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The Knights of Columbus Board of Directors elected Patrick E. Kelly as the next Supreme Knight



Patrick E. Kelly has been elected the 14th Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus. Starting March 1, 2021, he will serve as chief executive officer and chairman of the board of the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, with more than 2 million members.

Mr. Kelly's election as Supreme Knight follows a distinguished career in the Knights of Columbus, the military and public service. For more than 25 years, he has a demonstrated track record of service to Church and country, which will serve him well in advancing the Knights' mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

Mr. Kelly has served as Deputy Supreme Knight since 2017. Prior to that, he served as Vice President for Public Policy for 11 years, spearheading the Knights' interaction with the White House, Congress and federal agencies. He has also served as State Deputy in the District of Columbia. As a longtime executive and fraternal leader of the Knights of Columbus, he has consistently strengthened its record of charity, advocacy, insurance, investment and membership growth.

Mr. Kelly served as the first executive director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C., and oversaw the renewal of the facility after its purchase by the Knights in 2011. During his tenure, the shrine became a leading pilgrimage site and a source of education and inspiration for Catholics throughout the United States and the world.

Prior to his leadership roles in the Knights, Mr. Kelly pursued a lengthy career of public service. Most notably, he was Senior Advisor to the Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom at the State Department from 2005 to 2006. His responsibilities included serving as the Department's principal liaison with the Holy See and assisting with the formulation of U.S. foreign policy on religious freedom worldwide. He led U.S. delegations to the World Summit on Islamic-Christian dialogue (2005), the UN conference on interfaith cooperation (2005), and annual Sant'Egidio conferences. He has also held advisory roles on the House Intelligence Committee and the Department of Justice, where he specialized in counterterrorism and national security.

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From The State Deputy
Walter K. Winkle, Jr.



Worthy Brother Knights, It's a great day to be a Knight! I pray that you all have had a blessed Lenten season and are enjoying the new life during Easter Season. I continue to pray that all of you and your families are safe from the COVID-19. As of this date, a good portion of the 65 year and older have received their shots and it is now open to 50-year old's and older. Some of the bans have been lifted and we are now allowed to have up to 25 people in a meeting. Restaurants are at 50% and most importantly, dispensations on attending mass are being planned to be lifted across the state soon. If you have not been to a meeting since this all began, or not in a while, please consider getting out safely and once again visit with your brother knights! I look forward to getting out to see you in your councils soon, please let me know what events you are planning. Hopefully, you have been receiving the Constant Contact email that we send out to the DD's, GK's, FS, MD, and PD in each council. If not, ask them to share with you, we have some great story's and update on events that the State and Councils are doing. If you have an event that you would like to share your success with, send an email to our State Program Director, Paul Palka a p.palka@mikofc.org also our State Public Relations Director, Gary Merritt at g.merritt@mikofc.org and we will do our best to post and share with the rest of the world.

As I conclude my visit with the DD's, State and Diocesan Directors, a total of 2,300 miles in 2 weeks, I have asked each District Deputy for a personal commitment to promote membership in each of their Districts. With the recent lift on restrictions, we should all plan on seeing a light at the end of the tunnel. We need to start planning now so that we are ready to put these plans into action when our priests are comfortable allowing us to do so. I have asked the District deputies to put together a membership recruiting team that will help councils in membership drives within their district and offer help to local Districts in their area. I ask each of you to volunteer to help, not only your council but also the ones around you that may be struggling. To come together in Unity and as a Catholic Fraternity in helping one another grow the councils in not only membership, but with their programs. With the lower quota, state incentive of \$100.00 for

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**From The State Chaplain
Rev. Paul Ballien**



Before the 14th century, there was nothing much in the town of Avignon, in southern France. But from 1309 to 1376, however, this city of southern France became the home of seven popes, who were forced to flee Rome because of war. Avignon, as a result, began to prosper the moment the first pope arrived. For example, the most prominent architects of Europe were called in to design the gothic papal palace, complete with 39 towers. Many very well educated people followed the papal court, establishing Avignon as an intellectual capital attracting fine chefs, important poets, architects, sculptors and artists. Within a very short time, the papal court had transformed a one stop-sign town into a cultural metropolis.

The only problem with Avignon was, it was too nice. What was first intended as a temporary exile from Rome, turned into a most pleasant extended vacation. Once Frenchmen began to be elected as popes, there was no question of going back. The French Pope Gregory XI, was expected to continue the tradition of having the Holy See remain in Avignon. As Florence was waging war against Siena and Rome, it made great practical sense to stay in beautiful, peaceful France.

However, Gregory XI, shortly after accepting the office of the papacy, heard the voice of Jesus asking him to “feed my sheep” by returning the Holy See to Rome. So moved by this impulse of grace, Gregory made a private vow to Christ that he would move the Holy See back to its rightful historic city. He told no one of the vow he had made, but began to float the idea to the Cardinals and to the French King. As you can imagine, everyone laughed at such a proposition. They all said, “It is not safe in Rome, and Avignon offers all the comforts of life and more.” Therefore, perhaps thinking that his vow to return to Rome was a bit of misdirected zeal, Gregory listened to his advisors and shelved the idea for awhile.

But one day, in 1376, Gregory XI received a very well known visitor: the Siense virgin named Catherine of the Order of Preachers. You probably know her as St. Catherine of Siena, her feast day is celebrated every year on April 29th. But anyways, she came to the Pope, not about this issue, but instead she came at the request of the people of Florence to have the Pope lift the interdict under which they had been placed. Gregory XI knew of Catherine’s reputation for holiness, so he asked her privately whether or not he should return the Holy See to Rome. Catherine responded that she had no authority even to offer an opinion on the matter. But the Holy Father continued to press her, saying: “Do you think that I should return to Rome?” Catherine looked him in the eye and responded: “I think that you need to do what you promised Jesus you would do.”

Pope Gregory was speechless. He had told no one of this private vow, yet St. Catherine could see into his troubled heart. Strengthened by her directive, Gregory XI, against every other bit of advice he had received, ended the papal exile in Avignon. He returned the papacy to Rome amidst the consternation of the French Cardinals.

St. Catherine of Siena’s visit to Avignon teaches us a very important truth of the spiritual life: once we have promised Jesus that we will do something, we need to stand firm in our commitment, confident that his grace will not fail us. Even though we may face great difficulties and the voices around us are telling us otherwise, we need to be faithful to what we have promised Jesus we would do.

This applies to us because through the sacraments we have received, we have all made promises to Jesus Christ. Through our reception of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist, we have made promises that we will turn away from evil, accept the Church’s teachings on the faith, and live a life that is consistent with those teachings which proudly proclaims through word and deed that Jesus is our Lord and Savior. Through reception of Marriage, we also promise fidelity and love to our partner in marriage. As Knights of Columbus, we promise we will serve and defend the Church. We promise in the first three degrees that we receive, that we will strive for the noble virtues of charity, unity and fraternity.

Today, we have a crisis of being faithful to commitments. Popular culture encourages us to do only what brings us the pleasure of the moment, rather than remaining faithful to our responsibilities. It is not always easy to stay true to your word. It is a challenge; that is one reason why we need God. It is God who gives us the graces necessary to meet the challenges we face. It is God who gives us His Spirit to help us love beyond the measure we think we are capable of and to serve those who are in most need of our help. Therefore, let’s make a conscious decision to invite the risen Lord and the Holy Spirit into our lives every day, so that we may grow in faithfulness and fidelity, and so that we may also follow St. Catherine’s words and do what we promised Jesus we would do.

Vivat Jesus,
Fr. Paul Ballien
K of C Michigan State Chaplain

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**Proclaiming a Year of St. Joseph, Pope Francis has invited us to grow closer to the patron and protector
of the Holy Family and of the Church**

**From The State Secretary
Christopher A. Kolomjec**

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 our Executive Secretary, Larry Grabowski at L.Grabowski@mikofc.org and he can send you the amount. Remember that there are two invoices sent out each fraternal year. The first is sent around the end of July and to other is sent in January. They must be paid to be able to seat a delegate from your council to our State Convention. I would also ask that you please send any monies collected in behalf of the 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 separate accounts that have full council discretion. I do ask of two things; I ask you to write a separate check for each account. The SHMSEF goes into our 501 c 3 Account and the 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! If you have more than one check, you can include in one envelope!

The Board and Several State Directors have been planning the State Convention since early January and continue to do so about 2 meetings a month so that your council delegates will have an enjoyable, fulfilling and spiritual experience. As of the date this letter is written, we are planning on continuing to plan for the State Convention and not postpone or cancel due to the Coronavirus. Hopefully by the time of the State Convention, there will be no need of this even being a consideration and all will be ready for our arrival. I would also encourage all of you to send delegates from each of your councils. This is an important tradition in Michigan to have such active participation. Do not let council limitations in funding stop you from encouraging your membership to volunteer as delegates even if the council can only partially reimburse or even if the member is willing to cover the costs. Many would love the opportunity and you might be surprised at the willingness of volunteers to go without council financial support. This is especially true during COVID when fundraising for councils has been limited.

