



# MICHIGAN COLUMBIAN



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## “Standing Guard for Faith and Order”

FROM THE STATE DEPUTY  
Kenneth B. Unterbrink



The Precepts of the Church  
To attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days  
To fast and abstain from meat on appointed days  
To confess one's sins at least once a year  
To receive Holy Eucharist during Easter time  
To contribute to the support of the Church  
To observe the laws of the Church concerning marriage  
To join in the missionary spirit and apostolate of the Church

A Catholic man eighteen years of age who lives up to the Precepts of the Church is welcome into the Order of the Knights of Columbus.

Summer has passed, Fall has fallen, Winter has been kind and Spring is upon us. The Order in Michigan is still close to a minus five hundred for the fraternal year. This includes suspensions and those whose souls that have left this earth. We are in need of delivering the message of the Order to all Catholic men. The message of: 'Building the Domestic Church, A Family Fully Alive'.

The Leadership of the Knights of Columbus of Michigan, now and past is being called upon to demonstrate the now and the past with the sponsoring a new member this fraternal year.

All --the State Deputy, Past State Deputies, State Officers, District Deputies, Former District Deputies, Directors, Former Directors, District Masters of the Patriotic Degree, Former District Masters of the Patriotic Degree, Grand Knights, Past Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators, Past Faithful Navigators, and all Council and Assembly Officers.

As an incentive for all to go forth and sponsor a new member there will be ten fifty dollar awards drawn from the sponsors of anew members during March and April. The Horse Race is in full gallop with council winners, council chaplain winners, and bishop winners. STAR Councils will receive a \$4.50 credit for next year's Supreme per capita, per billable member. When in a month there is a three hundred increase in new members, in council with at least five new members, the Grand Knight, Council Membership Director, Council Program Director, District Deputy and Insurance Field Agent will receive a Knights of Columbus polo shirt 'Catholic and Proud'

In January, the Board marched in the Right for Life March in Washington D.C. With the assistance of the Virginia State Deputy, the State Deputies from Indiana, Vermont and Michigan and their guests were able to process in the front of the March. We were with some 500,000 other marchers for Life, mostly youth. Our youth of today

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FROM THE STATE CHAPLAIN  
V. Rev. William J. Turner, PhD, KCHS



Dear Brother Knights and Families:

I express my sincere appreciation and thanks for the work that has been done to bring to fruition the direction from our Supreme Knight concerning being visibly active in parishes and witnessing to our faith. This so-called “domestic church” initiative is critical to us in many ways. Under the leadership and support of our Michigan bishops, we offer ourselves for service in our parishes, first by being an active presence at the Lord's Day liturgy with our families, and then participating actively in the programs of our parish in support of our priests. I would specifically like to point out the necessity of our men being active in the religious education of children. Showing the father's love in this critical ministry is an excellent way of being a mentor to youth, who desperately need this example and presence of men in their lives. I hope more of you will offer yourselves to your pastor for consideration. Continue to support him! I am happy to see and be invited to so many Clergy Appreciation events around the State. I hope these will continue!

The family is under attack by our often secular society. It began many years ago when permission was given for a whole generation of our children to be aborted. So many couples decided not to have children or even participate in the sacrament of marriage. Knights do not accept these secular directions, but we are very much effected by them. Therefore, we must give a strong witness of our dedication to the family within our local parishes. I ask that you pray with your families daily and set up a policy to eat a meal together daily. Do not let the secular society overwhelm your children with its schedule of events that discourage family life. These activities

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**End of the Fraternal Year is Fast Approaching**  
**Thomas M. Wegener**  
**Supreme Director**



My Brother Knights and Ladies,

The end of the fraternal year is fast approaching. My how the fraternal year has flown! However, before June 30 there is much that we must do. With 25% of the year remaining the final push for membership is so important. First Degrees need to be scheduled and conducted. There are state and supreme forms to submit by their due dates. And of course there are the upcoming council elections that will dictate the direction of our councils for the following year.

The expectation at the beginning of this fraternal year was that each council will achieve Star Council status by June 30, thereby demonstrating that the council is fulfilling its commitment to be a strong and vibrant part of its parish and civic communities. Only by meeting our membership and insurance goals and submitting the necessary forms will we attain that lofty goal of Star Council.

Again this year Supreme Council is offering a great incentive. If your council achieves Star Council by June 30, 2017, your council will receive a credit of \$4.50 for each billable member on their roster as of July 1st, 2017. Here is an example: If your council has 100 members on its roster on July 1st, 2017, the council will receive a credit on the September 2017 statement for \$450.00 (\$3.50 Per Capita and \$1.00 Catholic Advertising). (Honorary life and disability waivers are examples of non-billable members). This is a truly unique opportunity and one that is attainable. Time is of the essence with the deadline set for June 30.

Without a doubt meeting our membership and insurance goals helps to secure the continued health of the council. New members add new hands, new heads and new hearts for the growth of our council. By submitting our forms we communicate to the State and Supreme Councils our actions over the past year, expressing our story of charity and commitment to the principles of our Order.

Each year by June 30<sup>th</sup> we have these tasks to review and complete. And each year on July 1<sup>st</sup> we begin again and we begin anew. The question we ask is how can we make the New Year better than the old year? The answer most often is multifaceted. And each answer can open yet another opportunity to be better.

When faced with what might be too many items to fix at once, we may be tempted to invoke the Serenity Prayer: God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. But this is little consolation if we do not understand that it is the courageous in the prayer who create the change.

As an officer, director or interested member of our council, we know change is needed, but how to make the most of the change? As a leader of the council, of a committee, etc. we need to determine the path to take towards success and then convince our council or committee of the importance of the change. Human nature being what it is means that most people won't change unless they are convinced of the importance of the change.

As a *temporary* trustee of our council or committee, each change or each action we put forward should be for the advancement of the council, the Order in our midst if you will. Stasis is unacceptable. Sitting on our laurels is unacceptable. If that is our strategy soon there won't be any laurels for us to rest ourselves on. True advancement, long-lasting and tangible change is what is expected and deserved.

Making the change is the first step. Should we plan better? Perhaps it's to involve all the officers in the operation of the council? Involve our younger members as officers? Or give strong membership growth the same commitment as strong programming? Once the change is made the convincing begins.

Your leadership skills and perseverance may be put to the test here. The reason for the change is to make the council more successful. The change itself is the vehicle to get to that success. Convincing people is much easier when you, as the leader, give the change the importance it deserves. Involve your officers, your committee, on the status of the change and how it is making the positive impact that is expected. Celebrate the gains that the change is making and if an adjustment is needed then make it.

Why mention all this in April? Because my Brother Knights, July is too late. The planning, the decision making, the gathering of personnel needs to be done by July to be truly effective. Perhaps the first change is to *commit to be ready on July 1*. Perhaps giving 12 full months of action is one of the first steps we need to help us be successful. Starting the real work of the council in July instead of September or October adds 1, 2 or 3 extra months of 'on the job' action each year and can make our goals that much easier to attain. This may be the easiest change to make, but it isn't the last. Down deep we know that we can be better.

My Brother Knights, let us begin now to make the changes that will move our councils toward success. We must thoughtfully select our officers. Then we must urge them to plan and be ready on July 1. We, too, must be ready to accept the changes that our leadership asks us to make. If we need convincing then be open for convincing. As long as the success of the council is the end game, then you and your brother knights will know that the course is correct. Constructive change can be our recovery from annual middle-of-the-road performance, or worse. We have elected the leaders, we have placed our trust in them, and we must let them be courageous.

**MICHIGAN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**VENERABLE FREDERIC BARAGA DAY IN FLORIDA**



The 30<sup>th</sup> annual Knights of Columbus – Venerable Frederic Baraga day, was once again held in Holiday, Florida on Saturday, February 18, 2017. Hosted by Herbert Wegener, FDD and Glenn and Sally Barry, FM, the day began with Mass and then a reception representing the Knights of Columbus and the Bishop Baraga Association.

The Celebrant for the morning Mass was Rev. Timothy Ferguson, Executive Director of the Bishop Baraga Association and Rector of the Marygrove Retreat Center in Garden, MI. Father Tim's homily was both informative and inspiring, extolling the virtue of patience while we wait for the cause of sainthood to play out.

A fine lunch and program followed the Mass. Supreme Director Thomas M. Wegener, PSD was the Master of Ceremonies. The featured speakers were Father Timothy and Lenora McKeen, Executive Director of the Bishop Baraga Association. Director Wegener brought greetings from State Deputy Kenneth B. Unterbrink who wished us well and is waiting for the return of our Snowbird Brothers.

