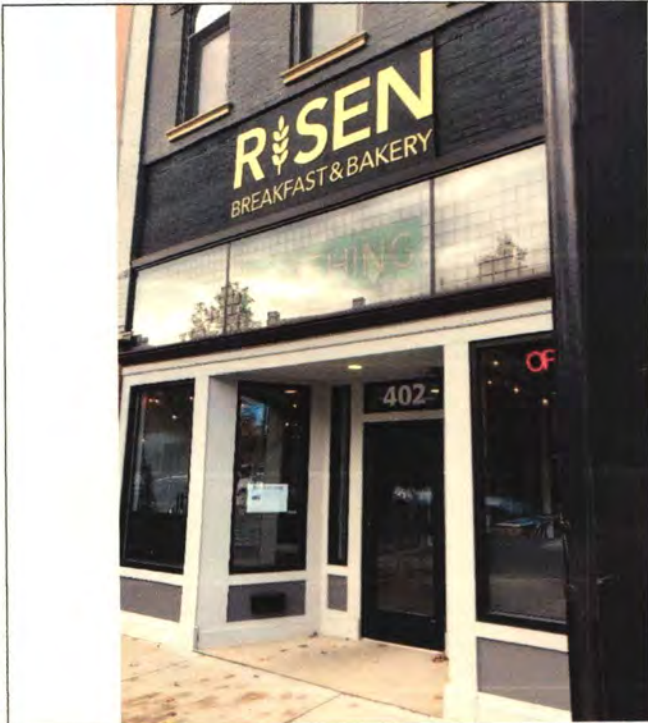
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Event flyers were distributed to area businesses and churches. Risen Bakery, A & W Restaurant, MSUFCU Credit Union, The Vault Deli, Darrell's Market, St. James Campus and St. Cornelius & Cyprian Campus and others.



Pickup ASAP (15-20 minutes) from 368 S Jefferson ...

- Vault Menu Cafe Menu Sandwich Salad More

# Sample letter for committee members to use when soliciting funds or auction items.



Mason Council #9182, 1010 S. Lansing St. Mason, MI 48854

XXXXXX  
 XXXXXX  
 ##### XXXXXX XXX  
 XXXXXX, MI #####

Dear XXXXXXXX,

The Mason Council of Knights of Columbus is holding a fundraiser Saturday, November 4, for the education of Wyatt and Grace McMahon.

On September 7, 2023, Jason McMahon, father to Wyatt, age 10, and Grace, age 8, died in a tragic farm accident. Jason also leaves behind his wife of 12 years, Jill. The accident occurred while working with farm animals on the family's small farm, which provided healthy and sustainable food for his family.

Jason homeschooled his children, using the farm as experiential education in their schooling. He was involved in his children's lives beyond formal education. Assisting with their homeschool community, coaching sports teams and robotics team, and volunteering at the Mason Community Garden with his children. He was very involved with his church, St. James, Cornelius & Cyprian Catholic Community, including teaching children's religious education.

Jason will be missed in the Mason community, where he quietly provided assistance in many areas. But, he will most missed by his two young children and his widow. He was the children's father, teacher, coach, mentor, and friend. Their mother must now work out their primary, secondary, and post-secondary education, and those costs.

The Mason Knights of Columbus fundraiser is named the McMahon Education Fundraiser. As stated above it will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at the St. James Church, 1010 S. Lansing St., Mason. The fundraiser will include a pork barbeque dinner, games, hayride, and a silent and live auction. Jason's widow, Jill Slade McMahon, who does work full time outside the home, and will receive the net proceeds to assist with her children's education.

Any donation from XXXX XXX would be auctioned off in the live auction Saturday evening, Nov. 4, with nationally acclaimed auctioneer, Bill Sheridan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Chris R. Knudstrup, Fundraiser Co-Chair  
[cknudstrup@comcast.net](mailto:cknudstrup@comcast.net)  
 517-525-8428

c. Charles March, Grand Knight  
 Jeff Haueter, Fundraiser Co-Chair

## BUNKERHILL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENTS

### Sts Cornelius and Cyprian Campus

Praying the Rosary at 7:55 a.m. in the month of October because it's the month of the Rosary.