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. There have been some minor changes with COVID and the new management of the Grand with regards to hospitality. Although the hotel will permit the bringing of food and alcohol for your private use, any large or open hospitality the hotel requests that you purchase food and alcohol from the hotel directly. The cost is significantly higher but the Hotel will now waive the \$200 daily set up fee. For the average hospitality room, the higher costs will be offset by the waived fees and the headaches that come with transporting and maintaining all the food and drink.

I would also encourage you now to start putting your best programs that have been done this last fraternal year and present it for a service award during our convention. Your Diocesan Program directors can help you if you need some guidance on the best presentation. All the state 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 Denver 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 Nashville and although these are what I have heard, they may change. If you do want to 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.

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**From The State Membership Director
Dan Fuller**

Membership Message: Recognition and Push for your council's McGivney Award

In February each year we recognize the great Districts, Councils, Agents and Agencies, and New Member Proposers of this great Jurisdiction of Michigan during the annual Tribute Banquet. Our 2021 State Chaplain Tribute Banquet was postponed to 2022 due to COVID-19 restrictions. Thus, we have been faced with recognizing these membership successes in another way. All our Quick Start Districts, Councils, Agents, and Proposers will be honored on April 15th at DeCarlo's before the State Raffle is drawn.

The Quick Start Awards will be announced and handed out before the 8PM raffle drawing. Doors to the State Raffle event open at 5PM. We will start announcing the Quick Start Awards at 6:00PM. That will allow time to transition to the State Raffle Drawing at 8PM. The combined event will be more causal, so wear your council shirts and join us for this fun recognition event. There will be simple menu of pizza or sandwiches, pop, water, and beer. We will be following all required COVID-19 protocol.

In the lists below you will see the districts, councils and membership ambassadors that have successful growth from July 1st through January 1st. Please join me in congratulating their achievements. Here are the 8 councils earning the McGivney level award for exceeded their membership quota.

Council	District	Name	City	Region	Diocese	% Growth
2739	130	Holy Cross	Detroit	R5	Detroit	169
17237	800	Michigan Technical University	Houghton	College	Marquette	167
6549	131	St. Maximillian Kolbe	New Boston	R5	Detroit	125
16169	114	St. John Neumann	Canton	R5	Detroit	122
3078	105	Robert H. Jones	Lincoln Park	R5	Detroit	110
3774	105	Fr. Alfred Saylor	Allen Park	R5	Detroit	100
3956	105	Bernard P. O'Brien	Southgate	R5	Detroit	100
7582	703	Fr. Peter Robertson	Freeland	R2	Saginaw	100

Here are the 8 **District Quick Start** award winners. Well done Worthy District Deputies.

District	Diocese	Name	% Growth
130	Detroit	Howard Weathington	157.1
105	Detroit	Dominic Raona	143.9
131	Detroit	Bill Alati	113
110	Detroit	George Honer	77.4
114	Detroit	Brian Zahn	65.6
800	College	David Schuster	62.5
122	Detroit	Richard St. Peter	61.5
103	Detroit	Pat Scheuer	55.5

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**From The State Program Director
Paul Palka**

We are in the final quarter of the 2020-2021 fraternal year. Although we have had many obstacles to overcome in the last quarter, we are Program Rich in Michigan! Our Free Throw competitions, Spelling Bees and Poster Contests have been progressing all over our great State! Our Councils held drive thru and carryout fish fry's this Lenten season, where last year nearly all the of these events were cancelled at the start of the Pandemic.

During the final quarter of the Fraternal year, we have many great opportunities to provide programs to serve the Church and our communities. We should be leading and assisting our parish family in the days & weeks leading up to and including Holy Week. Remember our faith commitment to our Church and community doesn't end on Easter Sunday, but rather should invigorate us to Leave No Neighbor Behind! What can you and your parish family do to truly welcome those who are new to our faith, or have received a sacrament for the first time? Whether it is a fish fry during lent, providing teddy bears to 1st communion children, participating in 40 Days for Life events, to celebrating the ordination of a new priest. Be the church by building the church in our community.

There are many State programs during the final quarter as well. These include our State Raffle which is being drawn on April 15th. There is time for you to purchase or sell your remaining raffle tickets. We are on track for a record-breaking year in sales. Not only will the Michigan State Charity Fund benefit, but your Council will reap the rewards of \$1 cash back for every ticket sold by your Council. This may be your best fundraiser this year! While selling these tickets, do not forget to ask your friends if they would like to become members of the Knights! Our next event will be the Michigan Right to Life Banquet to be held on April 22nd with keynote speaker Mike Slater. The Special Olympics Summer Games will be occurring, if not in a central location, they will be held throughout the state. Please keep on the look-out for the Constant Contact emails each Sunday for updates and new events to participate in this year.

I have faith in all of our Brother Knights to do what you can to end this year strong by planning, scheduling, and executing programs properly in these times, and in all times! We expect that you will Rise Up and Answer the Call!

Community Programs in Michigan.

Due to the great work councils across the state are performing, it's been a strong year for Community Programs in Michigan. Of course the new Leave No Neighbor Behind initiative has been especially relevant over the past year. Many councils have embraced this great program, and are working with their parishes, communities, and outside organizations to provide help to those in need. Of the 5 components of Leave No Neighbor Behind, councils can earn two points towards the Columbian Award if they perform all 5. One point can still be earned if your council performs two of the 5. But to state the obvious, you get zero points if you don't record them. While most supreme programs are now reported on the #10784 form, Leave No Neighbor Behind activities can easily be submitted online at kofc.org in the appropriate section. It's very easy to complete, but if there are any questions about its location or other issues please feel free to contact me.

Many councils are using this unique time to try some programs that they hadn't previously conducted. Our Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest that was recently conducted saw more participation than in previous years. While it historically hasn't enjoyed enormous implementation by councils, there was a welcome increase this year in the number of councils that submitted essays to the state council. It's very rewarding for the council and the young participants, as well as quite easy to conduct. I'd urge any council to plan on running a contest next year; the resources available make running one simple and it doesn't have to have a huge number of participants.

Knights of the Month submissions are increased as well, which is fantastic. We all know the fine contributions are brother knights are making and Knight of the Month lets them know they are appreciated. It's so quick and easy to fill out one short form every month or every quarter, and it's time well spent.

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Ladies Corner

Happy Lent! Hope everyone is healthy and happy and that your 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving brings you Easter joy.

Our State Convention plans are well underway. Whether this is your first trip or your umpteenth trip, the Island is always a treasure to behold. COVID has made major changes to the convention's normal plans. With the Mussers selling the Grand, even more changes and challenges have taken place. Your State board men are working hard to make this challenge happen smoothly. Please be patient and open to the many changes. We have to comply with state guidelines and hotel practices and policies. The newest change is the Wednesday to Friday format.

Here are some tips for packing: Bring warm clothes to layer as the weather and winds off the island are forever changing. An umbrella can be useful at times and sometimes ward off the liquid sunshine. Walking shoes if you like to shop the downtown shops or hike the island. Your medications, masks, hand sanitizer, sunglasses, and spending money. Church clothing as we celebrate three masses that are offered at the convention. One formal night of dining on Thursday night. If you are staying at the Grand, the dress for after 6 pm in the parlor area is nice church clothes/dressy attire.

This year we will again have the Holy Cross raffle. Raffle items and workers are needed to make it a success. Ladies really tend to bond at the raffle as it is such a worthy cause. Friends are made and the time spend together is treasured. Please contact State Advocate wife Pam McCuen at (313) 641-1045 or p.mccuen@mikofc.org for more information.

Whether you stay downtown or at the Grand, please know you are invited to all three masses, awards ceremony, living rosary, raffle, hospitalities rooms, and banquet. All festivities are held at the Grand Hotel.

For your best experience please bring smiles, kindness and loads of patience as change is inevitable to our "2021 State Convention". Life as we knew it is forever changed. Change is a constant, an uncomfortable progression through life but we must accept the things we cannot change.

If things progress, we will move on to the summer meeting. May you and your families have a blessed Easter Season. God Peace

Karen, Julie, Mandy, Pam, Amy, Marybeth



Sunday May 9, 2021

The Knights of Columbus Board of Directors Elected Patrick E. Kelly as the Next Supreme Knight

Mr. Kelly served in the United States Navy for 24 years, on land and sea and on active duty and reserve status. As a Judge Advocate General, he specialized in international and operational law and served as the Commanding Officer of the international law unit at the U.S. Naval War College. He served on the staff of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations and aboard the USS *Guamas* the Staff Judge Advocate for Amphibious Squadron Two. His personal awards include three Navy Achievement Medals, five Navy Commendation Medals and the Meritorious Service Medal. He retired from the JAG Corps Reserve in 2016.