Mrs. McKeen's presentation included the current status of the cause for sainthood for Bishop Baraga. The Congregation

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**From The State Secretary  
Antonio G. Vittorini**



The start of this fraternal year has been exciting, with all the new responsibilities that I have. We, as a State Board have been very busy traveling the state. The State Board and all the directors are here to assist you. All you have to do is call us. While we continue to serve the membership and our councils we also have been directed by our Supreme Knight to step up our Mission to Building the Domestic Church and strengthen our participation in our own parishes.

As Catholic men, we the fathers of the family have a responsibility to maintain the Catholic faith within our families. It is a fact that is our wives take our children to church 20-30% of our children will continue going to church as adults. However, if we the fathers of the family take our children to church 70-80% of our

children will continue going to church as adults. Men, we do make a difference to our children. Please be active in the lives of our children and grandchildren in order to keep our faith strong and alive.

It is also highly suggested that our parish-based councils move toward greater integration into the life of our parishes. We do not need to create new programs for our churches but should begin to integrate ourselves into parish programs that already exist. We need to strengthen our parishes by working with them. We need to use our time, talent, and treasure to strengthen parish-based and parish-sponsored programs. Perhaps be an Usher, a Eucharistic minister, be a RCIA teacher, teach Catechism, etc.. Remember that the pastoral care must take place within the parish and at the direction and supervision of its pastor. The Knights of Columbus have committed to assist our pastors in this responsibility.

As you know our councils have Supreme youth programs such as the Essay contest, Poster contest, Soccer Challenge, Free Throw contest, Spelling Bee, just to name a few that would also help our parishes and keep our children active. Our council Youth Activity chairmen should act as liaisons with the parish youth ministry teams to determine how councils can appropriately support parish youth activities. A major aspect of the family as a member of the "domestic church" is our responsibility to transmit the practice of the Catholic faith to our children and grandchildren.

The 117th Michigan Knights of Columbus State Convention is quickly approaching and will be held on May 25th through May 27th, 2017 at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. I look forward to being with all of you again this year, as we attend to the business of our order. The Bar Code Scanning process was very successful last year and again this year your name badges will be bar coded and with this bar code, the delegates will be scanned and recorded when entering and leaving the convention meetings which is open only to 3rd Degree members only. This system is very efficient and will save us time. Please keep your council delegates informed of this new process. Furthermore, remind your council delegates not to forget their credentials.

Also, a reminder that checks should be made to: Michigan State Council – Complete the Memo Line with the purpose of your check such as: Per Capita, Boysville, the Take '5' Charity Fund, McGivney Chair of Life Ethics, Etc., Your Council number must also be on your check.

In addition, please continue to support our State Charities Raffle. With the State Charities Raffle, Twenty Per Cent of the gross go back to the councils of the state (by their recorded sales), what a great fund raiser for your council charities. The State Charity Raffle proceeds, after expenses, has been divided into the budgets of Holy Cross Children Services, Catholic Education, Youth, Right-to-Life, Vocations, Squires and Special Projects.

Here is some History for You: Since, March 2006, the Michigan State Council has had a Charities corporation; a 501(c) (3) called the "Michigan Knights of Columbus

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**From The State Program Director  
Dale Schaedig**

We are about to complete 75% of the fraternal year and all the winter district meeting have been completes. The District Deputies need to send me their attendance reports if they have not done so as it is one of the requirements for the Michigan Achievement Award (councils need to attend the Diocesan meeting or 2 District meetings) . We just completed a series of Steering Meetings and although the membership was lagging I can say that overall the councils are doing a great job with there programs. Please remember to be visible when doing your programs.

I was able to attend the Right to Life March in DC and if you have never done this I would encourage you to consider it next year.

The poster contests, free throw and spelling bee are all being held by the Councils & Dioceses. The State Free Throw will be in Mount Pleasant on March 12th and the Spelling Bee on April 1st in Essexville. There is more information on the State calendar.

We are getting ready to plan for the State Convention in May. There are a couple of things that the councils should be working on as far as awards are concerned. Councils that want to be recognized at the Island for qualifying for the Michigan Achievement Award need to complete there 3rd qtr. MI-1 and project their programs for the 4th qtr.

To be recognized as a Star Council winner you will need to have completed your for 365, 1728, SP-7 Membership quota, Insurance quota and be in good standing with Supreme.

Councils that are working on a Service Program need to get there submittals to their Diocesan Program Director by April 15th.

We are picking up the pace with membership & programs so lets give it our best for the rest of the year.

Please remember it takes all of us working together to be successful.

Catholic & Proud  
Dale Schaedig  
State Program Director

**MICHIGAN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
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for the Causes of Saints is investigating a possible miracle attributed to the intercession of "The Snowshoe Priest". If the miracle is approved, Bishop Baraga would be beatified and receive the title of "Blessed." Over the past year the Vatican required every Cause to add an Administrator to assist in the financial affairs of each Cause. Mr. Timothy D. Thomas, Director of Administration & Finance for the Marquette Diocese, has accepted the position.

The year also saw the beginning of the restoration project of Bishop Baraga House. The Bishop Baraga House was built in 1855 adjacent to St. Peter Cathedral on Fourth Street. It became the home of Bishop Baraga in 1866, when the headquarters of the Catholic Diocese of the Upper Peninsula was transferred to Marquette from Sault Ste. Marie. Bishop Frederic Baraga died in the front right room on Jan. 19, 1868. The building has been neglected for some time, and in preparation of continued movement in the Cause the home needs some safety and restorative work to be ready to receive visitors and pilgrims. Interestingly, the room that Bishop Baraga died in has not been modified or remodeled in the 149 years since his death.

Fr. Timothy, who had been named the Chaplain of the Bishop Baraga Association just last year, brought greetings from Bishop John F. Doerfler and then gave a short biography of himself. He then expanded a bit on his homily and how that ties into the Cause for Sainthood. He also made us aware that January 19, 2018 will be the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bishop Baraga's death.

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**From The State Membership Director  
Ken Krause**

**RECRUITMENT: BUILDING BROTHERHOOD**

Challenges sometimes face councils recruiting new members. I think of my class motto when I graduated high school: "Give us a challenge and we'll return a victory!" To cite another: "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." When knights are determined to accomplish a goal, they will. In this instance growing our councils is the lifeblood that helps us do our charitable work, offer great programs and support our faith and parishes.

Given all the recruitment strategies we teach, the most effective in my opinion is one on one recruitment. Think about those attending mass with you, volunteers in parish organizations like the ushers, lectors, MEs, etc. Consider relatives who aren't knights, neighbors and friends. If we genuinely believe the Knights of Columbus have a lot to offer, invite them to join us.

Talk about the charities we support, programs we offer and how the organization is great for families. Tell them about our softball teams, bowling leagues, family picnics and Christmas parties. Tell them we are a brotherhood that enjoys each other's company while we work for our parishes and communities. And of course, tell them the knights are Catholic men and spiritual leaders at home who teach our children how to pray.

The next most successful recruitment program is holding a Church Drive. When well organized with support from the priest, a presentation from the pulpit and knights at the church doors approaching parishioners, councils have great success. Distribute image brochures telling about your council, the charities it supports, the programs it offers and the awards you've received. Michigan's next Church Drives are the weekends of March 11-12 and/or April 29-30. Planning for them should already be underway.

Various incentives are offered by the Supreme and Michigan State Council. Supreme offers \$4.50 per billable member rebate to councils attaining the Star Council Award. Councils recruiting six new or reactivated members between January 1 and March 31 or April 1 and June 30 will receive a Domestic Church kiosk containing spiritual materials that can be placed in church vestibules. Michigan offers ten proposers a chance for \$50 for their efforts between March 1 and April 30. Add to this, any month that Michigan recruits 300 or more members, council Grand Knights, membership and program directors receive K of C shirts.

Councils hold many programs at this time of year such as fish fries, seminarian desert meals, dinners and corporate communions. All programs are membership recruitment opportunities. Along with information about the knights on tables, the Grand Knight or membership director should issue a verbal invitation to join. Ask the knights attending the function to raise their hands so others can see our support through numbers, and ask members to engage others about joining the Order. As knights, we share the responsibility.

Councils and the Order grow stronger with each man and their family that we recruit and get involved in our programs. Much of what we do are member recruitment opportunities.

**St Paul of Tarsus Council #11689**

The Council held a Pancake Breakfast in January with the proceeds earmarked for the Detroit Archdiocese Vocations League.(DAVL) Those proceeds along with other fund raising efforts, enabled the Council to forward a check for \$7000 to the DAVL. The money will then be distributed to seminarians and postulants to support their studies.

**Ladies Corner**

Hello Ladies,

**We are here to Serve!**

Spring is good. Life Is Good. My Christmas Villages are packed up and put away. I do have a Valentine Village and will put up a St. Patrick's Village. Yes I love the villages. There was a St. Patrick's Parade in Detroit on March 12<sup>th</sup>. The board and wives marched in the parade again this year. It is a lot of fun! Go Irish!! Now it is time to concentrate on the R T L Banquet, the Knights of Columbus State Convention at Mackinac Island, and maybe a little about the Summer Meeting.