If you would like more information on becoming a Knight, contact the Grand Knight Clyde Whitaker or any member of the Fr Gerald F Chapman #13516 council.

### ROCK & Encounter

#### Upcoming Schedule

**Sun, Oct 15**—Youth led Mass & Social Hour.

- Confirmation introduction at Mass
- First Confirmation Workshop 3:30 p.m.
- Bible Study @ 4:30 p.m.
- ROCK & Encounter 5:30 p.m.

**Sun, Oct 22**—ROCK & Encounter 5:30 p.m. Bible Study 4:30 p.m.

### McMahon Education Fundraiser

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> for the McMahon Education Fundraiser. There will be a live and silent auction, dinner, games, and a raffle. Details are being finalized, so look for more details. If you have an item for the auctions, please get with Mary Knudstrup, 517-242-7708, Linda Haueter 517-525-7438, or Chris Harrison 517-290-5525. Silent Auction items must be ready for display no later than Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Larger items for the Live Auction are needed by Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Questions can be directed to the people above.

Volunteers will be needed to make this a successful event. Signup sheets are available after Masses at both Campuses. Sponsor opportunities are available, ranging from \$25 to \$250. Sponsorship opportunities are limited, so contact Steve VanBuren 517-230-4807. All sponsors will be recognized at the event.

## FAURE'S REQUIEM

*plus the Dies Irae and  
Lacrimosa from Mozart's Requiem*

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27,  
7:30PM**

**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish**  
955 Alton Rd, East Lansing, MI



MICHIGAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

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*Quenched*  
YOU WILL BE LIKE A WELL-WATERED GARDEN

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 21, 2023**

9AM-5PM • LANSING CENTER • LANSING, MI

Tickets are \$72.50 for regular admission, and Seniors (62+) and Students will be \$65. <https://michigancwc.org/registration/>

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FIRST ANNUAL

**SAINTS & SCHOLARS GALA**

*Reach for the Stars*

**October 28, 2023**

St. Agnes Catholic Church | Lothamer Parish Center  
855 E-Grand River Ave. Fowlerville, MI 48836

*Dinner, dancing,  
live & silent auctions,  
cash bar*

For Further Info & Tickets  
SCAN HERE!

### MI MARCH FOR LIFE WED, NOV 8<sup>TH</sup>

Begins at the Capital in Lansing (one-year anniversary of the passage of anti-life Proposal 3).

- **10 a.m.**, music on the grounds of the State Capitol as people begin arriving.
- **11 a.m.**, is the rally and
- **12 p.m.**, a march to the Hall of Justice and back. Please save the date to attend if you can; and pray for all who will be gathering on Nov 8<sup>th</sup>.

10/19/2023

McMAHON EDUCATION FUND RAISER

✓ 1 OPENING PRAYER

✓ 2 RAFFLE

✓ 3 SILENT AUCTION

✓ 4 LIVE AUCTION

5 DINNER

✓ A. DISH TO PASS SIGN UP

B. 5:00PM SERVING TIME

26th

Nichole  
Contingency  
PLAN

6 BAND

7 SPONSORSHIP SIGN-UP AND SIGNAGE

8 HAY RIDE

9 VOLUNTEER SIGN

10 Kim Hall

11 QUESTIONS

12 COMMENTS

13 NEXT MEETING

14 CLOSING PRAYER

A - ~~Kim Hall~~

B - Decorations Committee

C - Flyers

Charles  
Smel Everage  
George Assembly  
Tammy Angels  
Charles  
Sehand

Mila Broughman

Teresa/Nichole  
Sue Powers  
Electric  
- Signage -

11/4/2023

10/26/2023

FUND RAISER Jason McMahon FAMILY

5-11PM

**1. OPENNING PRAYER****INTRODUCTIONS****3. BAND.****RALPH DIVITTO****4. LOCATION****ST JAMES SOCIAL HALL****HAY RIDE/ BON F FIRE****6.LIVE/SILENT AUCTION****BILL SHERIDAN****7. FOOD****8. FINANCING RAFFLE****9. DONATION JAR****10. COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT****11. PROMOTION****12. STAFFING****13. SIGN UP FOR FOOD****14. EXPENSE VOUCHER****15. INCOME VOUCHER****16. SIGN UP SHEETS FROM BOTH CAMPUSES TO JEFF ON SUNDAY 10-29.****17. NEXT MEETING**

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14. EXPENSE VOUCHER

15. INCOME VOUCHER

16. ALL WORKERS SIGN IN NEED HOURS

17. NEXT MEETING

movie ?