Mr. Kelly has served as consultant to three committees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) for more than a decade: The Committee on Pro-life Activities, the Committee on Religious Liberty, and the Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage.

Mr. Kelly has been the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the March for Life since 2012. Under his leadership, the March for Life has become one of the most effective pro-life organizations in the world. He has also been a member of the Board of Directors of the National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) since 2013. He has helped guide the NCBC in its mission to promote respect for the dignity of each human being through an understanding of how the moral teachings of the Church apply in health care and the life sciences.

Mr. Kelly holds a master's degree in theology from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at The Catholic University of America, a law degree from Marquette University Law School and a bachelor's degree in economics from Marquette University, where he joined the Knights of Columbus in 1983.

He and his wife, Vanessa, have three daughters. They live in Connecticut.

Patrick E. Kelly to Continue the Mission of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

The Knights of Columbus Board of Directors elected Patrick E. Kelly as the next Supreme Knight on Feb. 5 2021, to continue the mission of charity, unity and fraternity established by the Order's Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, almost 140 years ago.

Carl A. Anderson retired February 28, 2021, after more than 20 years of service as Supreme Knight and upon reaching the mandatory retirement age of 70. He leaves a legacy of Christian witness and service to the Catholic Church, to the Knights of Columbus and to communities throughout the world.

Patrick Kelly's tenure as the Order's 14th Supreme Knight began on March 1, 2021.

Statement by Former Supreme Knight Carl Anderson:

"The Knights of Columbus board has elected an extraordinarily well-qualified new Supreme Knight in Patrick Kelly. Patrick has dedicated his life in service to the Church, his country, and the Knights of Columbus. He has served as Deputy Supreme Knight for four years and is a well-rounded public servant with diplomatic and military experience. He is ideally suited to carry on the work of the Knights of Columbus as we enter a new era, faithful to our principles of charity, unity and fraternity, and in close collaboration with the Holy See and the bishops throughout the world. As Deputy Supreme Knight, Patrick has played a leading role in several major initiatives, including our international religious freedom efforts, our pro-life Ultrasound Initiative, and our new public initiation ceremony. He also served as Executive Director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, leading its transformation through the creation of its worship spaces and world-class exhibit on the life of St. John Paul II. Most recently, Patrick led the Knights' grassroots response to the COVID-19 pandemic titled "Leave No Neighbor Behind." Through this initiative, brother Knights around the world are serving those isolated and alone in quarantine, supporting food banks and blood centers in need of vital supplies, and providing other essential services. Patrick has the experience and strong faith necessary to lead the Knights into the future."

For over a decade, Patrick Kelly has worked at a senior level on the frontlines of the Knights' work in charity, advocacy, and the management of the organization's multibillion-dollar insurance and investment operations. Mr. Kelly joined the Knights as a university student in Wisconsin in 1983 and later served as State Deputy in the District of Columbia from 2012-2013. He was named the Knights' Vice President for Public Policy in 2006 and was elected Deputy Supreme Knight in January 2017.

Statement by Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus:

"The Knights of Columbus board has elected a brilliant new Supreme Knight with whom I have had the pleasure of working with for more than a decade.

Patrick Kelly is a devoted husband, father of three young daughters, and a man of deep faith with many years of experience as a public servant. He possesses the knowledge, experience and commitment necessary to carry the Order forward in service to our brother Knights, their families, our parishes, and our communities."

The newly elected Supreme Knight is a retired Navy Captain with 20 years of military service. In 2016, he retired from the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps Reserve, where he specialized in international and operational law and served as the Commanding Officer of the international law unit at the United States Naval War College. Previously, Mr. Kelly had a long career of public service that included advisory roles to Congress and the Department of Justice. Mr. Kelly also served as Senior Advisor to the Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom at the State Department. His responsibilities included serving as the Department's principal interlocutor with the Holy See and other nations on religious freedom issues.

Acceptance Statement by Supreme Knight-elect Patrick Kelly:

"I am honored, thankful and blessed. I am honored to be called to serve as Supreme Knight. I am thankful to my wife and family, and to my brother Knights for affording me this honor and privilege. I am blessed to have worked beside Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, who has done so much to strengthen the Knights of Columbus and fulfill our mission through acts of love, kindness, compassion and prayer that have helped countless people here at home and around the world. Carl has long been a friend to me, and while I count myself among our many colleagues who will miss his daily collaboration, I know that he will continue to contribute much to the good of the Order as Past Supreme Knight and a member of the board of directors. I wish Carl, his wife Dorian, and the entire Anderson family the very best and thank them for everything they have done in service to the Knights and the Church."

"I look forward to continuing Carl's great work and will strive to guide the Knights of Columbus by the principles of charity, unity and fraternity according to the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney. These principles are as important today as they were almost 140 years ago at our founding. They are a proven path to deepen our Catholic faith, and build strong families, strong parishes, and strong communities that work together for the common good and recognize the dignity and worth of every human being. I ask for prayers as I endeavor to advance the great history and traditions of the Knights of Columbus in service to the Lord, his Church, our brother Knights and their families, our parishes and our communities."

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2021 Mackinac Island Raffle for the Annual Michigan K of C State Convention in support of Holy Cross Services

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Thank you for all you do**

2021 Mackinac Island Charity Raffle

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Tim Nowak joined the Knights of Columbus in 1999 and became a field agent in 2010. He and his wife Judy have been married for 30 years and have two sons, Wynston and Cooper both are brother Knights. Judy works for Tim and the Knights as the Home office Assistant for the Nowak Agency. Originally from Nebraska, Tim is new to Wisconsin and he and his family have found a home in Menasha WI. With Pius X in Appleton as a home parish.

Currently served on the DPC, for the Bishop of Grand Island for the past 3 years, he's been a catchiest for the last 16 years teaching confirmation, Tim was on the Dynamic Catholic advisory board 3 years for *Decision Point* confirmation program. He has also been a Dynamic Catholic supporter for years. Tim has his FIC and FICF and is working towards his RICP to continue to learn the best ways to serve our members. Tim's lifetime goal is to guide Catholic men and their families to the core values of the Knights, helping them to become better husbands, fathers and brothers in unity with Christ and His Church with Mary's Knights.

Tim became the General Agent for the State of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan on January 1st, 2020. Tim and the rest of the Nowak agency look forward to serving you and your loved ones. Tim has qualified for MDRT as a life time member and supreme Knights club 7 times, He has been a trip qualifier 7 times and as a Field Agent was Agent of the year 7 times for the Swanson agency in Nebraska.

CHRISTMAS SALE FOR COATS

St. Lawrence Council 2950 in Utica, Mich., raised more than \$2,000 for Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids® through a Christmas poinsettia sale. The council sold the plants after weekend Masses at St. Lawrence Catholic Church throughout November 2020.

Programs = New Members



Members of **Lansing Assembly #3334** raised the Colors for the start of the Roe v Wade Memorial service at the State Capitol on Wednesday January 27, 2021. Participants were (L to R) State Deputy Walter Winkle, Sr. Marshal Bill Currie, Dan Reinecke and Ken Balcer. Several hundred people were on hand to pray for the aborted children of Michigan who lost their lives as a result of this landmark Supreme Court decision in 1973.



The **Houghton Lake Knights of Columbus 6548** has awarded Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lakes one thousand dollars for their mentoring programs. Receiving the award from Grand Knight, Bill Monahan is Bob Brotebeck. (l. to r.) Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lakes is a program of Mid Michigan Big Brothers Big Sisters serving the children in Roscommon county. Providing one-to-one mentoring services for the children in Roscommon County.

Community Donation



Council 13958, St. Francis Parish in Traverse City, MI, conducted a virtual fund drive for the Traverse City Fr. Fred Foundation in October. The agency has been helping individuals and families with their essential immediate need since 1989. The Council raised over \$1,500 in support of the Foundation. They are also the recipients of our Coats for Kids donations.

A Friend in Deed For those in Need



Her name is Denise Hart, and Miss Hart, your help and generosity makes our hearts sing opera.

Thanks also to your sister, Shirley and Vickie for giving donated gifts to our mentally impaired citizens group homes in the Milford area, the homeless veterans and to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Pictured is Miss Hart receiving an award from the Arch Bishop Fulton J. Sheen Council 7444 in Milford. The plaque was presented by Ken Hulewicz (Larry), Paul Castiglione (Mo) and John Rogers (Curley).

All gifts were donated by the Salvation Army.