It was a pleasure to see so many at the 'Year of Mercy' (State Chaplain) Tribute to pay respect to those councils, districts and Insurance agents for their contribution for the first half of the fraternal year. Our State Chaplain, Diocesan Chaplains, Council Chaplains and priest are in need of our prayers and help.

"Building the Domestic Church" is going to be a ministry that will need the assistance of all the wives of our knights and their service to our parishes. We need to be committed to our parishes. Than our parishes the family can get active though the programs the Knight of Columbus which have been in full force –such as the Spelling Bee, Free Throw Contest, Soccer Challenge, Poster Contest, Essay Contest, Religious Education Classes, the RCIA for the seminarian and praying the Rosary with our youth and families. The home and the Catholic Church is where our/your Faith starts and is nourished. The Knights of Columbus Domestic Church can help grow the Knights of Columbus faith and then membership.

Ladies if you see a small book titled "These Men Called Knights" please pick up and read it. This is a book to help you understand what your Knight is doing for the order and our Catholic beliefs. This booklet can remind all women why their men became Knights of Columbus and how the Knights of Columbus help guide their husbands, sons, son-in laws, and grandsons to become Catholic Men.

Please check out the State Charities Raffle. Your husband or his Council should have gotten the tickets to sell. This raffle returns 20% of their council gross sale back to their council for charity. And if you win there are some great prizes. Drawing will be at DeCarlo's Banquet Center on April 22, 2017.

MI Drive- (Tootsie Roll Drive) will be Palm Sunday is 04-22 2017. This drive helps the (I/DD) Intellectual Developmental Disabled. This is the only purpose for those funds.

The Michigan Knights of Columbus Right to Life Annual Dinner is scheduled for Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The dinner will be held at the Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, Michigan. Reservations for this year's is \$50.00 per person or a table of 10 for \$475.00. More info at [respectlife@rtl.org](mailto:respectlife@rtl.org). 248-371-0466. We are looking forward to see you and your husband at the banquet for LIFE.

May 13, 2017 is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima.

Mother's Day is -5-14-2017. Let's celebrate our Mothers- flowers, candy, card and Most of all 'A BIG THANK "you and "I LOVE YOU MOM."

The Knight of Columbus State Convention at Mackinac Island is May-25-27-2017. This is always an exciting time. The Knight of Columbus Ladies Raffle at the State Convention is in the hands of the State Advocate Walter & Karen Winkle. Karen is the key contact person to get volunteers to work selling tickets and donation- a basket, gifts cards, jewelry, or tools. Get you information to Karen as soon as possible. Any question please call or text Karen Winkle --- 586-615-2508 [k.Winkle@mikofc.org](mailto:k.Winkle@mikofc.org). The raffle is to support for Holy Cross Children Services and the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee and Relief Fund.

The Summer Meeting will be held at Boyne Highlands. More information to come.

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**One member per council per month**

**Building the Domestic Church -- Continuing Our Mission**

In the January 2017 Michigan Columbian articles from our State Deputy, Kenneth Unterbrink; State Chaplain, Fr. Bill Turner; Supreme Director, Tom Wegener; focused on Supreme's initiative "Building the Domestic Church". These articles included the background, purpose and steps to bring this initiative closer to our councils and parishes.

This initiative is at a critical time in the Knights of Columbus history. Our Church is losing many of its members, especially young families, in a large number of our parishes. One sad part of this is that during a period of time where faith is most critical to the health of the family, families especially young fathers are walking away from God's truth and joy. And where do young children hear about God first? In the family, the domestic church. This migration away from the Church not only harms the parents it also leaves the generation of their children without knowing the love of Christ.

It is a time we as Knights are called to lead our men and families in a spiritual formation and closer relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ within our parishes. This message began at the Summer Leadership Conference and has since been developed into a strategic plan that was reviewed with bishops of Michigan. Letters have been sent to all district deputies outlining their next steps in this process. Below is a summarization of the responsibilities we share moving forward:

Diocesan Chaplains – point person between our Order and parish priests.

Diocesan Program and Membership Directors – help coordinate these efforts in their diocese.

District Deputies – choose one parish in their District to begin this initiative. To help this initiative the council that relates to this parish should have strong leadership and a good relationship with the pastor. This selection should be done by March 15, 2017.

Grand Knight/Council -- is responsible for the parish and should meet with the pastor to discuss if there are any current initiatives on strengthening the Domestic Church through helping support young fathers and husbands. If not, the council should offer a men's group that could be managed through the council for young fathers and husbands. Completion targeted by April 15, 2017.

Diocesan Chaplain and Diocesan Directors -- review of the initiative that the target council is implementing. Review should be submitted by Grand Knight/Councils to the Diocesan Chaplain and Diocesan Directors by May 15, 2017.

State Directors and State Chaplain – present status of initiative at State Convention, May 24-26, 2017.

To assist putting this initiative into action, below are the Domestic Church in a Box Materials available from Supreme:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Doc.</u>	<u>Date</u>
The Family Fully Alive, Building the Domestic Church	10162	10/16
Consecration to the Holy Family (Card)	10371	02/16
A Guide to Praying the Rosary	4772	09/15
Holy Family Prayer Program 2015-2016	5050	10/15
How Catholics Pray Section 6: Matrimony	116	08/15
Journey to the Inn: An Advent Celebration	9898	10/15

To reinforce the importance of this initiative, Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson wrote in December 2015, when the supreme chaplain and I discussed our Building the Domestic Church program with Pope Francis, he encouraged us to continue this initiative to strengthen family life, especially by encouraging more families to be active in their parishes.

Knights of Columbus parish-based councils are ideally positioned to do this. Amoris Laetitia calls us to a new "family apostolate" based upon families' "joy-filled witness as domestic churches". This is especially important for young husbands and fathers.

This initiative is one of the most comprehensive and challenging steps taken by the Knights of Columbus in Michigan. As we move forward it is our responsibility to give it our best effort to ensure the growth of our faith and the Order. So please, do not take this lightly, embrace it, challenge your council to go the extra step to share our faith and the knowledge we possess with all men and families in our parishes.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the following directors:

Wayne Slomiany, State Evangelization /Vocations Director – [wslomiany@mikofc.org](mailto:wslomiany@mikofc.org)

Tom Arehart, State Church Director – [t.arehart@mikofc.org](mailto:t.arehart@mikofc.org)

**Ladies Corner**

We are all getting excited about the future of the Knights of Columbus. Sometimes life is stressful and I find a great way to get help "Ask the Lord for his Hand" "Walk and Talk to the Lord". Put your hand in the hand of the Lord. Find a quiet spot and I just ask "I need some HELP!" "Some Guidance. Please walk and talk to me."

Mother Mary is always there to listen and help us. This can be trying for we in a hurry most of the time. Thanks for supporting your husbands!!

Take time to watch the Spring flowers and grass grow!!

Ellie Unterbrink, Sue Vittorini, Marybeth Chasse  
Karen Winkle, Julie Kolomjec

**WHY BECOME A 3RD DEGREE KNIGHT?  
by  
Gene Murawski, State Ceremonial Director**

The principles of the Knights of Columbus are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. In the Admission Degree we are taught the principle of Charity, how to help others in need. In the Formation Degree we learn the lesson of Unity, how to help your brother and to work with others. In the Knighthood Degree we are taught the lesson of Fraternity, how we should live a life of Christ. Then the final Degree is the Patriotic Degree that teaches us the important to support our county.

When you joined the Admission Degree you should have paid an initiation fee to cover the expense of going through all three degrees. So why not learn what the Knight's really stand for.

**2017 Mackinac Island Raffle for Charities  
Donation Sheet**

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT AND FILL OUT COMPLETELY**

**Donation Value \$**

**NAME YOUR GIFT ITEM BEING DONATED:**

**DONATED BY:** Please be sure to include those who contributed, such as Council, District and a 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person if different than raffle gift donor:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to : Karen Winkle  
2600 Ellsworth  
Columbus - MI 48063**

**Phone: 586-727-1724  
Cell: 586-615-2508  
Fax: 586-727-1864**

Email: [k.winkle@mikofc.org](mailto:k.winkle@mikofc.org)

**Raffle Items Needed**

Please Donate  
To the 2017 Raffle  
To Benefit Charities

Volunteers will be needed to help with  
ticket sales, set-up and packing up.

Please contact  
the State Advocate's Wife  
by phone or email

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**FROM THE STATE CHAPLAIN  
V. Rev. William J. Turner, PhD, KCHS**

will only encourage them to absent themselves from family with its full emphasis on sports and extracurricular activities. A father must become an "overseer" of all family activities home and away, assessing what is nurturing his family and what is tearing it apart.

