



From The State Deputy



Brother Knights,

Winter has been long and cold but I think we've made it to spring.

I hope you are looking forward to the warmer days ahead. The State Convention is right around the corner. Please remember your membership cards along with your Delegate registration cards.

At this year's convention I'm proud to say there will be an additional workshop given by our State Chaplain Fr. Paul Erickson.

This year's convention, like the past ones, will be informative and filled with all the great news of what is happening around our State.

For those that may not know, we have a new State Program, Knights on Bikes.

Knights on Bikes travel the state and raise monies for many charities. The State Board was able to spend time at one of their events in late February, it was great to see their work in action. The new Knights on Bikes State Director, Bob Bagley will be with us at the convention to give some insight of their charitable works.

Great news from our NCD Director Dan Fuller, by the time you read this we should be at 4 maybe 5 new councils due to the hard work of Dan's team.

State Membership Director Jim Kraus and his team have been working hard all year long. They have put a team together to work with councils that have had a slow start, and I'm glad to say at this point we only have about 90 councils that have not recruited. I know those councils are putting together plans to lower that number.

With all the great programs councils are doing, we're looking forward to a strong finish.

With a strong finish and a big push from those that haven't recruited yet, we could make our goal and what a proud moment that would be.

This year's summer meeting will take place at the Crown Plaza once again and we look forward to a fast start with everyone working together.

A few dates to remember:

New DD Training June 1st.

Summer meeting June 21 & June 22

State Camp out August 23, 24, 25

Brother Knights I end with this:

Can you not help put a coat on a child that his or her parent can't afford?

Can you not help for 2 hours standing in front of a door collecting donations during our Tootsie Roll Drive to help those with developmental

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From The State Chaplain Rev. Paul E. Erickson



Your Unworthy State Chaplain

I have spoken about this a few times over the years, but I firmly believe that it deserves a wider audience. I hate it when I am referred to as "Worthy State Chaplain." Mind you, I do not hate being the State Chaplain. Rather, it is the opinion that I am "worthy" that I despise.

I am deeply aware that I am unworthy. I am unworthy of my baptism, my confirmation, my ordination, every confession and Eucharist I have celebrated and received. I am unworthy of my ministry at Lansing Catholic High School, to the Knights of Columbus, and to the Diocese of Lansing. I am unworthy of the very air that I breathe this second. And I further know that my unworthiness is my crown, and that no one shall hurl me from my throne without a fight.

If I had to be somehow worthy of all of these things, of every gift, grace, and blessing in my life, I would drive myself insane. Imagine trying to earn the love of your family and friends. Imagine having to deserve the right to see the beauty of a sunrise. Imagine having to state your case as to why you should be allowed to laugh at a joke. How could one possibly be worthy of any of singular piece of it, let alone all of it together? But it is right there, in the unworthiness, that something remarkable happens.

Deep in the brokenness I find in myself, there is another person lurking about. The person of Jesus comes to me, not in spite of my unworthiness, but precisely because of it. In my unworthiness, I find that I am in need of a savior. And in Jesus, I discover that I actually have one. Jesus is not some pleasant platitude, not some philosophical construct, not some psychosomatic delusion, nor crazy superstition. He is the Savior, and He meets us there in the reality of our tangled and wounded hearts. He really comes. He really speaks. He really saves.

Therein lies all of my glory. Not that I am worthy, but that He makes me worthy. As I press further and further into Him, He elevates me more

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

disabilities?

Can you not help with our Youth programs that you already attend?

This is what we need to say when you're told by a prospective Knight that tells you, "I don't have time!"

Try it. It will make a difference!

It's been an honor to serve with you as your State Deputy and looking forward to another great year.

Working together, We are making Michigan great again.

God bless,

Bill Chasse SD

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

and more up to His own position, an heir to the Kingdom of Heaven and a throne at the right hand of the Father. As I continue to open my heart to His healing and power, He responds by actually pouring out His healing and power into my life. He untangles the knots and binds up what is broken. My generosity is met with His. He is the one who makes me what I could never become on my own and He does so as a pure gift of His love. That alone is my worthiness.

My worthiness is not mine. Everything belongs to Jesus, all credit and glory come from Him and lead back to Him. We affirm this stance at every Mass by proclaiming, "Lord I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say the Word and my soul shall be healed." In this understanding, it is my distinct honor and privilege to be your Unworthy State Chaplain.

2019 Tribute Dinner



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**From The State Secretary
Walter K. Winkle, Jr.**



Brother Knights, it's a great day to be a Knight, especially in Michigan! As I have traveled around the state attending the new Delta Drive programs, I have seen a new excitement with in the councils that have tried this new program. If you have not been able to attend them, we do have the information on our State Website.

With the increase of brother Knight's and their families, Councils have an increase in energy presence in their church community. These same successful councils have embraced the new ideas in the Faith in Action Program including Faith, Community, Family and Life. The Supreme website updates new changes in these category's continually so, if there is something that might not work in your Council now, there will be other ideas that will be sure to work as new updates are made. These Ideas will transform into new interest in your council and enhance participation from both your member as well as his family.

As State Secretary, I would like to thank you for your prompt return of your per capita checks and Boysville Quota, If you have not received one, Please email me a w.winkle@miokfc.org and I can send you the amount. I would also ask that you please send any monies collected in behalf of the Take 10 For Charity and Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowment Fund by the end of April. You will not receive an invoice for these because they are a voluntary contribution. I do ask you for two things; I ask you to write a separate check for each account. The SHMSEF goes into our 501 c 3 Account and the Take 10 for Charity does not. The other is to place on the memo line what the check is for. If you do not have your council number on your checks, please include that on the memo line also. You do not need to send checks in a separate envelop to me!

The Board and Several State Directors have been planning the State Convention since early January and continue to do so about 3 meetings a month so that your council delegates will have an enjoyable, fulfilling and spiritual experience. As the Convention Chairman, if you have any constructive ideas as to making it even better, please email me to share them. It takes many people to make this as successful as it has been in the past. I would like to thank these individuals for taking the time to make this so. I would encourage you now to start putting your best programs that have been done this last fraternal year and present it for an award during our convention. Your Diocesan Program directors can help you if you need some guidance on the best presentation. All the winners in each category will be sent to Supreme to be judged. If you are awarded first place, you will receive an invitation to attend the Supreme Convention in Minneapolis this year to receive your award.

As a side note, any member and his family can attend the Supreme Convention. During the Month of May, the Supreme website will have the information available so that you can attend as a guest. I have done this for many years and have made several new friends while enjoying different cities each year. It appears that the next years Supreme Convention will be in Washington D.C., then Maybe Colorado followed by Orlando, FL. and although these are what I have heard, they may change. If you do attend any of these in the future, I ask that you contact the State Advocate so that we can include you in some of the events that we attend.

From My Family to yours, Have a prayerful Lenten Season and a Happy Easter!
Walter K. Winkle, Jr.
State Secretary.

**State Membership Director
James N. Kraus**

“Making Michigan Great Again“

As of March 1st, Michigan has gained 1224 new members or 54% of our annual goal. This places our state at 21st in Order worldwide in membership growth. We should be very proud of this as it sets the stage for a great finish to our fraternal year.

I want to thank those who have worked to maintain our sustainability by helping grow our councils and allowing us to continue to do the work of this great Order. While many of these individuals will say their successes were a team effort and downplay the recognition of their individual work. However, it takes just one person to start any project and set the course for others to follow.

This year we have been promoting sustainability as a key to the success of the councils and state as a whole. Sustainability is more than bringing in new members to our councils, it is about getting our existing members involved in our programs.

Members that are active will continue to see their councils be successful and provide the support needed to our various causes both locally and statewide. While our programs are the core of what we do. Our successes are measured by our membership gains and this work is really never done. We must continue to work to replace ourselves allowing us to continue our important work that we are known for. As we are always stronger when we work together.

These new members are the future leaders of our councils and they will bring new enthusiasm to the Order as they become more involved in their councils. It is our responsibility to keep in contact with these new members we have gained and get them active and engaged in our council activities.

Assisting them to move forward by receiving the honors the Formation, Knighthood, Patriotic degrees and becoming insured members of our Order is key to having them be members for life.