New members are the life blood of our Order



New members are the life blood of our Order! I'll say that again: New members are the life blood of our Order! I think everyone agrees with that, don't you? New members give the council they join more manpower to accomplish the good works that the Knights are known for across the world. It gives the new member an opportunity to give back to his community and help his fellow man and maybe just as importantly, it infuses the membership with new and fresh ideas.

Our approach to membership can be summarized in four points:

Lead with Faith—becoming a better Catholic man, father, and husband through prayer, study, and encouragement from fellow brother Knights.

Serve Others—This is where many of our councils excel...they do so much to support the local community needs. Councils also help support our larger initiatives for the Order nationwide...even worldwide. Special Olympics, Coats for Kids, Global Wheelchair Mission...it's a long, long list!

Defend Your Values—From the March for Life to Christian Refugee Relief to the Ultrasound Program, new members can get involved in issues that are close to their hearts and have a dramatic impact on our hurting world.

Protect Your Family—This includes the Consecration to the Holy Family, our Family of the Month and Year and of course the protection afforded by our Order's highly rated insurance and saving products. We meet with members to update their Family Service Record and make sure the family is secure no matter what situation they face.

All the Field Agents in the Order have a goal of recruiting 1 new member per month. I challenge everyone to resolve to invite the Catholic men around them to join us and take on this goal as a member. If we all strive for 1 new member per month each, the sky is the Knights of Columbus!

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State Family Director

Worthy Brother Knights and Families Happy Easter! I hope your Council participated in some way with the Good Friday Promotion program. It is hard to believe we are wrapping up the Fraternal year. Have you been working on your Family Service Program booklet and electronic submission? Submissions are due no later than April 15th in other words it's the last minute.

Is your Council doing the Family of the Month program? If not, why? If you are a member of a Council not participating in this program, I am asking you personally to ask the Grand Knight or Program Director of your Council if you could run this program. Many of the members reading this article might think that "oh I don't think I have the time" or "I have never done that kind of program before." Well gentlemen here is your chance to step outside your comfort zone. I understand that as individuals we all have different gifts and talents that we have received from God. We are all not comfortable standing in front of people making presentations or overseeing things, but this program is so simple to do. It takes less than a half hour per month, pick a deserving family from either the membership or your parish. Get some information about them, fill out the form online and forward it to the proper state leadership. I have found that I can find the time to do almost anything I want to do in life, but the rub is I must want to do it. I have also found that some of the simplest things in life give me some of the greatest unplanned satisfactions. I am sure that a few of you can relate to this statement. Please get involved, here is an opportunity to grow. If after a few months of honestly trying to do this program, you do not feel you are the right man for the job, seek out another member and challenge him in the same way. Information about this program can be found on the State Website under Resources. Look for Family on the right-hand side and click on Supreme Family programs and on the left click on Family Faith and Action Supreme programs.

Your Brother in Christ
Garret A. Kelenske
State Family Director

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winners

My Brother Knights and Families, as State Family Director I am pleased to announce the Winners and Runners up of the State Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest. This year we had a nice turn out of posters and I would like to congratulate all the children and Councils that participated. Here is the list of the winners of the posters that were set on to the Supreme competition.



K-2 winner Evalynn Seger Council #7413

K-2 runner up Emma Moore Council #3725



8-10 winner Riley Elwartoski Council #5981

8-10 runner up Aaron Willette Council #8695



11-14 winner Sophia Feldpausch Council #14642

11-14 runner up Abygail Demick Council #5981

Thank you once again for participating and thanks to all the parents and family that helped

make this a successful program.

Your Brother in Christ , Garret A. Kelenske, State Family Director.

Programs = New Members

Please “Bear” With me



Twenty two Casey Teddy Bears sitting in a row,
All dressed up and ready to go
Now where will these loveable bears roam,
Glad you asked, they will go to our seven group homes.
Where they will be loved and cared for.
By some special people, I say no more.

The trip began with help from the Salvation Army with donated gifts. And cookies & cupcakes from Kroger and cookies from Nancy Webb and Cindi Sobczak. And I cant forget my elves: Doug Sordyl, Gus LaRuffa, Pete Essenmacher, Mike Apalku, Jerry Klemmer and the elved that helped me deliver the gifts to the group homes, Paul Castiglione and Ken Hulewicz. Thanks every one for your help.
Santa Bearclaws



Clients Front Row L-R - Heather, Darlene, Olivia, Helen, Connie, Mary Ann, Pam Back Row L-R -7444 Knights, Santa Bear Claws, Ken Kulewicz, Paul Castiglione Submitted By: John Rogers Council 7444 P.S. Thanks to Mike Haughey for running the Bear Farm.

From The State Secretary Christopher A. Kolomjec

From Julie and I, as well as our children Jackie, Christopher Jr., and Madeline to you and your families, Have a prayerful Lenten Season and a Happy Easter!
Christopher A. Kolomjec
State Secretary

Order Donates 100,00th Wheelchair

Since 2003, the Knights of Columbus has funded the donation of wheelchairs to those in need around the world. Now, this life-changing initiative, in partnership with the Global Wheelchair Mission, has reached a new milestone — 100,000 wheelchairs delivered. On this International Wheelchair Day, observed each year on March 1, join us in celebrating the positive impact wheelchairs have had on these 100,000 lives.

Fr. Battersby Council #7586 Donates Ultrasound Machine to Pregnancy Aid Detroit



Fr. Stan Tokarski and Parish Manager Linda Williams with members of Fr. Battersby Council #7586 and Pregnancy Aid Staff after the new ultrasound machine and building were blessed by Fr. Stan.

Fr. Battersby Council #7586, South Lyon, MI, recently donated an ultrasound machine to Pregnancy Aid of Detroit. The project was chaired and run by PGK John O’Dowd. The fundraising was going well until the shutdown due to the pandemic that brought most fundraising to a standstill not just for this council but for the Knights of Columbus altogether. Even through the pandemic John kept working on the funding and was able to secure the funds for the ultrasound machine. This just goes to show there is nothing that can stand in the way of the Knights of Columbus. This could not have been accomplished without the financial support and help of councils: St. Williams #4064, Fr. John Howard #8500, St. Mary of the Hills #13950, and of course Supreme for matching the donation for the ultrasound machine. Fr. Battersby Council would like to thank all of you and the many generous individual donors. Aside from the new ultrasound machine a new building was also donated to Pregnancy Aid from a separate donor to help them in the great work that they do every day. Fr. Stan Tokarski, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in South Lyon, and chaplain for Fr. Battersby Council, blessed the new ultrasound machine and building on October 21, 2019.

Community Programs in Michigan.

Casey the Teddy Bears are also still available, and councils that have ordered them have put them to good use. Councils like #1266 in Monroe and #13983 in Shelby Twp. ordered large numbers and work with local first responders to distribute to children. What a great and kind use for these bears! Council #7444 in Milford found a home for our bears at adult group homes, another great use. If your council hasn’t already ordered some, consider doing so. I command it.

As most are aware, the state free throw and spelling bee events have been moved back to the beginning of May. So if your council is considering conducting one of these events there may be additional time. Check with your DD and DPD for dates for your diocesan events.

Finally, be sure to look on our website for resources, including a recent webinar on the Global Wheelchair initiative. Thank you, and good luck with your community programs!

Michael Haughey
State Community Director
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“The successful man will profit from his mistakes and try again in a different way.”



Dear Brother Knights,

YOU Help Children Every Day!

The Michigan Knights of Columbus and your members have been a founding partner from the day we started serving orphans in 1948. In 1947, Ed Barrett, State Deputy for the Michigan Knights, asked delegates at the state convention to consider accepting Cardinal Mooney's invitation to make Boysville (Holy Cross Services) your principle charitable responsibility. This request was compatible with the mission of your founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney- to care for widows and orphans. A unanimous decision was reached and the road to creating the Agency we still are to this day was paved, young lives were restarted, changed forever for the better, and hope was instilled!

You have provided monthly support ever since our beginning and we COULD NOT have continued to serve all the children we have successfully helped without your continued support.

It is very important to me, that you all know, we are tremendously thankful you have stood by us every day, every year, since our inception. I cannot imagine where we would be without you or how we would have struggled in caring for the thousands of children we are privileged to take care of every day if we didn't have you by our side. THANK YOU from the very bottom of my heart and on behalf of all the little hearts and minds you have helped, a very sincere THANK YOU too!

May you have a blessed Easter and a wonderful, healthy Spring season and I sure hope to be able to see everyone again in person sometime soon in 2021!

With Gratitude and humility,

Sharon Berkobien
CEO

How Lives Are Changed with Your Donations

Your monthly investment in HCS, as well as other Councils' fundraisers, helps us go above and beyond the basic funds we receive in State funding. You help fill the gaps in financial needs that are not covered, so we can provide the very best care possible to the children; the care anyone would want for their own child.