I further ask all Councils to participate in the Supreme Knight's request to support our Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East. To begin, there is a need to educate ourselves about the situation as we are not being told the whole story in the media. Materials on this topic are available. Christians are in danger of extinction, both directly and subtly. There are many ways a Council can participate in this initiative, perhaps by raising funds or making a contribution to a Holy Land family in need or by donating to one of their Catholic institutions or schools. Please contact me or the State Office for particulars. I am in the Holy Land two weeks every year and I am intimately involved in these efforts. I remind you of the reality that the average monthly salary there is \$300.00, so our donations are especially effective in assisting them.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Annual Convention on Mackinac Island. Much has been said about the need for more recruitment to return our State membership to its former level. I believe this will happen when all of us are focused on being witnesses as a Church Family, beginning in our parishes. Keep close to the spirit of our Venerable founder, a priest with the needs of families constantly on his mind and in his labors!

Vivat Jesus!  
V. Rev. William J. Turner  
State Chaplain

**From The State Secretary  
Antonio G. Vittorini**

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**It's Not To Late**

If you haven't yet donated to the "Take Five Plus" program, its not to late. Your State Council gets many requests for charitable assistance, and the only funds available to them is the "Take Five Plus" charitable fund. 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 the "Take Five Plus" program and they will forward it to the State Council. This is a very simple way and relatively painless way to help fulfill the cardinal principle of our order.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this fine charity.  
Sincerely  
William J. Walsh, P.S.D.  
Michigan Charities Director

**Italian American Club of Livonia Supports SLC with 22<sup>nd</sup> Dinner Dance**



The Italian Club of Livonia is made up of Italian-American descendants who live in the western suburbs of Metropolitan Detroit, many of whom are Roman Catholic. They have a special affinity for helping Italian-American causes, and that love extends to St. Louis Center in Chelsea, MI. St. Louis Center is a residential care facility for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and was established by the Italian Order of the Servants of Charity in 1960.

For the past 22 years, the IACL has raised funds for SLC through a dinner-dance fundraiser in late January called the “Guardian Angel Dinner-Dance,” benefitting the transportation needs of the center. On January 29, 2017, nearly 200 people visited the IACL to enjoy an Italian style dinner, live music, a silent auction, a gift raffle and raffle for a “mini-bar.”

State Deputy Ken Unterbrink, MI K of C, presents a \$25,000 check to Fr. Enzo

Event Chairwoman and former club president, Mary Galasso, received the St. Louis Guanella Humanitarian Award from the Servants of Charity for her leadership in making this event a success. Galasso was humbled by her award and said, “It’s a very special honor, but I haven’t done what others have done. All I do is help them so they can realize their plans for the future. All God wants from any of us is to give him our yes.”

Following the award ceremony, Maria Harris of the Italian American Club of Livonia Charitable Foundation presented Fr. Enzo Addari, SdC., with two checks for \$7,000 to assist SLC with their Legacy Building Campaign. Then Kenneth Unterbrink, State Deputy of the Michigan Knights of Columbus, presented Fr. Enzo with a check from the Michigan State Council in the amount of \$25,000 for their 2017 commitment to the Legacy Campaign and the building of the new St. Louis Guanella Village.

For more information about St. Louis Center, please visit [www.stlouiscenter.org](http://www.stlouiscenter.org).

**FROM THE STATE DEPUTY  
Kenneth B. Unterbrink**

are looking for substance in their lives, and we as the Knights of Columbus with the Catholic Church must provide that substance, through our Building the Domestic Church, A Family Fully Alive.

Our Michigan Knights of Columbus State Convention will be on Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup> through the Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> and is where we conduct the annual business of the State Council. All delegates, elected by their councils are expected to attend all convention business meetings and report said proceeding back to their councils. There will be three masses, Thursday afternoon at 3:50 pm, Friday morning at 7:30 am and Saturday morning at 7:30 am. The annual banquet is Friday evening. Please make sure that your reservation forms are submitted timely.

The annual Knights of Columbus bucket raffle at the state convention is being held for the charities of Holy Cross Children’s Services and the Knights of Columbus Christian Refuge Relief Fund for persecuted Christian in the Middle East.

Our Order is charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism with charity being the first. As charity funds are less and less, the first charities should be our Catholic charities. Our Catholic charities, parishes and diocese should be the priority in our charity. Therefore, the board is reviving the Michigan Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. first established in 2005 under then State Deputy Kevin D. MacFarland, Sr.. In 2016, the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws were revisited our State Auditor Donald Chadwick and found to be sufficient to present and establish a ‘Michigan Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.’ checking account. The Michigan Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. a IRS 501(c) (3) and donations can be made to the Michigan Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. as a tax deduction donation. The By-Laws state that donations from the fund can be made to catholic charitable organization. Donations can be made and identified in the memo line for a certain catholic 501(c)(3) organizations, in which a dedicated line item in the checking will be established and our “Take 5 Plus” along with Sacred Heart Major Seminary for a start. All donations add up. Address is – Michigan Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. - 6025 Wall Street – Sterling Heights, MI. 48312

The last four months of the fraternal year are important to the Order in Michigan. Sharing our Order with other Catholic men is of the most importance, not only to the Order but also to the Church. It is our mission to present to all Catholic men the opportunity to join the World’s largest Catholic fraternal organization – the Knights of Columbus. Check with your parish as to all the new families in the parish, the RCIA candidates, and our graduating high school seniors. They are our future.

Please wear the Emblem of the Order pin at all times especially on your jacket lapel. This recognizes you as a Knights of Columbus. However, at the Patriotic Order events, wear the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree pin on your lapel. At all other times the Emblem of the Order pin should be worn to show that you are a Knight of Columbus.

The Charter Constitution Laws Section 124 states “Each subordinate council shall hold at least two regular meetings each month, not less than one of which meetings each month shall be designated as a regular business meeting.” Our Unity and Fraternity is present at these meetings.

The one council officer that is important to the membership of the council is the Chancellor. He is number three in the council and: “Shall be charged with the total participation of the membership in the activities of the council. Subject to the approval of the Grand Knight he shall institute a program to develop the availability and interest in new members in the specific activities of the council and refer his findings to the Grand Knight. He shall exercise a special interest in new members and those members who are sick or in distress.”

We as an Order look forward to a successful year in growth in programs and membership, for they go hand in hand.

Vivat Jesu.

**One member per council per month**

MICHIGAN COLUMBIAN PUBLICATION SCHEDULE	
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4/1/17	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Lansing	788	Michael Wegener	517-331-3959
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4/8/17	Patriotic	Degree		Gaylord		Mike Stanchaina	989-848-5322
4/18/17	None	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Gladwin	7571	James Combs	989-539-8185
4/22/17	Patriotic	Degree		Grand Rapids		Barry Borsenik	989-295-1266
4/22/17	Patriotic	Degree		Brighton		David Buick	517-927-8044
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4/27/17	None	5:45 PM	6:45 AM	Kingsford	1585	Dennis Divoky	906-875-0093
4/29/07	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Chesaning	2943	Gerald Lienberger	989-225-6749
4/30/17	9:30 AM	10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Saginaw	4232	James Callahan Jr.	989-714-7768
5/6/17	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Memphis	10501	Greg Brunson	810-824-9533
5/20/17	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Gaylord	2781	Patrick Oliver	989-731-5554
5/22/17	None	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Farmington	4401	Jim Escott	248-345-8523
6/3/17	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Sterling Heights	13340	Bob Bielinski	586-206-8076
6/4/17	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Livonia	2690	Chris Scanlan	734-525-0969
6/17/17	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Battle Creek	575	C. Thomas Hickey	517-629-2556
6/24/17	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Highland	8500	Larry Paffi	248-701-4950
8/19/17	Patriotic	Degree		Marquette		Mike Stanchaina	989-848-5322
9/16/17	Patriotic	Degree		Warren		John Hundiak	248-652-3433
10/15/17	11:00 AM	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Portland	2168	Lawrence Adam	616-374-8340
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### May They Rest In Peace

#### Alpena Council 529

Tom Skiba, Tom Lewandowski  
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Tom Olsen, Allen Lazarowicz  
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John Currie, Marcos Barragan  
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**MICHIGAN COLUMBIAN**

From the State MI Programs Director  
George Stump

I would like to thank the Brother Knights, their families and friends of the 184 Councils who participated in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual MI Drive this past Columbus Day. This drive to help people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities raised over \$457,000. This could not be possible without your hard work and commitment as we face new challenges in our charitable fundraising efforts.