As part of our success, we have formed two new Councils: a college Council at Michigan State University and a local parish council at St. Mary's Visitation Parish in Bryon Center. We have another five new councils in the works and we expect to meet our Supreme goal of 7 new councils this year!

We still have much work to do as we continue to rebuild this state after many years of declining membership. Today, we are stronger because of the work being done in membership and programs and by working together – I know we can “*Make Michigan great again*”

From The State Program Director William Leveque, SR

Forms Forms and Awards Programs

We should remember forms are ways to know what we are doing in the Great Jurisdiction of Michigan. Forms are also needed to achieve awards for the work your members do throughout the year. Here is just some:

Supreme Star Council Award

The Supreme Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and service program activities. To be eligible to earn a Supreme Star Council Award, a Council must qualify for all three awards (Columbian Award, Father McGivney Award and Founders' Award).

To qualify for these awards, a Council must have submitted its Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) and its Service Program Personnel Report (#365). The Council must also be in good standing with the Supreme Council. Other eligibility requirements are listed under Columbian Award, Father McGivney Award and Founders' Award.

Columbian Award

Councils must conduct and report at least four major programs in each service program category of Faith, Family, Community, and Life. With a minimum of 4 of these be designated as Building the Domestic Church. Upon projected completion of these requirements, complete and submit Supreme form #SP-7.

The Service Program Awards

Each year the Michigan State Council recognizes the best program in each of the Service Program areas; Faith, Family, Community and Life at the annual Michigan State Council convention.

A team of judges chosen by the State Deputy awards the top prize in each category to the winning Council at their state convention. The winning entries are then endorsed by the State Deputy and submitted to the Supreme Council office by June 10 for judging to determine the International Service Program Award Winners.

Thanks for all you do. Please Pray for Me , God Bless
Bill LeVeque State Program Director

PS:

We have a new Program in the State I would like to introduce KofC

Viva Cristo Rey!

Welcome our Knights of Columbus Brothers' to Knights on Bikes and your new State Program, Knights on Bikes Michigan.

Knights on Bikes was established in 2005 in Dallas Fort Worth Texas by Raymond Medina. Michigan was the 4th State to sign up with Knights on Bikes in 2008. I was appointed as State President from 2008 until 2017. In 2017 I was appointed as National President of Knights on Bikes USA, and as of December 12th of 2018 was asked to be your State Director for Knights on Bikes Michigan.

In the State of Michigan, Knights on Bikes are involved in several charities, our communities, churches. We feed the homeless, help our Veterans, visit the imprisoned, escort the Vietnam Wall, escort the Silver Rose, Pray in front of the abortion clinics, raise money for alternative ed programs. We also support our Brothers and Priests in other countries and other States. We protect our Priests and Parishes. We also like riding with our Brothers to Bike Nights or just for a ride to build Fraternity and Evangelize our Faith and the K of C.

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Ladies Corner

Hello Spring, Good Bye Snowgedden?? Let's hope for some sunshine and warmer weather. We would like to thank everyone for coming and supporting Father Paul Erickson at the Tribute Dinner. Thanks to a great team of people who made it successful as well as Gary DeCarlo for the venue. Please remember if you are interested I can send you Father Paul's affirmations for guided prayer for the upcoming Lenten Season.

Please don't forget our Ladies Raffle at our State Convention on Mackinac Island. Proceeds will go to Holy Cross Services. Holy Cross reaches across all ages, economic and social groups. Please consider donating a basket from your council, district or ladies group. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mandy Borsenik@ m.borsenik@mikoc.org. We will have a nice ladies program and if you so choose please bring your favorite fascinator (think Kentucky Derby) to wear.

The summer meeting will once again be held at the Lexington Hotel in Lansing Michigan. Please look for future emails.

As always, thank you for supporting your husband, brother, father, or son as they make a commitment as a Knight.

God Bless,

Marybeth, Karen, Julie, Mandy and Pam

Endowed Scholarship Funds Contributions Moving The Scale Closer to \$1.0 Goal

With 2019 dues notices sent out to the approximately 65,000 members of Michigan councils, donated dollars are being sent to the Financial Secretaries (F.S.) of record for the "Endowed Scholarship Fund".

I would encourage F.S.'s to send those collected Endowed Scholarship Fund (E.S.F.) contributions to State Secretary Walter Winkle Jr. 2600 Ellsworth Columbus, MI. 48063. Checks should be made out to Michigan State K of C Charities. Total funds collected will be presented to Msgr. Todd :Lajiness, Dean of S.H.M.S. at the Archbishops Gala in June, 2019

Our financial target for the Archbishops Gala presentation is \$300,000. If you have not sent in your contribution for the E.S.F. please submit the \$6 dollars or more to your council Financial Secretary. Councils are encourage to donate funds from Fish Fries, Breakfast's, or Vocations Funds to the Endowed Scholarship Fund as well.

The \$1,000,000 total donation agreed to by the State Board (representing the membership of Michigan) can be reached in 3-4 years if all members contribute \$6.00 per year or more.

The E.S.F. is a financial resource to assist seminarians in their total cost of formation towards their required tuition, housing , etc. Annual scholastic cost can range from \$40,000 to \$50,000 per seminarian.

In behalf of the many Seminarians who will benefit from your contributions, we thank you.

"The barrier between success is not something which exists in the real world: it is composed purely and simply of doubts about ability." ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

**From The State Membership Director
Jim Kraus**

“Delta Drives“

The “Delta Drive” concept has been shared with us from our partners at Supreme as updated method of hosting a church drive or a parish campaign to make the process easier to conduct and to increase the positive results.

A new concept, the "Delta Drive" builds on the updated methods of hosting a church drive or a parish campaign to make the process easier to conduct and to increase the positive results. The program in the attachment has been tested and shown to be easy to use and effective in introducing men, especially younger men to our Order.

The purpose of the Delta Drive is to have technology work for you and your councils in a new approach to attract younger members. Using the Delta approach, we are relying in part on an effective pulpit speech and brochures in the church pews to share our message with the addition of a web page and e-mail contact.

After getting the prospects name and email information during the Delta Drive and entering this information in a "landing page" provided to your council by Supreme for this specific event, the prospect will receive emailed information from Supreme about the Knights of Columbus story. Additionally, the council will have email sent to inform the prospect of events happening at the council-level and how to set up a time to learn more about the local council.

The prospects will continue to receive information on a weekly basis about who we are as Knights and how your Council makes a difference in your parishes and your communities.

There is a kit needed for the Delta drive and this is NOT the traditional church drive kit available to order from Supreme. These new kits are only available by contacted our Supreme Regional Training Director Jon Olson at: jon.olson@kofc.org

Contacting Jon and ordering the Delta Kit will start the process. He will show you how to request your prospect landing page and explain how the prospect will get personalized information from Supreme. As well as answering any questions you may have on how this program works. This program reaches younger men and their families with information of interest to them and their spiritual needs and how they can be part of the charitable works being done in your parishes and communities.

Attention Council Financial Secretaries:

Please submit collected donations from member towards the Endowed Scholarship Fund Sacred Heart Major Seminary to

State Secretary Walter Winkle
2600 Ellsworth
Columbus, MI. 48063.

Check made out to
Michigan State K of C Charities
Memo: E.S.F.

“Your living is determined not so much by what life brings to you as by the attitude you bring to life; not so much by what happens to you as by the way your mind looks at what happens.” ~ Kahlil Gibran

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

The month of August will bring members of K on B from across the US and Canada into our Great State of Michigan for the 4th International Rally. The EWTN Series, Long Ride Home, will be filming the Rally as their Season 4. All Brother Knights are welcome to participate in this Event. Michigan has 64 members of Knights on Bikes, located in all 7 Diocese and are looking for many more members who love to ride, love our Faith and the Knights of Columbus.

Interested in finding our more about this Magnificent Program? Please contact one of the following members. Bob “Ace” Bagley: State Director Michigan Knights on Bikes, knightsonbikesmichigan@gmail.com, r.bagley@mikofc.org 269-806-3883 Kevin “Marine” Hagadorn: State President Michigan Knights on Bikes, khagadorn2001@yahoo.com, 313-220-9380

To receive and application to join Knights on Bikes Michigan please email the State VP/Secretary:

Jeff “Moses” Sans: jeff.sans@yahoo.com, 989-685-8390

We are looking forward to meeting everyone at the State Convention this year and talking with you more about your New Program.