11-9-23 ←

Thank you notes



# Collecting documents and pictures to complete this application from September 2023, through January, 2024.



Flyer and pictures of the silent auction items on display.

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## Silent auction items and donation sheet.



### McMahon Benefit Silent Auction

| ITEM                               | Contributor                 | ITEM  | Contributor                  |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|
|                                    |                             | To Go Cup & \$15 Gift Card                    | Risen Bakery                 |
| Blow Up Pool Toy                   | The Knudstrup's             | To Go Cup & \$15 Gift Card                    | Risen Bakery                 |
| Hot Sauce Sampler                  | Anne DeVitto                | To Go Cup & \$15 Gift Card                    | Risen Bakery                 |
| Under the Sea Quilt & Book         | Anne DeVitto                | To Go Cup & \$15 Gift Card                    | Risen Bakery                 |
| Handmade Mugs & coffee/tea/cocoa   | Anne DeVitto                | Barbie Mani Basket                            | The Flemings                 |
| Hand Knitted Hat                   | Anne DeVitto                | All About Science Basket                      | The Flemings                 |
| Rainbow Hand Knitted Cowel         | Anne DeVitto                | Who Let the Dogs Out                          | The Gosigers                 |
| Green Hand Knitted Cowel           | Anne DeVitto                | Its Almost time to Deck the Halls             | The Rightmires               |
| Wall Hanging Nativity              | Karen Ceccanese             | Spa Yourself Basket                           | Angie and Christian Sizemore |
| Willow Tree Angel                  | Friend of JCC               | Cupcakes Anyone                               | The Gosigers                 |
| Knife Set                          | Friend of JCC               | Get Your Board Game On                        | The T Slades                 |
| Picnic Beverage Set                | Friend of JCC               | Family Game Night                             | The T Slades                 |
| Antoinette LaCinski Afghan         | LaCinski Family             | Kid's Christmas Movie Time and Treats         | The Bob Slades               |
| Quilted Purse                      | Barb Madsen                 | Adult Christmas Movie Time and Treats         | The Bob Slades               |
| Fall Basket                        | Stephanie Rawson            | 2 \$20 SaddleBack BBQ Gift Cards              | Mark and Kim Hall            |
| Hot Sauce Sampler and Dish         | Paul and Terri Miller       | Necklace an earrings                          | Child and Family Service     |
| Big Boy Gift Basket \$25 gift card | Big Boy                     | \$25 gift Certificate to Magpie Tales & items | Teresa Bates                 |
| Handmade Baby Blanket              | Sally Baccus                | HO Train Set                                  | Joan Foss                    |
| Saddleback BBQ Gift Cards          | John and Elizabeth Gonzalez | Grinch Quilt                                  | Panorama I and Jan Joss      |
| Lap Quilt                          | Jan LaMere                  | Cocktails Anyone                              | Judy Kuzma                   |
| Kids Activity Basket               | Linda Haueter               | juicer  | Adam McMahon                 |
| Sunset Picture and Hand Made Frame | Phil Wieferich              | charcuterie board                             | Matt K                       |
| Maple Syrup                        | McMahon Family              | Wooden Spoon set                              | Matt K                       |
| Chicken Dinner                     | McMahon Family              | Christmas Serving Set                         | Donna Kmiecik                |
| Religious Coins                    | John Munroe                 | 1/2 gallon maple syrup                        | Jeanne Emmons                |
| 3 Chicken Soup for the Soul Books  | Rose & Roger Robertson      | \$50 City Limits Gift Card #1                 | City Limits                  |
| 6 Holiday Pot Holders              | The Knudstrup's             | \$50 City Limits Gift Card #2                 | City Limits                  |
| \$50 MSU Dairy Store Gift Card     | Ron Bates                   | \$50 City Limits Gift Card #3                 | City Limits                  |
| Wood Bench                         | Jim Marshall                | \$50 City Limits Gift Card                    | City Limits                  |
| Bouquet a Month                    | Deb Schunk                  | Tea for 2 or 3                                | Friend of JCC                |

# Flyer and pictures of the Live Auction with Auctioneer, Brother Knight Bill Sheridan, Brother Knight Doug Sheridan, Stacey and Owen.