I have, however, noticed that in our efforts to fulfil the first principle of our Order, that of Charity, some of the MI Drive funds have been allocated to organizations not specifically dedicated to providing services to people with Intellectual/ Developmental Disabilities.

What are appropriate agencies to receive MI Drive Funds? Several years ago, it was referred to as the Drive for "Mental Retardation." Supreme Council, following the lead of Special Olympics International uses the term People with Intellectual Disabilities. The name was changed to be more publicly acceptable and less negative. But that does not change the definition of the people the drive was meant to help.

What is Intellectual/Developmental Disability? Intellectual Disability is characterized by significant limitations in both **intellectual functioning** and **adaptive behavior**. It covers many everyday social and practical skills that have been learned in order to function in everyday life situations.

Breaking this down, limitations in intellectual functioning means intelligence, and the general mental capacity for things like problem solving, and the ability to reason and understand. One criteria in measuring intellectual functioning is an IQ Test. A person with these limitations will score below 70.

Significant limitations in adaptive behavior, includes conceptual, social, and practical skills that have been learned in order to function in everyday life situations. Conceptual skills include reading and writing, money concepts, and the ability to understand written or spoken language. Social skills are things like following rules, and obeying laws, how you interact with other people, and a person's own sense of self-esteem. Practical skills include day to day activities such as routines, housekeeping, health & safety. More simply stated, to measure

adaptive behavior, professionals look at what a person can do in comparison to others in the same age group.

The last part of the definition of Intellectual/Developmental Disability is that it originates before the age of 18. Many times, it is present at birth. For someone to have an intellectual disability, whatever happened to a person to change the typical course of their development, had to happen before the age of 18.

Designating MI Drive funds to organizations such as pregnancy centers, disabled veterans' groups, mental health facilities, senior assisted living centers and assistance to families in poverty, does not meet the criteria of why this long-standing drive was established. Even organizations that include assistance to those with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities as a part of their mission along with other services, must show that the funds from our drive are being used exclusively, and **over and above** the regular funding for that service.

This is not meant to diminish the worthiness of these other charities, or the importance of our council's support of these organizations in our local communities, which is integral to the first principle of our Order. Other fundraising efforts can be used for this purpose.

Therefore, as our councils consider the distribution of the current Palm Sunday Drive collections, please keep these facts in mind. Communicate with and understand the services provided by the agency, insuring that your contribution is dedicated to helping people with Intellectual/ Developmental Disabilities. And most importantly, please submit your MI-13 Distribution Reports as soon as possible after your drive. With all the planning and hard work by your members and their families, we want to distribute these funds in a timely manner to where they can immediately benefit the special people we are intending to help.

Again, thank you for all your support of our drives, and please contact me if you have any questions or need any other assistance.

Fraternally in Christ,  
George Stump  
State MI Programs Director

**Anchor Bay Council 5981**



On Sunday December 18, 2016, Anchor Bay Council 5981 welcomed State Advocate Walter K. Winkle Jr. to their parish ,he presented the Culture of Life Service award at the 9am mass. Thanks to Debbie Yacks for the Ladies Victorian Tea and all the hard work from Debbie and all our ladies, such a great achievement to be recognized locally and internationally. Thank you Father Charles for allowing the Knights to have this award presented in church.

**MICHIGAN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
VENERABLE FREDERIC BARAGA DAY IN FLORIDA**



In conclusion, Father Timothy stated that we all should continue to pray for success in the Canonization of Bishop Baraga.

The meeting ended with Director Wegener presenting Father Tim and Mrs. McKeen a check for \$2,500.00 for the Bishop Baraga Association signed by State Deputy Unterbrink from Michigan

K of C Charities. The closing prayer of thanksgiving was led by Fr. Timothy.

As PSD John Mathews, founder of this annual event, would say "If you see someone without a smile, give'em one of yours."

**One member per council per month**



## HolyCross Children's Services

Dear Brother Knights,

As spring is here and Easter is upon us, this is a time of remembrance, encouragement, love and eternal hope.

For the vulnerable children and families Holy Cross serves every day, this season inspires hope and faith in the positive changes that we can make in their lives; especially with the constant support you Brother Knights provide to HCCS. Easter is a reminder that there is always hope for those who are lost, peace for those who are troubled, and joy for those who mourn. In that spirit, we should all embrace this Easter and keep joy in our hearts.

I want to thank you again for helping us as we change one life at a time in great, positive ways, all across our great state of Michigan.

I hope you have a wonderful and blessed Easter.

With gratitude and humility,

John, Lynch CEO



John Lynch  
CEO

If you would like to get a 2017 calendar, it's not too late! For more information and/or to purchase, please contact Karen Rupley at [krupley@hccsnet.org](mailto:krupley@hccsnet.org) or at 517-423-7556.

## Calendar Fundraiser Winners

### *Below is a list of recent awardees*

**January:** Michael Sinke, Marvin Peplinski, Joseph Lenhart, John Jamieson, Josuha Burk, Karen Schneider, Patrick Bisson, Francis & Karen Werner, Ernie Gracey, Carrie Good, Gerald Sulak, Clare Greene, Robert Kuch, Marilyn Scholten, Stephen Drouillard, Ernest Messing, Sacred Heart of the Hills Council #8659, James & Kim Niebling, Walter Sierakowski, Jr., Melvin Campbell, Betty Schafer, Francis Vallier, C. Thomas Hickey, Joseph Dunn, Joseph Brenner, David Jodway, Duane Bogus, Marie Theis, Donald & Veronica Kuzminski, William Lawrence, Frederic Devendorf, **\$500 WINNER – Michele Fraker**

**February:** Daniel Brown, Daniel Godfrey, George & Esther Jaksa, Dave Barrett, David Morrison, Stephan Patoprsty, Brian Finn, Susan Patton, Arthur Orłowski, John & Lanice Andres, Steve & Jane Clement, William Izydorek, John Semaan, Stuart Fitzpatrick, Joseph

Hazard, Jon & Dodie Mieras, Paul & Patricia Judd, Bonnie Kyser-LaValle, Linda Spitzley, Francis Kolasa, Patrick Feldpausch, James & Antonina Gauthier, Marie Shields, Frederick Kraemer, Thomas Bigelow, Grant Ohlson, III, James Morrison, Raymond Skrabut, **\$500 WINNER – Phillip Marvin**

**March:** Mary Kelly, Rodney Ratliff, Keith Hornick, Gregory Brunson, Joyce Haddix, John Feyes, Mary Ann Blaszak, Richard Shelt, James Telinda, Dennis Haas, Pat Zajac, Pamela & Jim Engelhard, Clement & Doris Kraemer, Ronald Dershem, William Bernesser, Rev. Gary Michalik, Mark Sieloff, Peggy Kane, Jarrod Hafner, Robert Kavanagh, Steven Thelen, Robert Brines, Gerald Pitsch, Jerome & Colleen Kunert, Bruce Arnold, Francis Vallier, Arthur Schoenborn, Albert Fleury, Ralph Roberts, Barbara Donahue, Patrick Warchuck, **\$500 WINNER – Phillip Wesley**

Visit our website to see what new things we are doing and to learn more about HCCS!

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





# Upcoming Events & Activities

Saturday, May 20, 2017

## 2nd Annual Hope Walk for Kids

**Hope Walk for Kids** is a fundraising event to increase Foster Care Awareness, and benefit Holy Cross Children's Services and kids across Michigan. This year we are also focusing on trauma awareness, as May is National Trauma Awareness month and the abandoned, abused and neglected children we serve definitely have trauma-filled lives.

Revenues raised will benefit traumatized kids and families by investing in wellness programs and activities such as summer school programs, health facility memberships, camps, etc.

The 5K walk along the Saginaw River starts and ends on Ojibway Island in Saginaw, Michigan. Registration is at 8:00 am and the walk starts at 9:30 am.

Cost is \$20 per person. To register, please go to [www.HolyCrossServices.org](http://www.HolyCrossServices.org).



## Summer '17 Golf Outings

Thursday, June 22

The 27th 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 sponsorships, individual player and team pricing information, please call Karen Rupley at 517-423-7556 or email her at [krupley@hccsnet.org](mailto:krupley@hccsnet.org).

Tuesday, July 11

47th Annual **HCCS Golf Outing**

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 Dennis Boylan at 313-579-4416 or 313-410-8678 or [dboylan@hccsnet.org](mailto:dboylan@hccsnet.org)

Karen Rupley at 517-423-7556 or [krupley@hccsnet.org](mailto:krupley@hccsnet.org)



Wednesday, September 6, 2017

## Diamond Jack's River Tour

The Good Samaritans group is hosting their annual evening out benefitting Holy Cross and the Samaritan Center. This year they are doing a fun dinner cruise on the Diamond Jack's River Tour charter boat on the Detroit River. Boarding will be at the Detroit Dock by the Stroh River Place in Detroit.