Vivat Jesus!

Bob “Ace” Bagley
Michigan State Director
Knights on Bikes
IN GOD WE TRUST AND RIDE!

It's Not To Late

If you haven't yet donated to the “Take 10 for Charity Program” its not to late. Your State Council gets many requests for charitable assistance, and the only funds available to them is the “Take 10 for Charity” funds. Your individual contribution couldn't make much of a dent in many of these needs, but combined with thousands of your brother knights it can make a real difference. So you can still contribute by simply making a check to your local council indicating for “Take 10 for Charity” program and they will forward the funds to the State Council. This is a very simple and relatively painless way to help fulfill the cardinal principle of our order “Charity”. Thank you very much for your consideration of this fine charity.

Fraternally Yours

William J. Walsh, PSD
Michigan Charities Director

2019 Tribute Dinner



Working Together

As we finish the second half of the fraternal year, we focus on our council's goals. While many councils focus on their personal goals and aspirations, I'm referring to our goal to sustain our membership. As leaders, we need to have a working relationship between our agency force and councils. There are a few ways to maintain this communication so the agency force can assist councils in attaining their membership and insurance goals of sustainability.

1. Notify the agency of all deaths, new members, and transfers.
2. Notify the local agent for all degrees and delta church drives.
3. Meet with your local agent, regardless of your reservations.

The mission of the Knights of Columbus is to provide financial assistance to the members of the Catholic Church through the insurance program. Avail yourself of the fraternal benefits, call your agent today!

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A Penny for your Thoughts...



Seated at table left to Right: Don "Pops" Sheridan, Treasurer- Larry Puffy, District Deputy #8 - John Rogers, old guy - Colleen Gonzales - Director of Faith Formation Doug Sordyl, Grand Knight #7444 - Todd Diffenderfer Insurance Rep. and the members of Bishop Sheen Council #7444.

Remember that old saying.... Well it means a lot to Colleen Gonzales who works with the children at St. Marys Parish in Milford with a program called "Kids Against Hunger".

John Rogers, a member of Archbishop Fulton John Sheen Council #7444 in Milford and a member of the Fr. John A. Harden SJ 4th Degree Assembly #3099 which has members from Archbishop Sheen #7444, Milford - Fr. Edmund Battersby #7586, South Lyon, St. William Vercelli #4036, Walled lake, and St.Patricks # 13319, White Lake. John asked The members if they would donate pennies to help Mrs. Gonzales group who help children in need around the world.

Our group collected 94 pounds of pennies which totaled 15,200 pennies. This will serve 544 meals for some very hungry children and their parents.

In the picture is the picture is the Knight Coin Crew and Colleen Gonzalez. Please don't confuse us with the - Penney Lane Lads or the U.P. Copper Coins.

This article was brought to you by Quarter Back John Rogers - not related to Arron _ Gotta Go, Half Time is over - J. Rogers

"Leadership is the art of giving people a platform for spreading ideas that work." ~ Seth Godin

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Council 8902



DGK Frank L. Esposito, GK Frank J. Esposito, Kayley Kohls, DD 2 Ken Dressel , FS Phil Wesley (Members Of Council 8902 - Temperance Michigan).

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Knights of Columbus Council (K of C) 8902 is pleased to announce, eight-year-old Hayley Kohls, winner of our Council (2018) "Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest" was chosen as the K of C District 2 winner. She and her poster will now represent the six Councils of District 2 during the KofC national poster contest.

When asked what she personally likes best about Christmas she replied without hesitation "celebrating Jesus's birthday".

Hayley and her family are active members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish -Temperance MI. Her father, David, mother Kristin, 6-year-old sister Alaina, 3-year-old brother Knox and their German Shepard Bucky reside in Lambertville MI.

She attends Monroe Rd Elementary School; her favorite subject reading and would like to be a teacher someday.

When not creating award winning posters she attends Sunrise Gymnastics which certainly helps her perform routines with the other cheer leaders at Monroe Rd Elementary.

Her sister was eager to say that she loves the way Hayley helps her with homework and during sports. Little brother Knox thinks it's great that Hayley is a cheer leader enabling him to attend all the games.

Hayley comes from a poster award winning family. Her mother won the circa, 1992 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest of K of C Council 3122 (Toledo Ohio), while a student and parish member of Blessed Sacrament School, Toledo Oh.

Father Solanus Casey Council 3797



Father Solanus Casey Council #3797/St Clair Shores hosted their 2019 Free Throw Competition on Sunday, January 27th.

Pictured with GK Paul Desjardins are the winners:

- 9 Year Old's: Kaylee Martin & Nolan Harleson
- 10 Year Old's: Alanyah Quinn & Jacob Johnson
- 11 Year Old's: Mallory Quinn & Steven Linkins
- 12 Year Old's: Jessica Gatto & Dayton Ritter
- 13 Year Old's: Anna Andrews & Donny Hopp
- 14 Year Old's: Anna Moeller & John Willaert

2019 Mackinac Island Charity Raffle					
SIGN UP FOR SELLING TICKETS ONLY:					
NAME	ADDRESS	CITY & ZIP	CELL PHONE	E-MAIL	PREFERENCE*
SIGN UP FOR SET UP (prep baskets, placement)					
SIGN UP FOR AUCTION DAY (packing up, runners, canisters)					
* Areas to consider helping:					
Ticket Sales Thursday	Ticket Sales Friday	Ticket Sales Saturday	Set Up Wed & Thurs	Auction Day Saturday	
9:00am - 11:00am (3)	8:30am-11:00am (4)	8:30 - 9:30am (3)	12:00pm - 2:00pm	Packing Up 8:30am (4)	
11:00am - 12:30pm (4)	12:30pm-2:00pm (4)		2:00pm - 4:00pm	Runners (6)	
12:30pm - 2:00pm (6)	2:00pm-4:00pm (4)			Canisters (2)	
2:00pm - 3:00pm (3)	4:30pm - 5:30pm (2)				
5:00pm - 6:00pm (3)	Hospitality Rooms (2)				
7:30pm- Ladies Program (3)					
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Hospitality Rooms (2)					
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**2019 Michigan State Council
Charity Raffle
Benefiting Holy Cross Services**

Requesting Donations and Raffle Team Members...

Did you know that a simple donation to the Michigan State Council Charity Raffle can help so many? As a council, assembly or an individual, we ask that you donate a raffle item for our 2019 Charity Raffle. All proceeds benefit Holy Cross Services. Raffle items do not need to be limited to baskets. Use your imagination. Raffle items can be for men, women, kids or families.

We are also in need of raffle workers during the State Convention.

Please email Mandy Borsenik, State Advocate's wife, for a form to complete for basket donations and raffle worker sign-up. All inquiries can be sent to m.borsenik@mikofc.org.

Thank you and we all look forward to a wonderful State Convention this May.
Sincerely,
Mandy Borsenik
Wife of State Advocate

2019 Mackinac Island Charity Raffle

DONATION SHEET

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT AND FILL OUT COMPLETELY

Donation Value \$ _____ ****If your gift includes gift cards or lottery tickets, please do not include the originals in your frame/basket. Please put photocopies in your frame/basket and bring the originals with you.**

NAME YOUR GIFT ITEM BEING DONATED:

DONATED BY: Please be sure to include those who contributed, such as Council, District, and Assembly. Also include your position.