How Your Dollars Make a Difference:

- Covering costs and activities related to our two certified Chaplains (Chaplain Jon and Chaplain David) along with Sister Dorothy Ederer. Each of them provides weekly bible studies, spiritual counseling, and scripture discussion. They are always available to pray with the youth, adults, and HCS staff, or teach them how to pray, and provide spiritual support and mentorship.
- Spiritual Retreats hosted by our Chaplains. The children love these meaningful retreats where they learn about spirituality, life skills, all done in a fun, adventurous way. These are three-day retreats full of activities and every child receives a youth bible at the conclusion.
- Other monies go towards expenses NOT provided/covered such as: direct treatment supplies, bibles, school expenses, clothing, bikes for transportation for the teens to jobs, family visits, dental/medical expenses, drivers' education, children group activities (movies, camping, school trips, waterpark, theme park) etc.



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

HolyCrossServices.org



HOLY CROSS SERVICES JANUARY CALENDAR WINNERS

Jim Good, Sharon Speare, Lawrence Krzesowski, Thomas Olinzock, Sr., Thomas Scheller, Adrian Barkan, Master Richard Speare, Andy Schmitt, Rose Van Ells, Angela Mills, Stacey Ferdig, Mike Warfel, Knights of Columbus Council 8274, James Andros, Rosemarie Wisniewski, Robert Ghena, Brenda Sisung, Sandra Rogala, Russell Povenz, Sr., Patrick Lancaster, Stevens Bartels, Paul Bertrand, Bob Thelen, Terry Brya, Leroy Westrick, Maria Badalamenti, Robert and Diane Taylor, RoseAnn Malvesto, Richard Nicholson, Eugene Wierzgac, Anne Schulz,

JANUARY \$500 WINNER - Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kramer

HOLY CROSS SERVICES FEBRUARY CALENDAR WINNERS

Eric Huhn, Victoria Sieg, Alice Firman, Amy Maxwell, Jason Leibler, Michael Petrowski, Mary Jane Boak, Richard Vandenboom, Louis Bryan Jr., William Hufnagel, Richard Esparza, Jennifer Bryan, Mike Smith, Mark Nuremberg, Kim Armbrustmacher, Jim and Bev Thelen, Marianne Rinke, Gerald and Janet Hochendoner, Curtis Keck, Shirley A. Wydra, John and Kathy Pruse, Pete Cervini, George Semaan, June Marheineke, Dominic Raona, Lorin M. Honeysett, Joe Lewarowski, Father David Howell,

FEBRUARY \$500 WINNER - Jack Zapytowski

HOLY CROSS SERVICES MARCH CALENDAR WINNERS

Rick Daniveld, George Washnak, Thomas Scheller, Rick Sullivan, Pete Zukowski, Dennis Harig, Ann Weingartz, Raymond Busuttil, Amy Bowen, Vincent M. Carozza, Melody Zukowski, Robert Becker, Gerald Gialanella, Vincent Palomar, J & M Manofsky, Kate Mullen, Joseph & Marilyn Bourgojn, Brian Nichels, Ray Maka, Sharon Nagy Solymosi, Joe Pitsch, Meredith Angelinas, Lana Quisenberry, Raymond Skrabut, Maynard Hartke, Robin M. Butler, Dolores Nemeckay, William Vallier, K of C Council #8489, Mike Sobienay, Phyllis Eroyan,

MARCH \$500 WINNER - David J. Smith

Other Ways to Get Involved

We have been asked by Knights across the state for other ways they may get involved.

- HCS is taking on a new program specifically for very severely traumatized children. We need to create new spaces that are comforting, feel safe, and have treatment elements such as sensory walls, floor cushions for seating, paint, and other calming elements. If anyone would like to get a list of items we need to accomplish this, please contact Kassie at 248-980-4830 or kkretzschmar@hccsnet.org.
- We also are looking for volunteers to help us recruit foster parents by handing out HCS flyers at Churches and businesses in mid-Michigan and northern Michigan, if anyone is interested in more information on that, please also contact Kassie.

**"Dear Knights of Columbus,
Thank you for supporting the Chaplains at Holy Cross Services. We have been in an especially trying time with COVID. Our clients want to know who God is and where God is through all of this. Having Chaplains on site provides great opportunities for prayer and guidance in their faith. Thank you for all that you do to keep us sharing our faith and serving people in challenging times."**

Chaplain Jon Hartwick



Protecting The Principles We Stand For



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Envision the shoreline of any one of the great lakes or a large body of water near you. Over time these bodies of water can be damaged or destroyed because of erosion. It is the constant raising or lowering of the bodies of water, harsh winter weather, hard winds, and/or human intrusion that over time erode or wash away these shorelines.



Destruction Caused by Erosion

Over the past year I believe that COVID-19 has been that force that is eroding some of the structures in our society. The damage from this erosion in our society includes isolation, depression, family disruption, and anger to name a few. And yes, these are certainly life issues. It is my hope that the principles for which we stand - Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism - will stand against the societal erosion we have faced this past year.

Just like a strong sea wall or a large boulder reinforcement or the use of vegetation to strengthen a shoreline, the tools we must use to protect the shoreline, or principles, of Life for which we stand - Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. These tools include Leave No Neighbor Behind initiatives, zoom meeting or in person council meetings, focus on prayer, participating in March for



A Heathy Shoreline

Life events, being actively involved in local pregnancy center needs, and campaigning for legislative action.

A huge thank you to all councils that have supported pro-life events in any way, in any place. Our pro-life focus to Build a Culture of Life through the pathways of Prayer, Taking Action for Life, Standing Up for Life, and Giving can only be increased by you. Below are specific actions that will be focused on through the end of the fraternal year. I encourage you and your families to check the Michigan State Council website and read the weekly Constant Contact issues to stay up to date on these initiatives.

Building on pathways to engage and involve our Knights of Columbus families for Life:

Prayer

- Resources for Prayers for Life – Novena for Life, 40 Days for Life, Priests for Life
- Mass for People with Special Needs

Supreme Resources – Pregnancy Center Support

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| #10623 Guide Sheet | #10704 Brochure |
| #10704 Vertical Poster | |

Taking Action for Life

- Adopting a Pregnancy Center
- Adoption & Fostering of Children & Young Adult Awareness

Standing Up for Life

- Locate a placement for an Ultrasound Gift of Life



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May They Rest In Peace

Escanaba Council 640

Craig Gierke FDD

Menominee Council 646

Fr. Emmett Norden, Robert Liberty

Ionia Council 944

William Miller (2017)

Ishpeming Council 1541

Allen Kutchie FDD

Standish Council 2724

Carl Stodolak, II,

Detroit Council 2739

Wesley Troczynsk

Westphalia Council 2890

Donald Schafer, Robert E. Thelen

Chesaning Council 2943

Robert Corrin, James Pitt

Lincoln Park Council 3078

Grant Morrison

Redford Council 3577

Msgr. Richard Osebold

Allen Park Council 3774

David Wolfe, Robert Searlett

Dennis Cardiel, Victor Schmidt

Frank Switalski, Tom Sarandrea

Thomas Bardzewicz

David Condon, Gerald Sullivan

Daniel Pellegrini

Manchester Council 4354

David Heslip

Gladwin Council 5280

Gerald McDonald

Robert Landskroener FDD

Roscommon Council 6593

Bill Bennett, Jerry Dewitt

Tom McCutcheon, John Secord

Del Watermann

Posen Council 6657

Jack Cline, Walter Roznowski FDD

Sterling Hgts. Council 7011

R. Martin Poleni PSD

Hillman Council 8041

Fr. Michael Conner

Whittaker Council 8113

Raymond Schrock, FDD

Montrose Council 8669

Roger Feckovics

Clinton Township Council 11689

Thomas Pardo

Port Huron Council 11756

Paul Schroeder, Joseph Biondo

Reed City Council 12668

Michael McGrath

Northville Council 14427

David Conpo, DGK

Southfield Council 14928

Richard Curbelo

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Families of the Month**Lansing Council 788**