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## Pictures of the Live Auction and donor list.



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|------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Item                         | Contributor      | Value      |
| Snow Blower                  | Ace              | \$700.00   |
| Grill                        | Ace              | \$400.00   |
| Meat Bundle                  | Darrell's Market | \$400.00   |
| Camino of St James           | Janet            |            |
| Rosary                       | Pawlowski        | \$80.00    |
| Christmas Quilt 72" X 86"    | Lori Allaire     | \$300.00   |
| Patchwork Quilt 78" X 90     | Barb Madsen      | \$400.00   |
| B & B 1 night @ Grand Hotel  | Grand Hotel      | \$350.00   |
| 4 night stay Key West House  | Linda Kane       | \$2,000.00 |
| Hunters Backpack             | The Burches      | \$250.00   |
| Black Walnut Pie             | Charlie Heiler   | \$25.00    |
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| Infamous MSU Chair           | Group            | Priceless  |
| U of M Picture               | Beau Rankin      | \$100.00   |
| MSU Signed Picture           | Beau Rankin      | \$100.00   |
| Detroit Tigers Gift Bag      | Patti Dudley     | \$150.00   |
| Dinner at Rawsons            | Stephanie Rawson | Priceless  |

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## An open letter to the public written by Jason's widow, Jill McMahon.



**"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understand it."**

**My family is so very grateful for all the memories shared and support that has been poured out from the communities near and far. I want to share with you that while we are very heartbroken and will be forever changed because of his death, Jason lived a truly blessed life and a full life. While he had many dreams yet to fulfill, he was living his dream life, his best life.**

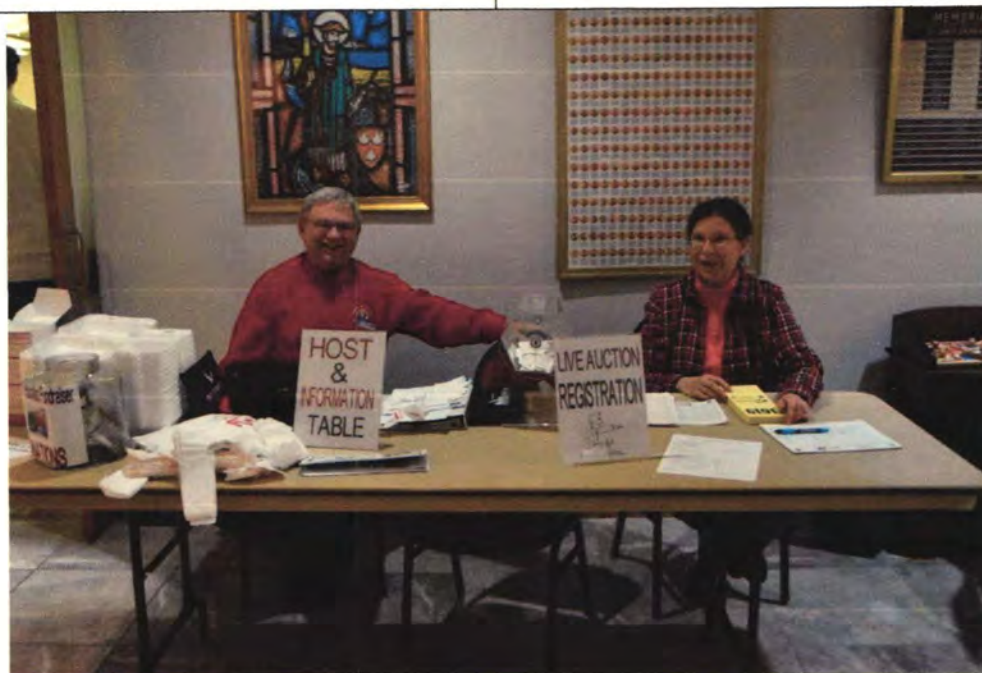
**He dreamed of a farm life for himself and his family for which he delivered above and beyond. He was self-taught in raising jersey cows to provide milk, butter, and cheese for the family. He learned how to manage our pastures to nourish our animals through traditional planting and harvesting techniques. He bred and raised a heritage hog (GOS) cross yielding the cutest squealing pink spotted piglets, while providing the best pork I ever had in my life. His harvests also yielded produce nearly year-round from carrots dug from the soil between November and March and fresh potatoes enjoyed from August to March. Together we harvested squash, lettuces, pumpkins, and all possible vegetables that can be grown in Michigan. We canned beets, beans, salsa, pickles, tomatoes, apples, and jam and stocked the freezer with fresh corn, peas, peaches, and asparagus. His harvests yielded navy and black beans as well as cornmeal and popcorn. He was known to plant in row lengths of 50', usually between 3 and 5 rows, just to be sure we had a big enough yield. He harvested honey from our bees and maple syrup from our trees. He built an enormous chicken coup providing fresh eggs year-round. He raised beautiful and sustaining turkeys over the years. He built a smoker for our meat which was enjoyed by many at our Pig Roasts. He continuously worked to keep our tractors are various machines and implements running and functioning.**