Name and address of the person who donated the item – We would like to thank them.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail Address _____

Contact person if different than raffle gift donor:

Name _____ Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Return to: Mandy Borsenik **E-Mail: M.Borsenik@mikofc.org** **Cell Phone: (989) 295-8814**
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2019



"Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it."
~ Lou Holtz

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4/6/19	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Lansing	11694	Robert Andretz	517-282-6816
4/6/19	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Chesaning	2943	Gerald Leinberger	989-225-6749
4/22/19	None	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Jackson	609	Jeff Thomas	517-416-9677
4/27/19	None	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Marquette	13333	Jim Butorac	906-362-2315
4/27/19	Patriotic Degree					David Buick	
4/28/19	None	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Norway	9523	Martin Gittins	906-875-4117
4/28/19	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	St Clair Shores	3797	Kenneth Warzybok	586-343-9972
5/4/19	Patriotic Degree			Bay City		Keith Woodrum	
5/4/19	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Memphis	10501	Gregory Brunson	810-824-9533
5/4/19	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Gaylord	2781	Patrick Oliver	989-731-5554
5/11/19	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Harrison Twp	11658	Erni Boulos	586-747-5565
5/11/19	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Imaly City	4556	Walter Sierakowski	810-797-5190
5/11/19	None	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Benton Harbor	1120	Jeff Hudson	269-313-7684
5/16/19	None	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Farmington Hills	4401	Don Garon	248-640-2902
6/1/19	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Ann Arbor	13360	Dan Gibbons	734-355-2362
9/19/19	None	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Portland	2168	William Vallier	517-526-2956

THE YEAR END UPDATE ON CEREMONIALS

Over the past few months you have been hearing that there will be a change in the way the degrees will be conducted. Well, let me tell you that it will not happen right away. There has not been any direction given to anyone how it will be done. My experience with Supreme is that it will be awhile before the change happens. Supreme is talking about having the Admission, Formation and Knighthood Degrees done all at one time within an hour and a half. OK. Who will do the degrees? Who schedules them? What will be the script for them? What equipment is needed? Will there still be the crucifixes and medallions? Who will order them? Will there still be a Knighting? If so, when? I have a ton of questions on how it will be done. So until we get **THE** whole, I will schedule Major Degrees like we always have.

Now for the KINGTHOOD DEGREE CHALLENGE. It will end on 4-30-2019 at mid night and some DD will be getting a free night at the Grand Hotel on Wednesday May 22, 2019. Read the Challenge below for detail. We have had some really great degrees since the first of the year. Hopefully, you will be the winner. It will be a great time.

KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE CHALLENGE

Worthy District Deputies, it was announced at the Winter DD Meeting that the State would conduct a Knighthood Challenge. We know that we have many First Degree Members in our Councils. Some where around 40% on the average are only First Degree Members. We are really depriving our First Degree Knights of learning the lessons of the Formation and Knighthood Degrees. It is the job of the District Deputy, Grand Knights and others to ask these men to become a Third Degree Member.

To get these Knights to FULL Knighthood, the State will conduct this challenge to all DD's that have a Major Degree from now until May 1, 2019. So if you have a degree scheduled after May 1, 2019 and want to be part of the challenge, contact the State Ceremonial Director to change your Major Degree to before May 1, 2019. Check the Web-Site for availability dates in your area.

The winner of a FREE Wednesday night stay on May 22nd at the Grand Hotel for the State Convention and dinner with the Degree Staff, will be the Host District Deputy that has the most Candidates that go through the Knighthood Degree. The Host DD is the one that turns in a Major Degree Request to the State Ceremonial Director. If a tie, the State Ceremonial Director will call those tied DD's to determine the winner which will be based on which DD comes closest to a pre-determined number from 1 to 100.

2019 Tribute Dinner



Membership Tribute Banquet Award Recipients

Bishop Award

(Highest percentage gain in membership by Diocese)

(Awarded semi-annually)

Archdiocese of Detroit at 20.99 gross intake

2018 - 2019 Quick Start (60%-99%)

Council	Council Name	Grand Knight	Percent
3191	Msgr. James Stapleton	Thomas Simun	60.00%
7227	Algonac Knights of Columbus	Richard Goulett	60.00%
7419	St. Joseph the Worker	David W. Pauch	60.00%
10724	Au Lac	James Hass	60.00%
13318	Bishop Joseph C. Plagens	David M. Dorobek	60.00%
9568	North Branch Area	Andrew L. Edwards	61.54%
521	Msgr. E. J. McCormick	Leonard Brookins	66.67%
6980	St. Catherine of Siena	John C. Byrnes	66.67%
3830	Queen of the Holy Rosary	Randy Wells	75.00%
9523	Holy Spirit	David E. Ivey	75.00%
13793	St. John Francis Regis	John F. McGrath	75.00%
15021	Fr. Francis X. Pierz	Andrew C. Martin	75.00%
7832	St. Peter the Apostle	John M. Haddix	80.00%
8554	Shepherd	Roger Jacobs	80.00%
2959	Dexter	James Delhey	85.71%

District Deputy Quick Start (60%-99%)

District Deputy	Diocese	District	Percent
George Walrath	Lansing	47	63.6%
Steve Atwell	Detroit	16	77.7%

State Chaplain(100%+) Award

Council	Council Name	Grand Knight	Percent
8441	St. Josaphat	David K. Scott	100.00%
9711	St. Casimir	John D. Vatter	100.00%
13673	St. Gerald	David Bednarski	100.00%
2660	Bishop Foley	Dominic J. Raona	111.11%
14642	St. Sebastian	Mark Boillat	111.11%
8291	Msgr. Julian Moleski	Ray Vella	150.00%
12808	Fr. Arnold J. Kosco	Peter Duggan	220.00%

2018 - 2019 Quick Start Insurance Award(60-99%)

Field Agent	General Agent	Council	Percent
Richard Barrette	Jerome Pickett	640	66.67%
Richard Barrette	Jerome Pickett	692	66.67%
Glain Guilmette	Don Wesley	2569	66.67%
Kevin Murphy	Don Wesley	2723	66.67%
Gregory Rapelje	Jack Jerzewski	3230	66.67%
Robert Julian	Dan Thelen	6980	66.67%
Patrick Arndt	Ron Sneller	8605	66.67%
Brian Barlow	Brian Barlow	11117	66.67%
Dale Jacks	Don Wesley	11689	66.67%
Brennan Hayden	Ron Sneller	11694	66.67%
Tim Burke	Don Wesley	11756	66.67%
Greg Bennett	Ron Sneller	13362	66.67%
Thomas Jackson	Jack Jerzewski	13607	66.67%
Anthony Bliss	Don Wesley	13799	66.67%
Brian Barlow	Brian Barlow	15186	66.67%
Gregory Rapelje	Jack Jerzewski	16169	66.67%

2018-2019 State Chaplain Insurance Award (100%+)

Field Agent	General Agent	Council	Percent
Ron Sneller	Ron Sneller	11099	100.00%
Robert Julian	Dan Thelen	13305	100.00%
Mike Rath	Ron Sneller	9568	120.00%
Mike Rath	Ron Sneller	1987	133.33%
Brian O'Neill	Dan Thelen	14642	133.33%

2017-2018 Star Council Award

Council	Council Name	Grand Knight
2632	St. Paul	Michael J. Klein
2900	Fr. Korst	Robert Small
3111	Marian	Samuel Chansler
3959	Bernard P. O'Brien	Ray J. Bilyk
4354	Fr. Edwin A. Fisher	James H. Burch
693	Sandusky Pius XII	William G. Izdorek
7237	Msgr. David N. Stotenbur	Andrew Rademacher
8669	Good shepherd	Mark Briggs
11099	Msgr. John A. Gabriels	Brian Milam
11658	St. Hubert	Robert Long
12295	St. Mary Magdalen	Ryan Bosn
13703	Clio	Donald Faxlanger
13793	St. John Francis Regis	John F. McGrath
14928	Duns Scotus	LaVerne R. Newman
15439	ST. Augustine Cathedral	Peter Yank
15548	Holy Trinity	Michael Maguire
16169	St. John Neumann	Brian Zahn

2017-2018 Star Council -Father McGivney- Founders Award

Council	Council Name	Grand Knight
2660	Bishop Foley	Dominic J. Raona

2017-2018 Father McGivney Award

Council	Council Name	Grand Knight
649	Msgr. Oliver J. O'Callaghan	Joel Krupa
706	Dan M. Kennedy	Patrick J. Galla
1541	Fr. Vincent L. Ouellette	Peter J. Longtine
3170	Fr. Dolan	Lawrence R. Schurg
3725	Msgr. John C. Vismara	Henry R. Murawski
6824	Fr. George Ging	James P. Kely
7115	St. John Neumann	Eugene Dagen
7227	Algonac Knights of Columbus	Richard A. Goulette, Jr.
7780	Our Lady Star of the Sea	Dennis Janowski
8118	Blessed Sacrament	Howard D. Weathington
8391	Msgr. Hardy	Matthew D. Shaloskey
11756	Fr. William F. Welch	John C. Derler
13731	St. Priscilla	Joseph P. McCallion
13980	Riverview	Brent N. Curry
14366	St. Mary of the Lake	Jeffrey T. Roberts
14586	Fr. Hecker - St. Luke University	Jason M. Horton
15057	Our Lady of Redemption	John E. Elek
15135	Bay Council	Phillip Parker
15186	St. Joseph Old Mission Peninsula	Richard J. Kane
15352	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs	Michael P. King
15962	Parish of the Holy Spirit	David V. Buczkowski
16311	St. George	Raad S. Orow