The cruise will be from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. For ticket pricing, more information, and sponsorships, please call Karen Rupley at 517-423-7556 or email her at [krupley@hccsnet.org](mailto:krupley@hccsnet.org).

Saturday, June 10, 2017

## Volunteer Opportunities

HCCS is partnering again with 94.7 WCSX/ Detroit's Classic Rock radio station to kick off the 2017 summer season with a great summer event featuring Detroit's very own, "The Romantics" performing live on stage at the **2nd Annual Summer BBQ** at Taylor Heritage Park in Taylor, Michigan.

Running from noon to 11 pm, this fun-filled event will feature competitions, beer tent, kid zone, interactive activities, and great music from the area's best local bands playing all day, before The Romantics take the stage as the last act of the day.

We need beer tent volunteers! So if you are interested in helping out, please call or email Kassie Kretzschmar at [kkretzschmar@hccsnet.org](mailto:kkretzschmar@hccsnet.org) or 248-980-4830. Thank you!



# HELP BUILD THE St. Louis Guanella Village

— A COMMUNITY FOR ALL ABILITIES —



An open letter to the greater community of Ann Arbor from Norman Neuman, Jr., Co-Chair, St. Louis Center Legacy Campaign Committee (pictured at left with his son Joe):

When I retired some fifteen years ago, my wife Kathi and I decided that we would focus our retirement years on helping children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) such as Down Syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, and others. Both Kathi and I are very involved in supporting St. Louis Center in Chelsea, MI, home to over fifty children and adults with I/DD. We have a son with Down Syndrome. Joe is 45 years old and lives in a condominium in Ann Arbor. He spends nearly every weekend and most of the summer with us. He loves to play golf with me in the summer and drive a snowmobile in the winter. He is very charming and fun to be around.

**\$10M Legacy  
Campaign Goal  
\$8.3M raised**

But, like all adults with I/DD, Joe requires a great deal of life skills support. While he is in good health, many of his older peers are experiencing a quickening decline in health, and more saddening, they are losing their parents who were their lifeline. Fortunately for our son, there are plans in place to take care of him well after Kathi and I are gone. Unfortunately, that is not the case for the majority of adults with I/DD. Many loving and caring parents are not financially able to provide long term care for their adult child after they are gone. The necessary planning was never done by the parent or by government agencies. Historically adults with I/DD passed away well before their parents did. As a result, many parents thought that they would outlive their child, but in fact, with much better health care readily available and the children living more active lives, they are now outliving their parents.

These adults with I/DD, now without parents to look after them, face a crisis of major proportions. Most are unable to communicate their plight and many become wards of the state, often being shuffled from one place to another. Can you imagine what that would be like for one of your children to go through after you passed away? Someone needs to be their advocate and take responsibility for guiding and supporting them for the rest of their lives.

I am writing to you because individuals with I/DD for the most part do not have a voice and cannot articulate their situation. They live simple lives. They are not demanding. They are appreciative and react with a sincere loving smile or hug to the smallest of goodwill gestures. Unfortunately, they are also defenseless and have no way of describing their unique needs to anyone. This is particularly true as they age and suddenly require specialized care. If it weren't for our goodwill and generosity, these adults would be left to fend for themselves which they cannot do.

This is an issue facing families caring for children and adults with I/DD and all of us who care so deeply for them. It is a subject that has not gotten much press coverage even though it is a serious problem and, in some cases, a tragic situation. I personally know of recent cases where aging adult men and woman with I/DD have lost their parents and are now at the mercy of a system that is ill-equipped to support them.

There is an organization working on a solution to this major crisis. That organization is St. Louis Center. St. Louis Center has provided residential services to over 700 men, women, and children with I/DD since 1960. It embraces a philosophy of care and services promoting independence, dignity, and a rich life experience. Residents are provided a full set of educational, wellness, and spiritual programs including nursing care, fitness, gardening, adaptive dance, and music therapy. Transportation is provided to school and work, medical appointments, religious services, etc.



**St. Louis Guanella Village is under construction**

In 2010, when celebrating St. Louis Center's fiftieth anniversary, we began working on a strategic plan for the next fifty years. It was decided that we would build specialized residential housing that offers families with children and adults with I/DD a safe environment with assisted living and nursing care as a primary focus. Out of that thinking and planning came "The Legacy Campaign," with a goal of raising \$10M in capital funding. The Legacy Campaign Committee has raised over \$8.3M, leaving \$1.7M to go.



Over the next several years, we will complete the construction of the St. Louis Guanella Village, a residential community for men, women, and children with I/DD and their families. A unique service feature of the Village is that it will accommodate families caring for children of all ages with I/DD, including older adult children. Today many parents and their older adult children with special needs require assisted living care. These families will now be able to move into the Village and receive these services. Offering living arrangements of this type will keep families together, as many have been together all their lives. Can you imagine the heartbreak both the parent and child would go through if they were to be separated? The last thing we want to do is to tear a family apart just because of age-related issues. The Village is now under construction on the Center's existing 180 acres. When completed, the Village will have single family homes, townhomes, a fitness center, chapel, and shopping facilities integrated into a safe, fully functioning community.

Meeting this challenge is a huge task. We have had wonderful support raising our initial Campaign funds from our many friends and benefactors, including foundations and corporations. Now we are reaching out to the greater community of Ann Arbor to support this Mission of Mercy. Please consider making a donation to our Legacy Campaign. We need funding for assisted living homes for our aging residents with I/DD who are in need of specialized care.

Please pass this message along to any of your friends who you feel would have the compassion and generosity to make a donation to this very worthy cause. Thank you very much.

Norman Neuman, Jr.  
Co-Chair, St. Louis Center Legacy Campaign Committee

**\$550K Challenge Match:  
Give Now & Double Your Gift!**

All cash gifts and paid pledges up to \$25K will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$550K through June 30, 2017 by twin generous donors.

Gifts can be mailed to:  
Legacy Campaign  
St. Louis Center  
16195 Old US 12  
Chelsea, MI 48118

**For more information**

about the St. Louis Guanella Village or the Legacy Campaign, please contact Peggy Cole, Development Director, at (734) 475.8430 or [peggyc@stlouiscenter.org](mailto:peggyc@stlouiscenter.org).



**Legacy Campaign Leadership:** Fr. Enzo Addari, Joe Fitzsimmons, Don Walker, Don Devine, Will Johnson, Bill Broucek, Judy Greenbaum, PhD, Percy Bates, PhD, Tom Nowatzke, Kathi Neuman, Larry Doll, Peggy Cole, and Norman Neuman, Jr.

**ST. LOUIS CENTER – CHELSEA, MICHIGAN**

A 501(C)(3) NON-PROFIT CORPORATION FOUNDED IN 1960 AND PROVIDING FOR THE PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.  
RESIDENTS ARE FROM ALL FAITHS, ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS, AND RACES.



Pictured Left to Right; Mitch Broom, Mike Gillette, Don Faxlanger, Jerome Waldron, Jim Gehring, Jerry Rooney (Wearing hat), Ernie Burns, Denny Wasmund, Fadi Kasburi and Phil White.

Knights of Columbus **Council #13703** of Clio, Michigan is the recipient of; the Columbian Award, the Father McGivney Award, the Founders Award and the prestigious; Supreme Five Star Council Award, for the 2015-2016 fraternal year. The requirement for achieving those awards is difficult, and to receive "Five Stars" is an extraordinary achievement.

The announcement was made by the Knights of Columbus International Headquarters located in New Haven, Connecticut on July 1, 2016. Don Faxlanger (District Deputy and Membership Director of record for Clio Council's 2015-2016 fraternal year) presented the awards to Past Grand Knight Denny Wasmund and other members of the Clio chapter, during a special ceremony on January 11, 2017. When Denny first saw the awards, he justifiably became a little emotional as he recalled the hard work, and the number of charitable programs he and his group performed to help the less fortunate of our community. As the council leader, Denny had worked very closely with Don, and other members of his council, helping to organize and tackle that year's early determined goals. Denny persevered in his leadership responsibilities to finish strong. Along with attaining five hundred percent of membership quota, one hundred percent of insurance quota and by averaging about ten events in each of the lay Ministry's six charitable program categories, the council was able to generate the "Five Star Council Award". Denny humbly expressed to Don that "We couldn't have done it without you", but reality is that it also took determination from all 86 members of the group to help staff and promote the many programs that the Knights performed throughout that year.