**He was determined to find meaning in all parts of living a traditional life well beyond "farm to table". Jason lived a life of virtue and has passed along more wisdom to his children than most receive in a full lifetime. He lived by and believed in God our father and centered our lives and experiences on faith and commitment. He was a brilliant engineer with a true gift of logic. Faced with any number of challenges, with hard work, grit, and determination, he found solutions and teaching opportunities in each experience. He modeled and enjoyed hard work and found enormous value in labor and being truly connected to the richness of the soil. He designed and mastered a home school curriculum that our children fell in love with. He has also given our children gifts of inquisition, creativity, and patience.**

**Our children respected and loved their generous father and teacher all the days of his life. While we are very early in the process of healing and grieving, I want to let everyone know that the children are beaming with life and showing amazing resilience. May the Lord continue to give us strength.**

**Thank you for the prayers and support. We love you all so much and Jason, we all miss you tremendously.**

# Brother Knights and friends selling raffle tickets, accepting signups for workers and dishes to pass, and completing registrations for the live auction.



**Brother Knights JT Toth, George Heiler and Jim Pulling roasted and cut up the pig starting at 5:30 AM.**



**Brother Knight PGK Jeff Haueter, Brother Knight PGK Bob McCormick, Knights Angels President Tammy March, Becky McCormick, Brother Knight JT Toth, Brother Knight PGK Ron Bates, Martha Williams and others kept the kitchen very busy all day and everything tasted amazing.**



# We had many helpers setting up Keating Hall, Cave Hall and the serving line.



Above, Keating hall set up for dinner.  
Below, Knights Angels Terri Miller and Paulette Dane.



Above, Brother Knight Tom Murawski setting up.  
Below, Brother Knight Mike Broughman.





**McMahon family pictures scrolled on a video screen during dinner and early family pictures were also on each table along with donated table decorations.**



## "39 Days"

What can happen in 39 days? At the funeral dinner for Brother Knight Jason McMahon, five Brother Knights were finishing their meal, and you could see what was about to happen. Each thought the same thing and said, "We have to do something". A fundraiser was agreed upon and a first committee meeting was scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup>. Committee meetings were held each week. The first meeting included Brother Knights from Mason Council and the Leslie Council, Knights Angels and other interested Sts. JCC parishioners. It was well run by Co-chairs PGK Jeff Haueter and PGK Chris Knudstrup. A date was established for November 4, 2023. Various committee members were assigned tasks and asked to lead that task to fruition. The action started immediately, and event sponsor monies flowed in to cover the food expenses. A pig was donated. A hayride event was planned, a band was procured, a cleanup, setup crew was established. The Leslie Knights stepped up with the pig roaster and volunteered to roast and carve the pig. The raffle drawing and all its details was underway at both campuses. Food procurement took place. Signups for side dishes and workers for all areas were solicited. The kitchen crew came forward and Charli was making those many pies. Jill and her crew made cornbread and muffins. The silent auction went like clockwork and 50+ items were donated. The display tables were set up and taken down several times. Fantastic Live Auction items were donated and Brother Knight, Auctioneer, Bill Sheridan and his crew, Doug, Mike, Owen and Stacey did the impossible raising over \$10,000 from generous members present. Cornhole games were picked up and delivered. The pig was roasted and carved. The wagon was repaired, straw donated, and Jerry rolled into town with his tractor. People ate, donated, danced, enjoyed fellowship and went away knowing they had made a difference. Ralph and the band played on. The cleanup crew did their thing late at night. They all went home, turned their clocks back and enjoyed an extra hour of sleep for the fruits of their labor after **39 days!**