2017-2018 Father McGivney & Founders Award

Council	Council Name	Grand Knight
708	Niles	James Maurer
2198	Carson City	Jerry Waldron
2508	Deacon Jerry Mix	Robert Matkin
2569	Bishop Michael J. Gallagher	Sean D. Dare
3029	Clare	Charles Faching
4401	St. Francis of Assisi	Henry Testa
4141	Pope Paul VI	Robert Dutka
5446	St. Mary's	Brian McNamara
7100	Msgr. Theodore G. Bateski	Charles Lanning
7340	St. Favstine	David Ziskie
7869	Albert Doerr	Donald R. Roarty
8117	Bishop Kevin Britt	Patrick J. Smiggen
8186	St. Louis De Marillac	Bernard K. Young
11430	Father John A. Kenna	Michael V. Briskey
11689	St. Paul of Tarsus	Arthur Krygowski

Dear Brother Knights,

Spring is here, let's welcome all new beginnings! With a very cold Michigan winter behind us, this time of year is for rebirth, new dreams and new hopes.

Thanks to your loyal commitment, prayers and support over the past 70 years, we continue to provide quality services for all those in our care and change the lives of so many in positive and productive ways.

I look forward to our continued partnership of offering hope and opportunities to our kids, men, women and families so they can have a brighter future.

Thank you, we are all forever grateful.

With blessings and gratitude,



Sharon Berkobien
President/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.

www.HolyCrossServices.org.

How Does Holy Cross Change Lives?

Client Testimonial

"When I first came to Holy Cross I was a mess and I had D's and E's in all my classes. But the more I worked with the staff a light bulb went off and I realized I could accomplish good things and now my attitude is better and healthier. I'm getting all A's now and my goal is to be an architect."

Calendar Fundraiser Winners

Below is a list of recent awardees

January: Joseph Guenette, Bethany Anderson, Nicole Boyd, Mary Ann Blaszk, Gerald Grobbel, James Telinda, Ernest Pratt, Rose VanElls, Gabriel Riley, Ken Fil, Mark Roberts, Gary Fedewa, J. Lindsay Blamer, Chris Beaulieu, Theresa Sasak, Daniel Thelen, Anthony Thelen, Clare Greene, Louis Bushey, Jack Epley, Norman Daniels, Robert Jansen, Carl Carlton, Eric Strauss, Terry Johnson, Jerome & Marie Manofsky, Brian McNamara, Anthony Karpowitsch, Timothy Hayden, Marsha Koenigsnecht, Glen & Frances King, **\$500 WINNER – Robert Kavanagh**

February: James Kurncz, Gary & Janet Brown, Fr. Douglas Terrien, Christopher Drummond, John Davidek, Patricia Roberts, Gary Markwardt, Joe Grenn, Harold DeGrave, OFM, Ryan & Janet Neveau, Thomas Kramarz, John St. Andre, Lois Wesley, Robert Staelgraeve, Bob & Sharon Fox, Albert Post, Suzanne Rezmer, Daniel Witgen, Barbara Lane, Lawrence Schwab, Ross Pope, John Sternicki, Brenda Blamer, Cameron Schmitz, Norbert & Mary Rickelmann, Norbert Strobel, Ronald Pigott, David Russell, **\$500 WINNER – Margaret Thelen**

March: Bob Brines, Mary Kelly, Robert Reinelt, Joseph Fernholz, William Snowdin, Douglas Frantz, Joel Weiher, Debra Malega, David Williams, Pamela Fraley, Greg Allen, Mary Ann Skiba, Frederick Ruppel, Jr., Elizabeth Goodwin, Gregory Phillips, Joseph Dunn, Francis Agnello, Bernard Hengesbach, Dennis Downey, Zachary Schmitz, James Kraus, Daniel Shields, Richard Olson, Marcia Roty, Norbert Strobel, Michael Wachowski, Jim Hanes, Joseph Solomon, Robert Legel, Kenneth Ross, James Karoub, **\$500 WINNER – Raymond & Rose Marie Barnas**

Do you have your 2019 Holy Cross Services Giving Calendar yet? These calendars make great gifts for birthdays, anniversaries and help bring hope and opportunity to our kids – it's a WIN/WIN!!



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

www.HolyCrossServices.org

Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 16

"Waitress"

The Good Samaritans group is hosting their annual evening out to benefit Holy Cross and the Samaritan Center.

Dinner at Cuisine Restaurant in Detroit at 5:45pm will be followed by "Waitress" the hit musical, at the Fisher Theatre in Fisher Building in Detroit at 8:00pm.

"Inspired by Adrienne Shelly's beloved film, Waitress tells the story of Jenn – a waitress and expert pie maker, Jenna dreams of a way out of her small town and loveless marriage. A baking contest in a nearby county and the town's new doctor may offer her a chance at a fresh start, while her fellow waitresses offer their own recipes for happiness. But Jenna must summon the strength and courage to rebuild her own life." (from <https://www.broadwayindetroit.com/shows/waitress>)

Tickets are \$200 each and sponsorships are also available. For more information, please call Karen Rupley at 517-423-7556.

Thursday, June 20

The Corcoran Scramble

The 29th Annual Corcoran 4-Person Golf Scramble will be at the Fortress Golf Course in Frankenmuth, MI

9:00 a.m. Registration
10:00 a.m. Shotgun start (lunch at the turn)
4:00 p.m. Dinner

For sponsorship, individual player and team pricing information, please call Karen Rupley at 517-423-7556 or email her at krupley@hccsnet.org

Tuesday, July 9

HCS 49th Annual

The 49th Annual HCS Golf Outing will be held at two locations:

Bay Pointe Golf Club, 4001 Haggerty, West Bloomfield
Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road, Commerce

11:00 a.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Shotgun start
6:30 p.m. Dinner (at Bay Pointe Golf Club)

For information, call Karen Rupley at 517-423-7556 or krupley@hccsnet.org

Thanks!

A very special thanks goes to all the Michigan Knights of Columbus and their spouses from across the state who collected and packaged thousands of sweatshirts, hundreds of bath baskets, hats and gift cards on Friday, November 30, at the Lansing Crowne Plaza, all to be delivered to the kids at Holy Cross Services. THANK YOU for putting a smile on their face and filling their hearts with joy knowing all of you care about our kids and want them to experience a brighter Christmas.

Wife of State Deputy Marybeth Chasse, wife of State Treasurer Julie Kolomjec, along with other lady Knights spend the day sorting and packaging bath baskets for Holy Cross youth.



Yvette Corey packaging gifts for distribution to all the Holy Cross sites throughout Michigan.



State Secretary Walter Winkle and wife Karen, State Treasurer Christopher Kolomjec, along with other Knights and Santa enjoyed a fun evening at our Samaritan Center singing Christmas Carols to the residents at Samaritan Manor, having dinner, playing games and distributing sweatshirts to the Bowman House girls and King House boys.