Ken & Kevin Morrison
Cory & Alama Livingston
Mike & Jodi Simon

Portland Council 2168

Mark & Amy Smith
Aaron & Rebecca Thelen
Randy & Michelle Hodge

Westphalia Council 2890

Jeff & Cheryl Rehmann

Utica Council 2950

Dan & Mary Jo Mack
Rob & Michelle Murawski

Pinconning Council 2986

Cliff & Jessica Holland
Larry & Rita Revord
George & Sandy Augustyniak

Allen Park Council 3774

Jerry & Marg Ziemba

Southgate Council 3956

Anthony & Angela Chiro
William & Linda Robert

Manchester Council 4354

Larry & Deborah Benedict

Gladwin Council 5280

David & Patricia Cooper
Leonard & Jill Witkowski
Jeri & Patricia Betts

William & Beverly Voiders

Arden & Dolores LaPalm

David & Rhonda Greaves

Jim & Therese Klippa

Waterford Council 5436

John & Karri Ware

Jon & Artha Horowitz

Rochester Council 5452

Bob & Bev Jasinski

Livonia Council 5492

Lee & Kaye Nuttall *cfy

Dan & Nancy Vecchioni

Dan & carol brown

Mike & Ann Marie Tokarsky

Bill & Ann Ostlund

John & Reon Glennon

The Scholarship Nomination
Committee

Tom Lamacchia Family

New Baltimore Council 5981

John & Harvro Lenius

Joseph & Kim Quesnelle

Thomas & Rose Bartkowicz

Roscommon Council 6593

Don & Sue Croff

Tim & Deb Harris

Zachary & Danielle Gerdes

Mike & Jan Lemam

Marvin & Martha Peplinski

Posen council 6657

Sandy Ostrowski Family

Andy Sieloff & Mary Michelz

Joel & Jan Kendzoeski

Eric & Tammy Hincka

Dan & MaryAnne Mulka

Cliff & Jackie Will

Saline Council 6674

David & Kathleen Mamlick

Tom & Cathie Kern

Swartz Creek Council 6694

Ken & Molly Lixey

Portage Council 6980

Michael & Joon Pank

Bernie & Brenda Panone

Freeland Council 7582

Brian & Sheila Bugbee

Joe & Jan Plas

Bill & Amy Ward

Hillman Council 8041

John & Angela Godfrey

Herman & Judy Elkie

Sanford Council 8043

Mike & Pam Schultz

Jeremie & Susie Soderberg

Howell Council 8169

Kevin & Nancy Regan

Larry & Barb Beres

Auburn Hills Council 8659

Berry & Cheryl Doherty

Montrose Council 8669

Dcn. Bryan & Becky Root

Gerald & Dorothy Sharpe

Yale Council 8710

Steven & Diane Urban cfy*

Mathew & Kari Hasler

Temperance Council 8902

Mike & Becky Casey

Mason Council 9182

Mike & Ann Dunivon

Paul & Terri Miller

Ron & Teresa Bates

Dr. Larry & Pamela Prokop

Michael & Ginni Sheridan

Gerald & Linda Baldwin

Kimball Council 9526

Dave & Heather Stadler

Edward & Danielle Quain

Peter & Kristin Ries

Deidre Collins family

Ira Twp. Council 10724

Robert & Christine Clancy

Ann Arbor Council 10963

Patrick & Sarah Schloss

Ray & Kathy Lipa

David & Kari Kimmet

Lansing Council 11099

Arnold & Marisol Henning

Chris & Mary Gates

Eric & Reed Cullimore

Paul & Kathryn Kuch

Daniel & Lou Ann Dowsett

Harrison Twp. Council 11658

Joe & Michele Pomante

Jay & Patricia Walsh

Robert Buckman family

Joan Schmidt family

Port Huron Council 11756

Kevin & Gayle McLaughlin

James & Heidi McEachin

J.D. & Stacie Hill

Reed City Council 12668

Tom & Sue Fabus

Dick & Judy Hurst

Dave & Karen MacKellar

Jerry & Cecile Slywka

Howell Council 13450

Daniel & Lisa Zeppa

Chuck & Kathy Flick

Randy & Tammy Loiselle

Muskegon Hgts. Council 13579

Scott & Susan McAvoy

Frank & Zoisia Piotrowski

Thomas & Susan Ketchum

Kerry & Jessica Bennett

Shelby Twp. Council 13983

John Jonas family

Darrell Pawlowski family

Cedar Springs Council 15889

Tony & Dee Owen

Bryon Center Council 17232

Kule & Joelle Baldwin

**Memorial Day, Monday May 31, 2021***Heavenly Father,*

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. We pray through Christ Our Lord. Amen



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*cky - council knight of year , send a copy of the names to the Michigan Columbian.

Knight of the Month**Bay City Council 414**

Norman Moore, Jr., Jeremy Powers
William Keipert, Alan Leppke
Steven Pawlak, Daniel Wisneski

Rev. Robert Kelm, James Duemler

Lansing Council 788

Jay Corey, Mike Guyeskey
Thomas Wegener, FSD,PSD,PGK

Cadillac Council 1224

William Duley, Jr., Robert Harris

Monroe Council 1266

Jerome Schneider, Nicholas Craanen
Joseph Lamour, *cky

West Branch Council 2022

Albert Gildner, Greg Phillips
Dick Ehinger *cky

Portland Council 2168

Benjamin Cross, Patrick Russman
Charles Goodman, James Barnes

Howell Council 2659

Paul Garrison, Michael Sage
Robert Peto

Westphalia Council 2890

Paul Fink, Luke Pohl
Tommy Lyons

Newberry Council 2929

Bob Beaudion

Chesaning Council 2943

John Bishop, Harlod Andres

Utica Council 2950

Ken Grunwald, Paul Burmeister

Grand Haven Council 2975

Anthony Ciccantelli

John Dougherty

Pinconning Council 2986

John Duley, Jeff Szyperski
Martin Schultz, *cky, Paul Szyerski

Grand Rapids Council 3104

Dave Monday

Caro Council 3224

Richard Bertrand, Patrick Decker
Joseph Zinger

Allen Park Council 3774

Joseph Carnarvon, C. T. Thomas
Dave Bosh

Berkley Council 3830

James Young, Christopher Hickner
Daniel Irwin

Southgate Council 3956

Brian Bafko, Anthony Chiro
William Robert

Farmington Hills Council 4401

Gary Mallia, Dan Wojtowicz
Anand Thakur

Lake Orion Council 4764

Frank Kramarczyk, Don Zale
Ken Simpson, Marm Scholten

Gladwin Council 5280

Gerald See, Dick Paisley

Peter Stank, Dick Lauer

Roy & Margaret Streeter

Waterford Council 5436

David Tardiff, Michael Swillum
Eugene Bertone

Rochester Council 5452

Bruce Brandle, John Seely
Jack Hertz, Mark Gardner

Mark McDermott, Kevin Doucet

Mark Dabrowski

Livonia Council 5492

Don Anderson, R J Seaser,*cky

Lee Nuttall, Mark Rodemeyer

Dan Brown, Gary Markwardt

Josh Earles

New Baltimore Council 5981

Rev. Charles White, Joseph Mazur
Chris Sobetski

Prudenville Council 6548

Jim Mikolazik, Wally Wozniak

Rick Ketrow

Roscommon Council 6593

Keith Kleinert, Andy Janisse, Jr.

Don Croft, Joseph Moore, *cky

Posen Council 6657

Toby Kuznicki, Jim Purol

Joe Purol, Bob Purol

Gary Pieczynski, Greg Mulka

John Talaske

Saline Council 6674

Steve Elmore, Bernard Bachli

Swartz Creek Council 6694

Wally Dupuis, Mitchell Carlson

Lance Wildman

Grand Blanc Council 6742

Peter Dahlgren, Ceasr Bernabe

Chester Hank

Ortonville Council 6824

John Hansel, Gary Putt

Bryan Born

Portage Council 6980

Robert Woleben

Macomb Council 7200

Steven Vaneenoo

Grand Ledge Council 7311

Deacon Andy Tardif

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Lowell Council 7719

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Sanford Council 8043

Scott Hall, Bob Yahrmarkt, PGK

Ada Council 8117

Scott Hamilton

Howell Council 8169

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James Lorang, Mike Mayer

Canton Council 8284

Michael Goodhart

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Montrose Council 8669

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Francis LaRock

Yale Council 8710

David Wangler cky*

James Stanley

Saginaw Council 8808

David Sauve, John Andrusiak

John Rasmussen

Cass City Council 8892

Rick Kloc, Rob Piaskowski

Richard Rick, Adam Dorland

Temperance Council 8902

Doug Savio, Tony Homolka

Pete Lavoy

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Jason McMahon, Bruce Utter

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Clinton Twp. Council 11689

John Mocerri, Robert Amsler

Thomas Pardo

Port Huron Council 11756

Paul Schroeder, Sr., John Derler

Laingsburg Council 12044

James Pock, Robert McMongale

Sterling Heights Council 12102

Mark Sulewski

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AROUND THE STATE

St. Paul Of Tarsus Council 11689

Every Thanksgiving Week for the last six years, beginning in 2015, the Knights of Columbus Council from St Paul of Tarsus have assisted the congregation of St John the Apostle Anglican Church conduct a week for MCREST (Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team) at their Church.

The Knights helped set up and take down sleeping areas, cook meals, clean the sleeping and eating areas provide security and drive the homeless to and from various destinations.

This year, because of COVID19, the homeless had to be placed in a local hotel instead of the Church. Also this year, women and children were included raising the number to 60 people helped instead of the normal thirty.