"Love God, Love People, Make Disciples"

By PGK, "Knight Times" Editor, Webmaster  
and Proud Committee Member, Paul Miller

At the original McMahon Education Fundraiser committee meeting on September 28, 2023, a goal was set to have Food Sponsors cover all of the food and supply expenses so those expenses would not come out of the pig roast proceeds. This is the donor board that was posted at the event dinner.



| <b>McMAHON</b>               |                 | <b>EDUCATION FUND</b> |  |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--|
|                              |                 | <b>11/04/2023</b>     |  |
| <b>FOOD AND BEVERAGE</b>     |                 |                       |  |
| <b>ITEM</b>                  | <b>COST</b>     | <b>SPONSOR</b>        |  |
| <b>1. PORK</b>               | <b>\$300.00</b> |                       |  |
| <b>2. SCALLOPED POTATOES</b> | <b>\$100.00</b> |                       |  |
| <b>3. BAKED BEANS</b>        | <b>\$100.00</b> |                       |  |
| <b>4. ROLLS</b>              | <b>\$100.00</b> |                       |  |
| <b>5. BUTTER</b>             | <b>\$50.00</b>  |                       |  |
| <b>6. BBQ SAUCE</b>          | <b>\$100.00</b> |                       |  |
| <b>7. BUNS</b>               | <b>\$50.00</b>  |                       |  |
| <b>8. CIDER</b>              | <b>\$100.00</b> |                       |  |
| <b>9. COFFEE</b>             | <b>\$25.00</b>  |                       |  |
| <b>10. SODA POP</b>          | <b>\$100.00</b> |                       |  |
| <b>11. WATER</b>             | <b>\$50.00</b>  |                       |  |
| <b>12. DINNER PLATES</b>     | <b>\$100.00</b> |                       |  |
| <b>13. DESSERT PLATES</b>    | <b>\$50.00</b>  |                       |  |
| <b>14. BOWLS</b>             | <b>\$50.00</b>  |                       |  |
| <b>15. FLAT WARE</b>         | <b>\$50.00</b>  |                       |  |
| <b>16. ICE</b>               | <b>\$50.00</b>  |                       |  |
| <b>17. NAPKINS</b>           | <b>\$25.00</b>  |                       |  |
| <b>18. TABLECLOTHES</b>      | <b>\$150.00</b> |                       |  |
| <b>19. TABLECLOTHES</b>      | <b>\$150.00</b> |                       |  |
| <b>20. BAND SPONSOR</b>      | <b>\$250.00</b> |                       |  |
| <b>21. BAND SPONSOR</b>      | <b>\$250.00</b> |                       |  |
| <b>22. AUCTION OFFSET</b>    | <b>\$250.00</b> |                       |  |
| <b>23. AUCTION OFFSET</b>    | <b>\$250.00</b> |                       |  |
| <b>24. AUCTION OFFSET</b>    | <b>\$250.00</b> |                       |  |

## The desert table was amazing and super delicious!

Brother Knight, PGK FDD State Ceremonials Director Gene Murawski is helping volunteers with cutting and displaying all of the deserts.



**Brother Knight Ralph DeVitto and his band, "RD & the three guys" set up and played throughout the dinner and later for dancing.**



**Jill McMahon and Wyatt enjoying the pig roast dinner and<sup>40</sup>  
all the trimmings.**



**Deacon Chuong and Tammy March**



**Father Kusi and Soledad Heiler**



**Jill and Wyatt in the serving line**



**Deacon Tom and Pam Feiten enjoying dinner**

**Grand Knight Charles March savoring his pig roast dinner along with over 400 other guests and takeout dinners.**





**Chaplain Fr. Kusitino Cobona, Brother Knight Jerry Shihady, Brother Knight Phil Wieferich and wife Ruth and others enjoying the dinner, entertainment and beautiful cakes.**



# The Knights set up three cornhole game boards in the Knights room for the kids and grownups.



The hayrides were a huge success with Brother Knight Jerry O'Shesky and his tractor leading the way.