If you would like to host an event for Holy Cross Services, join us at one of our annual golf outings, or visit our sites, contact Karen at 517-423-7556 or krupley@hccsnet.org, or visit us at HolyCrossServices.org



Membership Tribute Banquet Award Recipients

2017-2018 Father McGivney & Founders Award			2017-2018 Columbian Award			2017-2018 Columbian & Founders Award		
Council	Council Name	Grand Knight	Council	Council Name	Grand Knight	Council	Council Name	Grand Knight
11761	St. Mary's - Pinckney	Mick E. Walton	640	Escanaba	Robert J. Tourangeau	11694	St. Mary Cathedral	Mark A. Stenske
13453	St. Anastasia	John Carry, Jr.	744	John Cardinal Dearden	Brian M. Felczak	13362	St. Fabian	James A. Telinda
13485	St. Benedict of Waterford	Lawrence J. Edwards	788	Richard	Jay G. Corey			
13942	St. Joseph the Provider	John N. Monterio	1120	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Joseph C. Campbell			
14427	Our Lady of Victory	Richard Bennett	1224	Cadillac	Jonathon E. Borton			
14642	St. Sebastian	Daniel Hoffman	1616	Bishop Alfred J. Markiewicz	Daniel K. Barrett			
15204	Monsignor Russell E. Kohler	Robert Schoenborn	2022	Ogemaw	Rick S. Leibler			
16092	Holy Redeemer	Daniel Bunker	2251	Msgr. Kromenaker	Patrick L. Schindler			
16223	St. Mary Magdalen	Sean G. Klisz	2594	St. Basils	Jeffrey J. Gilbert			
			2667	Richmond	Bryan M. Eisen			
			2724	Fr. Eugene P. Labory	Dallas P. Compeau			
			2950	St. Lawrence	Steven L. Salter			
			3078	Robert H. Jones	Gerald C. Spindleman			
			3230	Alfred E. Walters	Raymond J. Bayham			
			3590	Msgr. Eugene A. Forbes	Timothy R. Hall			
			4064	St. William of Vercelli	Daniel M. Godfrey			



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

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 (616) 443-4151

2019 Tribute Dinner



May They Rest In Peace

Alpena Council 529
George Grzeskowiak
John Smigelski
Harold Vanderwyst
Standish Council 2724
Richard Stanley
Nicholas Schlicht
Westphalia Council 2890
Richard Schneider
Louis Plane

Lincoln Park Council 3078
Santos Barbosa, Gerald Zajac
Robert Alexsandrowski
Plymouth Council 3292
Steve Socha
Dearborn Hgts. Council 3312
Robert Sclesky
Watervliet Council 4055
Thomas Powers
Bay City Council 4102
Don Krsysiak, Dave Sabourin

Roscommon Council 6593
Bob Wolfgang
South Lyon Council 7586
William Urban, Dennis Wutka
Cass City Council 8892
Bert Clinkle
Temperance Council 11430
Fr. John Kenna
Harrison Two. Council 11658
Donald Boden, Dave Lahey
Sterling Hgts. Council 12102

Robert Pendergras
Richard Gaenon
Harrison Twp. Council 11658
Donald Boden
Buchanan Council 14409
William Grover, II
Southfield Council 14928
Greg Shank

2018-2019 Ambassador Club First Level
(Members who recruited two new members in first six months)

Council	Member	Council	Member
521	Stephen Drouillard	7304	Kevin Mondloch
600	Robert Harper	7311	David Zerbe
609	David Vanhoof	7365	Gerald Burger
692	Richard Barrette	7413	Thomas Kleparek
1213	Timothy Lechota	7418	Daniel Rourke
1266	Lloyd Conner, Jr.	7418	Kevin Learman
1802	Dave Dawood	7561	Michael Seefrie
2168	Francis Vallier	7816	Paul Lacroix
2508	Dany Barajas	8071	Michael Thelen
2660	Dominic Raona	8117	Ronald Carloti
2660	Stephen Lentz	8169	Anthony Petkus
2690	Richard Corriveau	8391	Anthony Topiano
2733	Kevin McKay	8391	Patrick Flannery
2733	Christopher Scheich	8441	Roman Kolodchin
2781	Patrick Oliver	8554	Robert Wachowski
2890	Paul Smith	8892	Ronald Rutkoski
2890	James Martin	9182	George Wygant
2931	Zachary Hokans	9301	Andrew Gazdecki
2943	Douglas Bishop	9568	Robert Bovenschen
2950	James Adams	9962	Jeffrey Cypher
2959	Ken Sample	10006	Lawrence Leece
3021	Eric Pohl	10170	Joseph Katrinic, Jr.
3021	Paul Sposite	10501	James Zinger
3027	Dean Schrauben	10724	Joseph Whitenight
3078	Charles Egbuonu	11811	Donald Garon
3170	Duane Colman	11957	Dale Jacks
3281	Douglas Nurenberg	11957	Dean Corsi
3505	Roy DeLorege, Jr.	12808	Lawrence Binder
3797	Paul Desjardins	13419	Kevin Murphy
3830	Randy Wells	13450	Patrick Arndt
3860	Richard Fron	13453	Timothy Dunning
4036	Benjamin Schaendorf	13453	Michael Micene
4090	David Lane	13579	Martin Morin
4232	Joseph Murawski	13673	Robert Kuhr
4232	Thomas Slivinski	13673	Richard Smith
4362	Daniel Weibel	13793	John McGareth
4764	Frank Framarczyk	13810	Marco Barcenas
4764	Kenneth Simpson	14213	Louis Carver
5436	Thomas Kendziorski	14427	Bennett Michael
5446	Jeffrey Gilliland	14427	Michael Cullen
5452	Jack Allen	14586	Julius Horvath
5492	Nathan Cashero	14598	Steven Yskes
6667	Claude Alexander	14642	Mark Boillat
6674	Myron Anderson	14642	Matthew Millard
6824	James Burke	15135	Robert Crocker
6980	Calrence Snyder	15417	Rudolfo Reyes
6980	John Byrnes	15691	Earl Burhans
7011	Thomas Starynychak	16092	Donald Kucharek
7115	Patrick Kovach	16092	Michael Wilde
7227	Pieter Winne	16169	Daniel Timmerman
7239	Anthony Bliss	16199	David Baldwin
		16628	Dennis Schneider

2018-2019 Ambassador Club Third Level
(Members who recruited ten new members within 12 months)

Council	Council Name	Member
12808	Fr. Arnold J. Kosco	Lawrence Binder

Top 5 Questions You've Wanted to Ask
About K of C Insurance

1. How does K of C life insurance work?

By purchasing a K of C life insurance policy and paying premiums you ensure that when you die, your beneficiary (or beneficiaries) will receive a lump sum, also known as a death benefit.

2. How much life insurance do I need?

Your life insurance needs depend on your current and future financial obligations. Your field agent can meet with you at your convenience and analyze the needs of you and your family.

3. What is a premium and a beneficiary?

A premium is the amount of money you pay for your insurance policy; premiums can be fixed or flexible, depending on your coverage. A beneficiary is the person (or persons) who will receive the proceeds of your life insurance policy when you die.

4. What if I already have insurance coverage with my employer?

Even if you have life insurance coverage with your employer, your coverage may not be enough and your employee benefits may not be guaranteed. If you leave your company, you cannot take your life insurance with you. It's important to review your insurance policy periodically to make sure it still meets your financial needs.

5. I have K of C insurance; where can I find my current policy?

It's easy. Simply contact your K of C agent to discuss the details of your current policy or annuity values. Find your local agent by visiting kofc.org/findagent.

2018-2019 Ambassador Club Second Level
(Members who recruited five new members in first six months)

Council	Council Name	Location	Member
2168	Portland	Portland	Francis Vallier
2660	Bishop Foley	Dearborn	Dominic Raona
2733	Lakeshore	Ste. Clair Shores	Kevin McKay
2890	St. Jude Thaddeus	Westphalia	Paul Smith
5436	Pope John XXIII	Waterford	Thomas Kendziorski
5452	Fr. Baumgartner	Rochester	Jack Allen
8071	Pewamo	Pewamo	Michael Thelen
10724	Au Lac	Ira	Joseph Whitenight
11957	St. Therese of Lisieux	Shelby Township	Dale Jacks
12808	Fr. Arnold J. Kosco	West Bloomfield	Lawrence Binder

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

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

St. Port Huron Council 521

Don & Cindy Isaac

Alpena Council 529

Gordon & Cheryl Koester

James & Carol Buczkowski

Thomas & Lisa Hilberg

Patrick & Melissa Gapske

Larry & Patsy Weise *cfy

Mt. Clemens Council 744

Frank Brinker family

Andrew Smith family

Randall Lentini family

Lansing Council 788

The Ladies Auxiliary

Corey & Alana Livingston

Marine City Council 856

Paul Burger family

St. Clair Council 2251

Bill Nesbitt family

LeRoy Mollan family *cfy

Standish Council 2724

Dale & Randy Huovinen

Ken & Patricia Adrian, Sr.