With help from the St Paul of Tarsus Knights of Columbus and a \$1000 donation from the council, St John Anglican was able to prepare pack and deliver breakfast, lunch and dinner every day as well as a Thanksgiving dinner on the Holiday.

The cooperation between two Christian communities is indicative of the Ecumenical Spirit.

The St Paul Knights of Columbus look forward to continuing the support of this Program in the coming years.

Lady of Victory Council 5446



The Knight of Columbus Council 5446 making a difference within our community
Front Row L to R: Garold Lembach, Steven Kardel, Dan Howarth, Dennis Reeves
Back Row L to R: Steven O'Neill, Jeff Gilliland, Richard Chesney, Robert Zukowski, Michael Bennet

The Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Victory Council 5446 would like to thank everyone for their overwhelming generosity and support of our 2020 Tootsie Roll Drive. We were concerned the Covid pandemic would curtail our efforts and severely limit our outreach. However, with a spirit of giving by the parishes and the community, we collected a record total of \$8500. This is a 50% increase over last year! The Knights stayed completely safe and practiced social distancing during the week-end drive. In Flat Rock, we even had first responders stop by to offer support for the cause. During this challenging time when funds and support are well below normal, we truly appreciate the support of our parishes and the entire community We would like to offer a special recognition to our two top collectors Jeff Gilliland and Brian McNamara collecting a total of \$5432. These two worked extremely hard all week-end and collected more than the entire council collected all last year.

Father John M. Lynch Council 4188



Father John M. Lynch Council 4188 delivered 100 "classic" K of C fish dinners to Clawson Manor, low-income senior apartments, on December 18th. The meal included three pieces of fish, macaroni and cheese, corn and a brownie. Two Fish Fry veterans prepared the food, five brothers filled the carry out containers and three knights made the delivery. Father McGivney prayer cards were also included.



Clawson Manor Activities Director, Paula Denial, was thrilled to receive the call offering the holiday meal. The sign-up sheet filled up quickly with 93 residents in 4 days. The idea came to life during "brainstorming" session after taking down the Bingo tables for an upcoming blood drive.

Father John T. Gordon Council 12102

Since our beginning in 1998, we have provided needy children from our community Human Resources, a Christmas Shopping Tour at our local Kmart and Meijer's store.

normally we receive 20 children plus parents and/or caregivers. Our council's founding Advocate, Bill Madak, started this activity with funds from wealthy friends, "his words". Bill has gone onto his heavenly reward, but his family took his place with cooperation from our council and has continued this tradition. His widow Mary, and their five children and spouses and their children, about 25 all together, have funded this shopping over the years with funds from their own families. The Knights of Columbus has paid for lunch, Santa Claus, and some funding. In addition, the council contacted the Department of Human Resources for eligible families and their children.

We sent our invitations to the families requesting that a shopping list be provided as to what they would like to have for Christmas gifts and we produced the requested items from Meijer's on 16 Mile Road and Van Dyke.

This year each child was allowed to spend \$125.00 plus \$75.00 in gift cards for families. We accomplished this by conducting a drive-by this past year and of course Santa was present!

Our Lady's Prayer For Peace



Members of **Bishop Foley Council 2660** in **Dearborn, Mich.**, and other parishioners pray the rosary for the intention of healing and peace throughout the nation. The communal rosary, which is prayed between Sunday Masses at the Church of the Divine Child, is organized and led by the Knights on fifth Sundays throughout the year.

Scholarship Donation

This past October Council 13958, St. Francis Parish in Traverse City donated \$3,000 to the annual Gladhander Scholarship Auction in the form of a matching challenge. The total donations exceeded \$65,000 this year! What an exciting response from the community. The scholarship is used to fund student needs within the Grand Traverse Area Catholic School system. It is a prime example of KC commitment and partnering in the parish & community.

Barbecues and fireworks, flags and parades, Independence Day evokes so many images of the American summer. Its original purpose to celebrate the birth of the American nation on July 4th, 1776 has given way to festivities that celebrate both America and the lives and freedoms that the accomplishments of American Independence have allowed. The commemoration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence is a time not only to reflect on what happened at America's founding but also to look again at the nation's values and recommit oneself again to those ideals.

Programs = New Members

NOTE: FOR GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCIL PR CHAIRMAN

In each issue of the Michigan Columbian we print the Families of the month as designated by the local councils in the State. These families deserve State wide recognition. We appreciate your help in keeping this information current. The names of the Family of the Month and the Family of the Year need to be sent to: Garret A. Kelenske, State Council Family Life Director, 1439 Maple Ridge St., Muskegon, MI 49445. *cfy - council family of year . Send a copy of the Family of the Month to the Michigan Columbian.

Knight of the Month**Reed City Council 12668**

Dan Hoeh, Richard Karns
Dave Lucey, Greg St. Onge

Montague Council 12985

Larry Conrad, Kevin Munson

Mattawan Council 13251

Daniel Alexander, Alan DeMars

Ann Arbor Council 13360

Fr. Ed Fride, Dan Gibbons
Paul Dobrowolski

Deacon Lou Russello

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Jon Bokuiewicz

Troy Council 13453

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Thomas Temple

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Jerry Harris, Kristopher Piotrowski

Simon Piotrowski, Steve Muier

Waterford Council 13600

Rick Schneider

Wyandotte Council 13607

David Kowalsky *cky

Augusta Council 13633

Dennis Geiger, Dayle Hadden
Steven Eilertson, Matt Nusbaum

Paul Wilga, Anthony Yozzo

Kevin Snow, Mark Gentilia

Grand Rapids Council 13641

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Livonia Council 13645

Michael Loos

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Rick Hall, Adam Thomas
David Hefner

Farmington Council 13673

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Brother Knights of Council 17232


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

a State Council and free membership to our new members, this is an opportunity for success in your council. Go to our website www.mikofc.org and follow the instructions to bring your new member in as an E-member using the code MCGIVENY2020. The free membership only lasts till the end of our fraternal year, June 30, 2021. Please do not wait till the last day to reach your goals! With the addition of the next Insurance program on April 28, Paychecks and Play checks, now is the time to start promoting this in your council and every parish family that your council represents. By keeping track of the programs that your members are attending even during the Covid, will qualify you for the Columbian Award. Putting these three events together, Membership Growth, Insurance and Programs, you will very easily become a Star Council this year and meet the challenges that were presented to us.

We are working diligently in putting together a safe and eventful State Convention this year at the Grand Hotel. We have dealt with several challenges dealing with the new owners and management staff. There will be several changes

due to the covid and extra charges imposed on our Convention. I ask you to turn in your hotel reservations asap and to pay attention to the cancellation policies of each hotel, as they are different. I still have no word as to who, if anyone, will be representing the Supreme Council. I will send word out to everyone as soon as I know. If for some reason there is a cancellation of the convention, we will host a virtual one. Again, your Council Delegates will be informed asap.

We have several events that we are planning around the state, I encourage you not only to promote but to attend as well. Communication to each member is essential starting from the State down to each member in a council. If your council does not have a newsletter, please volunteer to put one together for your Grand Knight! An informed Knight is an active Knight!

Rise Up And Answer the Call!

Thank you for all that you do!

Walter Winkle, Jr.

State Deputy

Monday June 14, 2021

Stand by the Flag

by John P. Keys

"Stand by the flag! its folds have streamed in glory—
To foes a fear, to friends a festal robe,
And spread in rhythmic lines the sacred story
Of freedom's triumphs over all the globe.

Stand by the flag! on land and ocean billow;
By it your fathers stood, unmoved and true;
Living, defended; dying, from their pillow,
With their last blessing, passed it on to you."



Sunday June 20, 2021



Protecting The Principles We Stand For



Ultrasounds Placed Throughout the State
Presently there are 71 Ultrasounds placed throughout the State. In addition, 6 other Ultrasound initiatives are underway and at various stages of fundraising. Thank you for this support!

To find more information on each of these pathways to Build a Culture of Life, please visit the Michigan State Council website at www.mikofc.org, click Resources, then Life or the Supreme website at www.kofc.org. **Thank you for Rising Up and Answer the Call for Protecting the Principles We Stand For!**

Ed & Lynn Strach
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- Stay abreast of Legislative Life Actions

Giving for Life

- Support Christian Refugee Relief
- Organ Donor Registry

Supreme Resources – Christian Refugee Relief

#10624 Guide Sheet	#10567 Brochure
#10568 Vertical Poster	#10585 Solidarity Crosses
#10340 Prayer Card	

RESPECT LIFE
43rd Annual Benefit Dinner

Thursday, April 22, 2021
Social Hour 6:00 p.m. | Dinner 7:00 p.m.