# Enjoying the hayrides.



# Jill McMahon and family enjoying the campfire and smores even more.



**PARTICIPANTS AND HOURS WORKED**

Below is a summary of the council members and other participants that worked the McMahon Educational Fund Raisers. We have included the hours worked at each session.

1. Committee Meetings and Pre-Planning.

|                 |    |              |   |              |     |
|-----------------|----|--------------|---|--------------|-----|
| Council Members | 10 | Non- Members | 7 | Hours Worked | 145 |
|-----------------|----|--------------|---|--------------|-----|

2. Obtaining Donations, Items for the Live and Silent Auction Items.

|                 |    |             |    |              |     |
|-----------------|----|-------------|----|--------------|-----|
| Council Members | 10 | Non-Members | 10 | Hours Worked | 215 |
|-----------------|----|-------------|----|--------------|-----|

3. Publishing Articles in Church Bulletin and Flyers in Business Windows.

|                 |   |             |   |              |    |
|-----------------|---|-------------|---|--------------|----|
| Council Members | 5 | Non-Members | 2 | Hours Worked | 95 |
|-----------------|---|-------------|---|--------------|----|

4. Event Setup including Auction Items, Dining Tables, Food and Games.

|                 |    |             |    |              |     |
|-----------------|----|-------------|----|--------------|-----|
| Council Members | 30 | Non-Members | 21 | Hours Worked | 250 |
|-----------------|----|-------------|----|--------------|-----|

5. The Event including the Dinner, Dancing, Live Auction and Games.

|                 |    |             |     |              |     |
|-----------------|----|-------------|-----|--------------|-----|
| Council Members | 35 | Non-Members | 375 | Hours Worked | 140 |
|-----------------|----|-------------|-----|--------------|-----|

6. Cleanup after the Event in the Dining Hall and the Kitchen.

|                 |    |             |   |              |    |
|-----------------|----|-------------|---|--------------|----|
| Council Members | 15 | Non-Members | 5 | Hours Worked | 30 |
|-----------------|----|-------------|---|--------------|----|

The Ladies of Sts C & C campus will have another Advent 'Time of Reflection' Sat, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon until 3 p.m. This year's reflection will focus on the Revelations of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We invite any ladies of the parish of Sts James, Cornelius & Cyprian to join us. It will be a time of song, prayer and sharing. Host a table of 8 or come as a guest. Willing to host; there are others looking to join your table. The table hostess will decorate their table and provide a dessert for 8. A light lunch will be provided. There is no fee for this event. Space is limited to approximately 50 ladies.

For reservations or questions text  
 Peggy Smith; 517.420.4754 or  
 Jo Kinne; 989.933.8426

Knights of Columbus #9182 wants to thank everyone for a very successful fundraising program for the education of Wyatt and Grace Mc Mahon. It took a lot of time and effort from many people to make the program so successful. There were many planning meetings before the event. It was the Mason & Bunker Hill Knights, the Knights Angels, parishioners, friends, family, Boy Scouts, and many others pulled it together. Great meal included the pig roast, volunteer dishes and many great desserts. It was followed up with all night music, a silent auction, live auction, and raffle. We had hayrides for both the big and little kids plus roasting marshmallows, along with indoor cornhole games. Again, a big thank you to the people who helped in a big or little way and your generosity was amazing. It made for a great successful event. A reception and presentation of the check to the McMahan family Grand total raised for the McMahan Children Educational Fund.



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## MASON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENTS

### Mason Council Upcoming Events

Praying the Divine Mercy 10:15 AM at St James  
 Assembly Meeting at St James Knights Room.



**Sunday, November 26**—4:30 pm Officers Meeting

5:30 pm Rosary prior to Meeting

6:00 pm Regular Meeting

Knights Angels Meeting

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Free membership is **INDEFINITELY**. Join the Mason Knights of Columbus by going to [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) and enter the password "blessedmcgivney".