Gaylord Council 2781

Fred & Judy Abeel

Joe & Charlene Fronczak

Westphalia Council 2890

Brian & Erin Smith

Andy & Jamie Schneider

Jim & Amy Pohl

Utica Council 2950

Keith & Debbie McNeil

Pinconning Council 2986

Wayne & Jo Ann Jasman

George & Sandy Augustyniak

Lincoln Park Council 3078

Angelo & Alice Norscia

Bob & Joan Morgan

Ray & Cyndie Aleks

Davison Council 4090

Gary & Cindy Lehr

Larry & Anne Prevo

Matt & Melissa Durham

Mark & Alice Campbell

Carl & Mary Knieper

Tom & Sara St. Martin

Don & Terry Michalik

Joel & Julie Fournier

Greg & Yvonne Ellsworth *cfy

Saginaw Council 4232

Tom & Pat Middleton

Farmington Council 4401

Aaron & Missey Dick

Alan & Colleen Redmond

Gary & Nina Mallia

Waterford Council 5436

Christopher & Debbie Scheuer

Michael & Phyllis Swillum

Kevin & Virginia Wisely

New Baltimore Council 5981

Ken & Darlene Krause

Roscommon Council 6593

Don & Sue Croff

Joe & Pat Tundo

Mike & Jan Leman

Posen Council 6657

Victor & Carrie Zaborney

Kevin & Jessie Szott

Joel & Ken Kendzorski

Michigan Center Council 6687

William & Pamela Roller

Paul & Christine Henning

David & Gretchen Walter

Swartz Creek Council 6694

Bob & Kathy Kranz

Barry & Lynn Boyd

Macomb Council 7200

Tom & Joann Bischoff

Tom & Mary Paris**Dewitt Council 7237**

Trevor & Rebecca Kane

Jenison Council 7487

Dan & Betty Searle *cfy

Jim & Susan Barnes

Leo & Marlene Leparski

Tony & Angrla Michienzi

South Lyon Council 7586

Phil & Mary Longo

Pete & Karen Schmidt

Phil & Pam Weipert

Hale Council 7623

David Tipsworth &

Sandi McParlan

Durand Council 7955

Randy & Diane Weller

Paul & Virginia Williamson

Hillman Council 8041

Cathy Stevens family

Alan Morrison family

Sanford Council 8043

Richard & Bonnie Pytlak

Michael & Pamela Schultz

Auburn Hills Council 8659

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Mike & Phyllis Kryza

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Stephen & Marie Johandes

Yale Council 8710

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Daryl & Connie Iwankovitsch

Mason Council 9182

Jim Powers family

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Michael & Ann Kapus, Sr.

Ann Arbor Council 10963

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Parishioner Jeanine Jahant

George & Carla Pariseau

John & Erika Tuttle

Steven & Jill Andrews

Lansing Council 11099

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Marcus & Adrienne Wells

Arnold & Marisol Henning

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Tom & Sue Fabus

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McDonald

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Bruce & Diane Roberts

Michael & Milbia Rometty

Denis & Sharon Weberlein

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Robert & Pauline Saltsman

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Rochester Hills Council 13950

Michael & Anne Losh

Kevin & Donna Nielsen

Timothy & Rose Marie Polulak

Paul & Sue Thorn

Thomas & Jessie Kubacki

Richard & Betty Maciejewski

Zachary & Melissa Keen

Shelby Twp. Council 13983

Ken & Jean Kwasnik

Southfield Council 14928

Thomas Bassett family

John Grden family

Will Hughes family

Westland Council 15204

Gerald & Mary Pietszak

Jerome & Janelle Duhr

Canton Council 16169

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Jeff & Lynne Matheny

Leo & Donna Tykoski

Scott & Angela Kalkofen

Knights of the Month

NOTE: FOR GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCIL PR CHAIRMAN

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

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

*cky- council knight of year

Port Huron Council 521

Bob Kreusel

Alpena Council 529

David Hilla *cky

Mt. Clemens Council 744

Lawrence Dishman

Bryan Newcom

Aston Moy

Lansing Council 788

John Book, John Suckow

Marine City Council 856

Larry Shackett

Monroe Council 1266

Jay Jondro, Julian Rios

Steve Richardville *cky

St. Clair Council 2251

Todd Spreader

Daniel Granowicz *cky

Howell Council 2659

Fr. Prabhu Lakra

Standish Council 2724

Joseph Drzewiecki, Carl Setlak

Ken Adrian, Jr.

Gaylord Council 2781

Ken Tomaski, Dennis Kudej

Westphalia Council 2890

Leroy Nurenberg, Stan Pohl

Utica Council 2950

Guy Anzell, Ronald Terens

Gary Lusk

Lincoln Park Council 3078

Dan Christman, Don Butella

Vic Campbell

Davison Council 3090

Leroy White, Rick Brzezinski

Joe Masson, Tom Novak

Rich Roberts, Robert Jackson

Jim Lorenz, Bill Conroy

Gerald Rouleau *cky

Caro Council 3224

Peter Sayers, Joseph Zinger

Ruth Council 3823

Michael Hess, Larry Siemen

Rodney Kramer

Ronald Booms

Suzu Tenbusell, Judy Messing

Alice Hessling, Dolores

Roggenbuck

Saginaw Council 4232

Tom & Pat Middleton

Farmington Council 4401

Arnel Nablo, Alexander Frantz

Michael Evangelista

Alan Redmond

Tom Peglar, James Acho

Christopher Parnin

Waterford Council 5436

James Longbucco

Christopher Drouin

New Baltimore Council 5981

Arvin Stephenson

Roscommon Council 6593

Pat Mattingly, Jr., Tom O'Brien

Jim Lafond

Posen Council 6657

Justin Dziensinski

Toby Kuznicki

Ken Peters, Robert Szott

Ken Momrik

Michigan Center Council 6687

James O'Sullivan,

Rodney Dickinson

Fr. Satheesh Alphonse

Swartz Creek Council 6694

Dave Nishith, Wayne DeShano

Ortonville Council 6824

Bruce Kocer, James Burke

Fr. George Ging

Macomb Council 7200

Ronaldo Freitas, Roger Warda

Fenton Council 7418

Mark Daniel

Jenison Council 7487

Nathan Tople *cky

Don McCloskey, David Pelton

South Lyon Council 7586

Don Lulko, Mike Brautigam

Hale Council 7623

Bernard Lorenz

Durand Council 7955

Edward Folsom, Louis Male

Hillman Council 8041

Thomas Bouchey, Scott Sutkay

Sanford Council 8043

Michael Schultz, Jacob Fortin

Pewamo Council 8071

Jim Schmitz, Carl Hafner

Auburn Hills Council 8659

Randy Seever, Sam Crowl

Charles Kemier

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Thomas Tithof, Jerry Mead

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John Henneberry

Joseph Marble

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David Tokarski

Ann Arbor Council 10963

Deacon Joseph Lennon

Thomas Merlo, Paul Malocha

Stephen Willacker

Alex Galbraith

Lansing Council 11099

Joseph Wilhelm, Jacob Allstott

Anthony Cherniawski

Quentin Abbott

Harrison Two. Council 11658

Jay Walsh, Mike Pasqual

Clinton Twp. Council 11689

Thaddeus Czarny

Robert Tusset

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Val Kraft, Joe Ready *cky

Novi Council 11811

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Shawn Kronner

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Tom Hartzell

Michael LeFavre

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Michael Lewis

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Doug Foley, Shatomi Kerbway

Robert Bural

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Gill Dutilly

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Michael Michon

Emmanuel Pellerin

Rodney Morris

Rev. Eugene Strain

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Clyde Bostick, Mesfin Belay

Mike Hurite

Grand Rapids Council 15495

Stanley Jarosz, Larry Clouse

Canton Council 16169

Bob Rugenski

Marshall Grazioli

John Guth, Ed Hurst



One member per council per month

AROUND THE STATE

St. Michael of Sterling Hgts.



Our Council 13799 was commissioned to build a new creche. We used some of the wood from the church remodel and over a dozen members of our council helped with this project



Msgr. Kohler

Council #15204 Westland, MI was proud to work with the athletes from the Michigan Area-23 Special Olympics at Franklin High School in Livonia during their basketball skills training.