San Marino Club
1685 E. Big Beaver, Troy, Michigan

Keynote Speaker
Mike Slater
Host of The Mike Slater Show,
KFMB in San Diego

Register today at
RTL.org/events



Michigan Silver Rose 2021



Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Michigan Silver Rose Routes:

March 29: pick up Silver Rose from Canada, may have to be shipped, depending upon border openings.

March 29-April 6: Kalamazoo Diocese
April 7-10: St. Kieran Catholic Church, Shelby Charter Township
April 11-17: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton Michigan.
April 18-30: Marquette Diocese
April 2: Deliver to Indiana
The first week of the Silver Rose maybe affected by Border Closings and shipping.
Supreme Council Silver Rose resources:
#10625 Guide Sheet [#10722](#) News Release - Fillable
[#10720](#) Schedule – Fillable [#4841](#) Service Booklet
[#10219](#) Vertical Poster [#10723](#) Horizontal Poster
[#9754](#) Our Lady of Guadalupe Pledge Card

If you have any questions regarding the Silver Rose, please contact Robert Bagley at r.bagley@mikofc.org or 269-806-3883.

Programs = New Members

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 2020 WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL OCTOBER 17, 2020.

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 8, 2020@10:00AM.

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

In Memory of _____ Date of Death _____
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Mail to: **Robert J. Garstka**
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Applicants will be contacted for multiple line engraving information.

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Applications are available at:

1. Michigan Columbian
2. By contacting Bob Garstka at rjgars@comcast.net (586) 484-0781.
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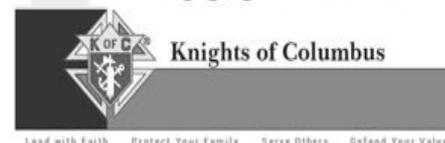
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 MONTHLY MASS FOR GUILD MEMBERS

Online Membership



A Program for Recruiting and Engaging New Members



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These directors and coordinators can provide additional information about E-membership:

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For further information about E-membership go to:
www.kofc.org/joinus

Knights of Columbus Celebrate 25 Years

On January 25, 1996, the St Paul of Tarsus Knights were chartered as Council #11689 at St Paul of Tarsus Parish, Clinton Township, MI. The Council began with 123 Knights and Jeffrey Gapczynski was the very first Grand Knight.

The Council has received many awards and recognition for its support of various organizations such MCREST, Right to Life, vocations, parish religious programs and activities that support the Michigan Supreme Council.

Today, the Council's membership has grown to 243 and it looks forward to a future of further growth and support of various activities and programs.

From The State Membership Director
Dan Fuller

Here are the 28 **Council Quick Start Award** winners. They all achieved 50% or more membership growth before January 1st, 2021.

Council	District	Name	City	Region	Diocese	% Growth
2660	105	Bishop Foley	Dearborn	R5	Detroit	89
1802	110	Wyandotte	Wyandotte	R5	Detroit	88
1266	131	Monroe	Monroe	R5	Detroit	85
2569	106	Bishop Michael J. Gallagher	Royal Oak	R5	Detroit	80
2975	304	George J McCarthy	Grand Haven	R3	Grand R.	80
7255	711	Fr. Alpha La Haie	Lexington	R2	Saginaw	80
7945	501	St. Francis of Assisi	Clarklake	R2	Lansing	80
13641	313	Sacred Heart of Jesus	Grand Rapids	R3	Grand R.	80
14213	125	Holy Innocents - St. Barnabas	Roseville	R4	Detroit	80
8489	504	Flushing	Flushing	R2	Lansing	75
7115	304	St. John Neumann	Holland	R3	Grand R.	67
7832	516	St. Peter the Apostle	Blissfield	R2	Lansing	67
7891	509	Holy Spirit	Hamburg	R2	Lansing	67
8231	117	Msgr Michael G. Abdoo	Detroit	R4	Detroit	67
8902	102	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Temperance	R5	Detroit	67
3959	114	Fr. Daniel A. Lord	Livonia	R5	Detroit	63
8284	122	Msgr. Julian Moleski	Canton	R5	Detroit	63
2723	122	Cardinal Mercier	Hamtramck	R5	Detroit	60
11756	103	Fr. Williams F. Welch	Port Huron	R4	Detroit	60
13980	110	Riverview	Riverview	R5	Detroit	60
15967	113	St. Daniel	Clarkston	R4	Detroit	60
7586	108	Fr. Edmund Battersby	South Lyon	R5	Detroit	56
3725	115	Msgr. John C. Vismara	Harper Woods	R4	Detroit	50
8117	311	Bishop Kevin Britt	Grand Rapids	R3	Grand R.	50
9526	103	Marysville	Marysville	R4	Detroit	50
11114	401	Fr. Owens	Battle Creek	R3	Kalamazoo	50
13362	112	St. Fabian	Farmington Hills	R5	Detroit	50
14404	301	Saint Edward Lake Odessa	Lake Odessa	R3	Grand R.	50

Here are the 46 **Membership Growth Ambassadors** that deserve our thanks.

Council	New Members Sponsored	Membership Ambassadors	Diocese
15352	40	JAMES R ESCOTT	Detroit
2739	13	TIMOTHY W WALLACE	Detroit
7239	9	ANTHONY C BLISS	Detroit
4404	6	MARTIN R BROWN	Grand Rapids
3078	5	ROBERT H MARKJA	Detroit
8489	5	DANIEL FRALICK	Lansing
1802	4	THOMAS A PUDELEK	Detroit
2198	4	TIMOTHY J HALFMAN	Grand Rapids
1396	3	WILLIAM E PERKIS	Marquette
1802	3	DAVE K DAWOOD	Detroit
3078	3	JAMES E SALLIOTTE	Detroit
3774	3	LEONARD L VOKAL	Detroit
6742	3	DEAN W HAYWARD	Lansing
6742	3	JOSEPH BUFFA II	Lansing
7586	3	MARK J LUTHER	Detroit
8186	3	GLAIN A GUILMETTE	Detroit
9526	3	PAUL D JANISZEWSKI	Detroit
10006	3	PHILIP B HAYDEN JR	Lansing
13362	3	MR JOHN M LEECH	Detroit
17509	3	PATRICK K ARNDT	Lansing
649	2	FRANCIS A BREEN III	Marquette
856	2	PIETER D WINNE	Detroit
1802	2	MARK J HAVLICSEK	Detroit
2660	2	JOSEPH E GRENN	Detroit

Council	New Members Sponsored	Membership Ambassadors	Diocese
2660	2	STEPHEN I LENTZ	Detroit
2723	2	MICHAEL J POKOJ	Detroit
2739	2	JIMMY C SZOTT	Detroit
3027	2	TIM KOENIGSKNECHT	Lansing
3042	2	FRED OTTIS HANNAH	Detroit
3615	2	THOMAS F JACKSON	Detroit
3774	2	MARTIN P BERGIEL	Detroit
3774	2	TIMOTHY J DANILOWICZ	Detroit
4232	2	BRIAN M BARLOW	Saginaw
5436	2	JOSEPH A SCARPELLI	Detroit
5436	2	MICHAEL L MANDZIUK	Detroit
5492	2	PAUL J SCHNEIDER	Detroit
6593	2	JOSEPH M MOORE	Gaylord
6865	2	PAUL A SCHAEFER	Detroit
7341	2	GARY L MERRITT	Grand Rapids
8489	2	JACOB E SMITH	Lansing
8489	2	JARID M OLIVER	Lansing
9182	2	KUSITINO COBONA	Lansing
11761	2	MICHAEL J AULETTE	Lansing
13983	2	RALPH E ENGLER	Detroit
16169	2	LARRY P REDMAN	Detroit
98021	2	JAMES C DURKIN	Detroit

This fraternal year has been a great challenge for us all to achieve the membership growth that is needed to continue our mission of charity and building our church and communities. During our most recent meetings with District Deputies, I remember hearing two quotes that I think are key to staying positive and focused. The first is “Always do it the Knights way” and the second is “Membership growth is the answer to all the problems that our councils face”. These are simple and true statements. When councils operate within the bylaws, constitution and charter and are experiencing healthy membership growth, there is a high level of excitement and very few problems.

I know that all the councils of Michigan can achieve membership growth before the end of this fraternal year. I also look forward to recognizing the **HUNDREDS** of councils that will have achieved their McGivney Award at our State Convention in May.

Please put your membership growth plans in to **ACTION** and get all the councils in Michigan growing. God bless you all...and thank you for all you do.
Dan Fuller, State Membership Director

KC Golf-A-Thon

Council 13958, St. Francis Parish in Traverse City, MI, held their 4th annual Golf-A-Thon this past September and were able to raise over \$17,000 to help fund the purchase of an ultrasound machine for the local pregnancy care center. The council utilized the 50% matching fund program offered by Supreme to facilitate the equipment purchase. The Council is excited to live our motto “We Change Lives & We Save Lives!”

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