See a current Knight for further information.

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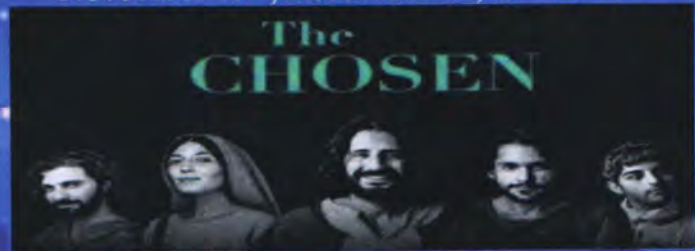
To learn more about Mason #9182 Knights of Columbus Council visit [www.masonknights.org](http://www.masonknights.org) or contact any Mason Council # 9182 member.



Women's Club Rummage Sale Workers

## MOVIE NIGHT Wednesdays during Advent

November 29<sup>th</sup>, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>



**The Chosen** Season 1 6:10pm - 8:00pm

You can also come early for a casual pot luck dinner 5:00pm -6:00pm.

Sts. JCC & the **Knights of Columbus** will provide hotdogs & beverages.

Contact [Rory@SaintsJCC.org](mailto:Rory@SaintsJCC.org) with any questions.

Sts. JCC Mason Campus: Dinner in Cave Hall | The Chosen in Keating Hall.

11/11 + 12/23

A few weeks after the pig roast event, several committee members gathered and wrote out over 110 Thank you cards to donors of record. Many other donors remained anonymous or made free will donations at the dinner.



**Inside the card:** *Thank you for being a part of the McMahon Education Fundraiser held on November 4 for the children of Jason McMahon. Your donation is very much appreciated.*  
**From:** *McMahon Fundraiser Committee of the Catholic Community of Saint James, Cornelius & Cyprian and the Mason Knights of Columbus Council 9182.*



# Tribute to Jason McMahon by Brother Knight Bill Sheridan at the check presentation ceremony.

JASON McMAHAN

## Promise Yourself

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

1.) EARLY CAREER A ENGINEER

WAS SO SUCCESSFUL IN HIS PROFESSIONAL CAREER THAT HE WAS ABLE TO FULFILL HIS CHILDHOOD DREAM OF OWNING A FARM.

2.) SO HE MOVED HIS FAMILY TO MASSACHUSETTS TO SETTLE IN ON HIS DREAM, THAT BEING TO BE A FARMER.

JASON WAS VERY ORGANIC IN HIS APPROACH TO FARMING. HE TILLED THE SOIL WITH A 3 WAY BOTTOM PLOW. BUT HE ENJOYED EVERY MINUTE OF TILLING, PLANTING AND HARVESTING THE CROP.

3.) JASON'S APPROACH TO ANIMAL HUSBANDRY WAS ALSO VERY ORGANIC.

FROM EGGS, TO MILK, TO PORK OR BEEF, HE DID IT HIS WAY WITH THE RESOURCES HE HAD.

4.) JASON ALWAYS HAD A CHEERFUL ATTITUDE.

5.) JASON WAS A ROLE MODEL NOT ONLY TO HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN. BUT HE WAS A VERY RESPECTFUL CATHOLIC MAN. HE ALWAYS...

## Check presentation, December 17, 2023



On December 17, 2023, Mason Council 9182 Knights of Columbus, the Knights Angels and friends, were privileged and honored to present a check for \$30,000.00 to Jill McMahon and her family that included the proceeds of our McMahon Education Fundraiser on November 4, 2023, at St. James Church. We were blessed and we are grateful for all those who donated their time, talent, money, auction items, food, the pig, equipment and supported us with prayers to make this such a successful event and to help a wonderful family at the most difficult time.

This prayer was created by Brother Knight PGK and Co-Chair of this event, Jeff Haueter

Heavenly Father, we thank you for this day and this gathering. We ask that you wrap your loving arms around Jill, Wyatt, Grace, Adam and the entire McMahon Family. Give them comfort and peace. Help us remember that your son Jesus is the reason for the Christmas Season. Bless this food to our bodies to nourish us to continue your good works in your son Jesus name we pray Amen