St Paul of Tarsus Council #11689

The Council recently sponsored a Pancake Breakfast to raise funds for the St Louis Center in Chelsea Michigan. The breakfast proceeds and generous donations from the St Paul of Tarsus parishioners produced an amount of \$2600. A check in that amount was presented to Fr Enzo Addari Chief Executive Officer for the St Louis Center. Fr Addari was present for both the Mass and the Pancake Breakfast at the time.

Hearty Breakfast

Fenton Council 7418 and its associated women's group served a hearty "country breakfast" to more than 200 parishioners after morning Masses at St. John Parish, approaching 10 years of the monthly fundraiser. Each breakfast averages \$700 to \$1,000 in proceeds, which go directly to the parish



Holy Cross Council 2739 and **Blessed Sacrament Cathedral 8118**, made Santa Claus' visit for the kids very special. This year council #2739 and 8118 distributed Coats for Kids at their meeting place while Santa listened to the kid's wishes and desires for a good Christmas. The Knights fulfilled some of the kids wants and needs for a warm Christmas, by giving them coats. As you can see the youngsters were very excited for the double treat, all in one day.

Father John M. Lynch Council 4188 in Clawson placed custom-made donation canisters at local businesses, soliciting donations for people with developmental disabilities. In nine months, the drive has brought in more than \$1,000.

Msgr. Russell E. Kohler Council

15204 in Westland sponsored a meal for some 50 homeless men and women in Detroit, staffed by more than 20 Knights and volunteers. Participants also led a Bible study and donated rosaries to all who attended.

St. John Council 3281 in St. Johns, donated some 170 new winter coats to the St. Johns public schools and St. Joseph Catholic School in participation in the K of C Coats for Kids program. Programs =

**Programs =
New Members**



2019 Tribute Dinner



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 _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DAVL

Mail to: **Robert J. Garstka**
DAVL Memorial Mass Chariman
47120 Savannah Dr.
Macomb, MI. 48044

Applicants will be contacted for multiple line engraving information.

Knights of Columbus Use Only Rec'd. \$ _____ Date: _____

Applications are available at:

1. Michigan Columbian
 2. By contacting Bob Garstka at rjgars@comcast.net (586) 484-0781.
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**Growing Your Council:
 Three Easy Steps**

Remember the last time you bought something big? Like a car? Remember the research you did? Men go on a similar “customer journey” before they decide to join the Knights.

Here are three easy ways for your council to put its best foot forward at every step of that journey!

Step 1 — Maintain your council’s website.

At some point in a prospect’s journey to Knighthood, he will almost certainly check out your council’s website. Make sure you keep it up to date with council accomplishments, upcoming events (which a prospect might come to) and easy to find contact information. You should also provide a link to the Online Membership Application at kofc.org/joinus to make joining even easier.

Step 2 — Be social.

Most people are on at least one social media site, with Facebook leading the pack. If your council has a Facebook page, keep it up to date with charitable programs and initiatives so a prospect can see how you can help him put his faith into action. Link to the Online Membership Application, and invite men to join. Remember to follow the K of C Social Media Policy — you can find it in the Officer’s Desk Reference.

Step 3 — Revamp your in-person pitch.

Every Knight has his own “elevator pitch” for the Knights, but when is the last time you thought about yours? Be ready to tell prospects about one or two flagship council charitable programs and one or two events for entire families. Then, have him check out kofc.org/joinus. Remind him to check off the “I want to join a local council” field, and to enter your council’s number in that field.

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2019 Joint Fundraiser For Council and State Charities



Brother Knights, Welcome to this years Joint Council and State Charities Raffle. We have put together a "Super" 1st Prize for a "Super Charity"! This is a Top Bucket List Trip for any of our members or family and friends. These \$5.00 Tickets are easy to sell, for the most respected Fraternal Organization in the world, "The Knights of Columbus". The sale of these tickets have a "Super" impact on our Council and State Charities which help people that do not have it so "Super". We are asking you to just ASK your friends and family to support this "Super

1st Degree Charity Prize -Trip for 2 to 2020 SUPER BOWL Hard Rock Stadium - Miami, Florida February 2, 2020

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



- 2nd Degree Unity Prize - \$1,500.00 Cash
3rd Degree Fraternity Prize - \$1,000.00 Cash
4th Degree Patriotic Prize - \$ 500.00 Cash
5th - 10th Prizes - \$360.00 Cash Each 21st - 30th Prizes - \$120.00 Cash Each



Grand Prize Drawing held at DeCarlo's Banquet Center 6015 E. Ten Mile Rd., Warren, MI 48091 (586) 759-6500 Doors open at 5:30pm - Drawing at 8:00pm A light dinner and cash bar will be provided.

State Deputy - William H. Chasse State Fundraising Directors Gary A. DeCarlo (586) 436-0121



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

Light Dinner and cash bar provided

Ticket Stubs and Payment Returns

Make all checks and money orders are made payable to:

Michigan State Council

Return stubs and check or money order in the envelope provided to you.

Please do not send your council dues in the envelope provided to the State Council.

Form with dashed border containing text: 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

A DAY AT THE CIRCUS



DC Fr. Paul Ballie - SD William H. Chasse' - BK Russ Smith

The Michigan Region of the Order of Alhambra hosted "Alhambra Day at the Circus" where we take 4200 developmentally disabled individuals to the Shrine Circus. It's really easy; all you have to do is ask Bill Chasse', the State Deputy of the Knight of Columbus to be the Honorary Ringmaster. Then get a couple of guys to meet with the Shriners and make a deal. Distribute the tickets to some special schools and it's a day at the circus. It's Easy. "TADA"!

Signed

Russ Smith, Ring Announcer

Ps: Don't forget that the kids are gone during lunch hour so get about 40 guys to go to DeCarlo's catering kitchen at 7 am to help cook and stuff 4200 hotdogs into buns and wrap them.

Opps. I forgot, the day before; make sure you've got some strong bucks to hump the 120 cases of water up and down the bleacher seats so they can be distributed. "TADA"!

Pss: Oh yeah, make sure you get a bunch of guys to help park the 60 - 75 busses and vans and you'll need about a dozen strong guys to help unload the busses when they pull up to the entrance. "TADA"!

Psss: When the kids enter the big top make sure you've got a guy like Cliff Dake and 25 other guys to help direct the kids to their seats and secure the ones who are in wheelchairs. "TADA"!

Pssss: If you are short a few volunteers ask Fr. Paul Ballien, Detroit Diocesan Chaplain, to pitch in, not as a spiritual leader, just a helper. "TADA"!

Psssss: One more thing, make sure you get a guy like Gary De Carlo, who owns a catering company, to bring enough food to feed the 150 volunteers who spent the day making sure this all works. "TADA"!

Pssssss: Make sure you get a guy like John Vella to be the "Circus Daddy" or it will be like work. Don't worry about a thank you speech to all the volunteers who give unconditionally (like they always do), after all, the smiles on the kids' faces will be thanks enough! "TADA"!



How Will You Help This Lent?

"Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ." — Pope Francis

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the three important Lenten traditions. This Lent, which begins Feb. 14, we should not simply go through the motions but really make this Lent a time of transformation. Whether it's by engaging in a Lenten activity such as a 40 Cans for Lent drive, praying together as a council, or raising funds for "the least of my brethren," we can all embrace the season of Lent.



Up Your Recruitment Game With Your Pastor's Help

Having a good relationship with your pastor can make your council's programs stronger and your impact go further. But did you know your pastor can also be a top recruiter, too?

Here are some easy steps to help you work with your pastor:

Let your pastor know he can count on your council.

Your council is there to support your parish. It's a good idea for your grand knight or membership director to have regular communication with the pastor to keep him up to date about council activities. This open communication will help your pastor see that the Knights of Columbus really is the strong right arm of the Church.

Set goals together with your pastor.

Take communication to the next step by planning time with your pastor to set common goals, such as raising money for parish renovations or planning monthly dinners for parish families. Don't be afraid to get creative: How can your council foster a more active parish life? How can your pastor help spread the word about your council and encourage men to join?

Introduce your pastor to Online Membership.

If your pastor doesn't already know about Online Membership, walk him through the process at kofc.org/joinus. Once he sees how simple it is, it won't be difficult to get him to encourage busy men to start their journey with the Knights.

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“Leaders think and talk about the solutions. Followers think and talk about the problems.” ~ Brian Tracy

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MAY THE JOY
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FILL YOUR HEART
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