Proceeds from the Oscoda Knights of Columbus Joseph M. Amley **Council No. 5083**, Annual Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities, sometimes know as the "Tootsie Roll Drive", for \$1,487.20, is presented to Sydney Larsen, Program Director Adult Intensive Services, of the AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Authority in Oscoda by Council Grand Knight Tom Shrier. Others in the photo are Oscoda Knights of Columbus, Bill Gallagher, Joe Plunkey, Tim Kellstrom, Brandon Curley, Ron Miscisin, Adam Curley, and John Servinski and AVCMH Consumers, Cheryl Taber, Diane Whitehouse, Marjorie Cano, Kyle Utley.

## MICHIGAN COLUMBIAN



St. Francis Camp on the Lake is owned and operated by the Caravans of the Michigan Region of the International Order of Alhambra. These are men and women who are dedicated to assisting those persons with intellectual disabilities. Many Alhambrians are also Brother Knights, after all our missions are very similar, to serve God's special people. Since 1984, St. Francis

Camp has helped thousands of campers have a summer camping experience they could never have had before. In January of 2012, the State Officers of the Knights of Columbus took a tour of the camp. At that meeting the Board of the Directors of the camp, asked for some support and when the State Board saw all the great work that was being done and the potential for the future, it was then State Deputy Thomas Marcetti, Sr. who said "this is a no-brainer".

With that spirit and financial backing we were able to build a brand new, state-of-the-art, 35 bed, Colorado Style Log Cabin dormitory now called, Knights of Columbus Hall. Since that time many changes have happened at the camp. Some major facelifts have taken place on some of the outbuildings and some new and enhanced activities were built so that the campers could have the best facility to provide the ultimate camping experience.

Imagine being in a wheelchair all your life, thinking that you have limitations and then through specially designed programs at St. Francis Camp, you've suddenly become limitless, catching fish, swimming, boating, kayaking or perhaps sliding down an old-fashioned hundred-foot slip and slide with the water splashing in your face as you scream with glee .

Our 10 week recreational style camp offers a unique and exciting camping experience unlike any other in the State of Michigan. We never turn down a camper for financial concerns. This does not come easy; it takes time, talent and money. This past January we held our seventh co-sponsored Alhambra - Knights of Columbus, Wild Game Dinner to provide much-needed funds for our campership program. Thanks to the support from the State Board of the Knights of Columbus and the Councils and Assembly throughout the State of Michigan this was made possible. Sometimes it might seem like a thankless contribution but once you see the happy faces of our campers and experience the enthusiasm they have for being at camp, we hope that that would be thanks enough.

Please continue to support this worthy cause through the MI Drive knowing that those smiles on our campers are put there thanks to you.

God bless you and God bless our campers.  
Russ Smith  
Executive Marketing Director



**St. Francis Camp on the Lake** is a 501-(c)3, none-profit organization

### Innovative Thinking Can Make You a Star

Innovative Thinking Can Make You a Star Our Star Council Award winners are the leaders of our Order in the areas of membership, insurance promotion and service programs. These councils exercise a positive mindset and have developed innovative practices that help them to be the successful Catholic leaders that our communities need.

The first step in adopting this mindset is to make sure your council is a positive presence in the parish. Taking an active stance and responding to church and community needs will go far in terms of recruitment, for eligible parishioners will see what Knights accomplish and want to be involved. If you're not sure where to begin, speak with your pastor to see how your council can assist its parish's various service programs.

Next, be sure to include your Knights of Columbus insurance representative in all your council meetings, recruitment events and service programs. The more he can tell prospective members about the Knights' outstanding insurance products, the more interested they will be in purchasing them.

Last, have a steady plan for charitable activities throughout the year. Keep track of your progress to achieving a Star Council Award, as its qualified programs are great methods of assisting those in need in your area.

**Remember — a little planning ahead will go a long way toward becoming a Star!**

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Ed Strach, State Council Family Life Director, 522 Berkshire, Saline, MI 48176

\*cfy - council family of year

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

Larry & Sandy Neigh

**Alpena Council 529**

Chris & Elizabeth Wright

Roy & Sally Wekwert

Donald & Blanche Macnall

Jason & Amy Banny \*cfy

**Battle Creek Council 575**

Gordon Peckham family

Gordon Peckham family

**Mt. Clemens Council 744**

Joe Jaskowski family

Ron Chuhran family

Joe Royleau

Ken DeCeuninck

**St. Clair Council 2251**

Dennis Askew family

Timothy Askew family

**Merrill Council 2291**

Russ & Sylvia Milean

**Standish Council 2724**

Ken & Patricia Adrian

Ron & Dianna Alley

Jack & Diane Stodolak

**Pinconning Council 2986**

Ernie & Joan Turmell

Leroy & Sue Wackerle

Christopher & Dwnise Vouaux

**Lincoln Park Council 3078**

Andrew & Delores Podczervinski

Edward & Teresa Sturgill

Dennis & Judy Bizon

**Saginaw Council 4232**

Paul & Diana Yelle

**Sandusky Council 4693**

Robert Schikora family

**Taylor Council 4872**

Michael & Jackie Slaviero

Edward & Patricia Liszka

**Gladwin Council 5280**

Donald Kingery family

Arden & Dolores LaPalm

David & Rhonda Greaves

Frederick & Barbara De Sisco

**New Baltimore Council 5981**

Heidi & Duane Sabella

Andrew & Sara Rybarczyk

William & Arlene Anger

Robert & Debra Wayne

**Roscommon Council 6593**

Tom & Jackie O'Brien

John & Caroline White

**Gladstone Council 6667**

Frank & Sharon Sinnaeve

Henry & Mary Knoch

Claude & Robin Alexander

**Swartz Creek Council 6694**

Dave & Pat Scheonfield

Joe & Ginny Sollinger

Jim & Katie Thompson

**Brighton Council 7304**

Jerome & Sharon Gross

Philip & Phyllis Balmforth

Robert & Marlynn Flynnn

**Armada Council 7561**

Andy & Kathy Vandavelde

Ralph & Nancy Roy

Ed & Lisa Borna

Dan & Cheryl Byrne

James & Mary Raska \*cfy

**Durand Council 7955**

Tom & Dot Hilla

Dennis & Kathy Schmidt

Ed & Julie Folsom

Steve & Robin Doyle

**Caseville Council 8042**

Tom & Pat Mangiapane

**Sanford Council 8043**

David & Shirley Fink

Ken & Rosemary Lancaster

Jeff & Debbie McGraw

**St. Helen Council 8390**

Russell & Cathy Tomes

Matt & Betty Mier

Joseph & Glenna Izworski

Richard & Gloria Friday

Harry & Barb Kolberg

Randall & Lee Madison

Robert & Diane Schneider

**Auburn Hills Council 8659**

Charles & Winifred Kemler

Jim & Karen Leja

**Montrose Council 8669**

Chad & Regina Sharpe

Raymond & Dorothy Anders

James & Nancy Hall

**Cass City Council 8892**

Brian & Janice Williams

Gordy & Edna Kujawski

Mason Council 9182

Matt Huckabee, family

Eugene & Rita Murawski

Christopher Kundstruap, family

**Rochester Hills Council 10343**

Mark Nica family

**Lansing Council 11099**

Charles & Lori Dion

Ronald & Linda Holcombe

James & Judy Kenny

**Muskegon Hgts. Council 11579**

Michael and Kathy Lewis

**Clinton Twp. Council 11689**

Phillip Bonnette family

William & Renie Giezyng

**Port Huron Council 11756**

Roger & Ellen Thomas

James & Heidi McEachin

**Pinckney Council 11761**

Norbert & Mary Rickelmann

Francis & Carolyn Hazel

**Novi Council 11811**

Tom & Rosita O'Connor

Phillip & Mary Austin

**Gaines Council 12186**

Larry & Jill Rohner

Lee & Patricia Wendt

**Clio Council 12703**

Matthew & Sue Brown

**Vicksburg Council 13305**

Robert & Lynn Bundy

Kenneth & Gay Bundy

**Grosse Ile Council 13475**

Paul & Belinda Badyrka

**Belmont Council 13526**

Peter & Daina Luczyk

**Muskegon Council 13579**

Garret & Kathleen Kelenske

William & Louise Forton

**Farmington Council 13673**

Robert & Sherry Kuhr

**Clio Council 13703**

Gary & Chris Folic

Michael Gillett family

Edward Burger family

**Southfield Council 14928**

Sape Quashie family

The **Msgr. Vismara Council 3725** of Our Lady of Hope (OLOH) Parish, St.Clair Shores, provided the reception following the OLOH 10:30 a.m. Mass on January 22, 2017 which honored Jubilarian couples attending the Mass. The Jubilarian couples honored were celebrating this year a marriage anniversary of at least 5 years, and then in 5 year increments up to 60 years -then each year after 60 years. The seventeen couples who participated had a total of 925 years of marriage. At the reception, each honored husband and wife received a coffee cup inscribed "I Thank God For You".

Then on February 18, 2017, the council was honored to host the K of C Regional Diocesan Free Throw Contest at the Rev. James Bjorum Activity Center on the OLOH campus. Council/District Winners, Girls and Boys, ages 9-14, participated in the regional event with the highest scoring girl and boy in each age group receiving a trophy and proceeding to the Free Throw State Final in March.

**"Led by the Spirit for Mission"**

Sunday, May 7, is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. According to Pope Francis, this 54th annual day of prayer will allow us to reflect on the missionary spirit of Christian vocations. Ask your parish to nurture this missionary spirit by promoting the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). To access vocations-related materials, visit [kofc.org/vocations](http://kofc.org/vocations).



**KNIGHTS  
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# MICHIGAN COLUMBIAN AROUND THE STATE



Grand Knight Ron Pioch and Brother Knight Ron George delivering potatoes to St Vincent Home for Children on Willow Highway in Lansing. Council 7311 from St. Michael Parish in Grand Ledge annually donates 2000 lbs of potatoes to facilities in need. These facilities this year included the Grand Ledge Food Bank, Volunteers of America, St. Vincent Home for Children, Lansing Rescue Mission, and St. Lucy's in Flint.

**Fr. Vernon J. Sierminski Council 8043 Christmas Baskets for Widows**

On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 14 fruit, etc. baskets were delivered to widows of the council. Thanks to Chuck Batcke, Chuck Batcke Jr., and Irv Potts for this charitable act of compassion.

**St. Mary's Council 2781** in Gaylord prepared and served a community Thanksgiving Day dinner to approximately 350 people, in addition to offering 40 carry-out meals. With help from community establishments and various groups, the council also provided shuttle service and delivery for community members with disabilities.

**Mason Council 9182** held a special fish fry, silent auction and collection to support cyclone relief efforts for Vuna, a village on the Fiji island of Taveuni and hometown of St. James Catholic Church's pastor, Father Kusitino Cobona. The projects raised \$18,000 to help the town after the cyclone, which devastated homes, crops and the local church. The St. James community also collected 502 boxes of building materials, tools and clothing that were sent to assist with the town's healing.



**Riverview Council 13980** and families celebrated "Breakfast With St. Nicholas" after Masses on Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016. Included at the event were visits and pictures with St. Nicholas, a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest and St. Nick ornament making. Proceeds for the event went to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Cyprian Church



On Oct 9, 2016 the Knights of Columbus Council #11532 at Blessed Sacrament church in Burton Michigan dedicated its new Holy Family Grotto. The knight's built the grotto for the church and blessing the grotto is our pastor Father Andrew Czajkowski, along with the color corp. of Davison Assembly #0523.

**Bishop Hass Council 4362** in Grand Rapids made a \$5,000 donation toward local Holy Family Radio's pledge drive to raise \$75,000. The goal is to upgrade from a limited AM station to 24/7 FM broadcast in the Grand Rapids metro area.

**Father Baraga Council 2934** in L'Anse, assisted by the ladies' auxiliary, held a baby shower dinner which gathered donations of money and supplies for local shelters and children's support groups. Attendees of the spaghetti and chicken dinner donated clothing, blankets, diapers and \$413, which will be distributed by the St. Vincent de Pul Society.

In January **FR. Nouvel Council 4232** held a breakfast for St. John II Parish in Saginaw. A check for \$839 was presented to the parish. This is one of 9 breakfasts a year that the council has done over the past 10 years providing more than \$114,000 in contributions to the local parishes and other charitable organizations.

**Iron River Council 2300** hosted a Red, White and Blue Mass in conjunction with their corporate communion at St. Agnes Parish in Iron River to honor firefighters, EMS personnel, police officers and their family members for the unselfish service they provide to local communities. Knights served as an honor guard for the Mass, which was followed by a light brunch. The council also held its first "Black Cow" project at the Iron Mountain Veteran Hospital, serving cookies, root beer floats and ice cream sundaes to approximately 75 patients, visitors and aides.

**Joseph M. Amley Council 5083** in Oscoda gave the \$1,487 in proceeds of its annual campaign for people with intellectual disabilities to Adult Intensive Services of the AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Authority.



**Msgr. Hugh Michael Beahan Council 7719** in Lowell donated a \$1000 to the Lowell Baby Pantry to assist families of young children in the area. Grand Knight Timothy Hess presented the check to Baby Pantry Director Michele Misiak.



Pictured back row L-R- Jim Laco, Chris Scanlan, Bill Arkesteyn, Kevin Balmier, Obioma Opora, Frank Pawelak, Front row L-R- Gloria Arciero, Pietro Arciero and Angela Baumler  
**Pope John XIII Knights of Columbus Assembly #1536** and their Ladies' Auxillary have served coffee and donuts for the past 10 years for veterans at the Detroit VA Medical Hospital after church service and mass on two Sunday's a year.

**Holy Bears**

Each child that is baptized at Our Lady of Grace Parish receives a holy bear on behalf of the Knights of Columbus, Council #8043, welcoming them into the Catholic community. Another order was recently placed and I would like to thank Bob Yahmarkt for his donation to help me cover the cost of these holy bears. Between 2013 and 2015 - 52 children were baptized, during 2016 - 20 children were baptized and 2 are scheduled to be baptized in 2017 at Our Lady of Grace Parish.

**Mt. Pleasant, MI Council 1297** has found it more than proper to donate \$10,000.00 to retirement funds of two religious organizations.



The Dominican Sisters - Grand Rapids - provided their services to Sacred Heart Academy for over 100 years. Pictured is Sr.

Mary Ann Barrett s she accepts the \$5,000.00 check from Frank Hackett, PGK of Council 1297.

Diocesan priests have provided their services to Sacred Heart Parish for 144 years.



Also pictured is Fr. Loren Kalinowski representing the Saginaw Diocese Priests Retirement fund, as he accepts the \$5,000.00 from

Council 1297 GK Dan Maloney.



Seminarian Christopher Bierlein unloads fried fish with Jim DeWyse, a member of **St. Stephen Council 4102** of Bay City. Proceeds from the fish fry dinner and raffle went to support the seminarians of the Saginaw Diocese.



## Knights of the Month

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Jeffrey J. Gapezynski, State Council Activities Director, 41240 Scarborough Ct., Clinton Twp., MI 48038

**Bay City Council 414**

Louis Kiesel, Jr., Norman Moore Jr.

**Alpena Council 529**

Larry Forester, Ronald Utecht

**Battle Creek Council 575**

Gordon Peckham

**Monroe Council 1266**

Stevan Richardville, Louis Poupard

**Kingsford Council 1585**

Patrick Spice, Mark Demers

**Warren Council 1874**

Gerald Gelinas, Ryan Richardson

**Portland Council 2168**

Frederick Russman

**St. Clair Council 2251**

Mark Kehoe

**Merrill Council 2291**

John Dunbar

**Howell Council 2659**

Patrick Shanahan, Jason Wright

Leroy Roman

**Standish Council 2724**

Ron LaLonde, Jerry Brown

Randy Hudvinen

Rev. David Parsch

**Gaylord Council 2781**

Craig Hall, Christopher Bur

**Utica Council 2950**

Thomas Barg, James Bokshaw

Richard Lumetta, Kevin Manning

**Grand Haven Council 2975**

James Green

**Pinconning Council 2986**

Richard Koth, Walter Gromaski

**Ruth Council 3823**

Jerome Lessing

**Walled Lake Council 4064**

David Kuzora

**Concklin Council 4404**

Hayden Pomper

**Saginaw Council 4232**

John Jaremba, Jim Haley

**Sandusky Council 4693**

Fr. Robert Schikora, Michael Leen

**Taylor Council 4872**

Robert White, Tom Olinzock

**Oscoda Council 5083**

Ronald Miscisin

**Gladwin Council 5280**

William Bauman, Daniel Sheehan

**Rochester Council 5452**

Frank Billotto, Joe Macker

**New Baltimore Council 5981**

Jack Hayman, Joseph Threadwell

David Kowalski, Jerry Kirouac

**Roscommon Council 6593**

Tom Koscinski, Tom Kozlowski

David Woods

**Gladstone Council 6667**

Dan Paul, Claude Alexander

Frank Sinnaeve

**Swartz Creek Council 6694**

Wayne DeShano, Bob Weld

**Grand Blanc Council 6742**

Thomas Everett, Michael Cassidy

**Sterling Hgts. Council 7011**

Thomas Langston

Michael DiGregorio

**Brighton Council 7304**

Ray Bonomo, David Russell

Michael Avery

**Caledonia Council 7341**

Mark Burns, Brian Baughman

Ken Skonecki, Don Aldrich

John Conway, Ray Adler

**Indian River Council 7365**

Richard Deitering

**Jenison Council 7487**

John Teeples, Bernie Meekhof

Rev. Roc Majalla

**Armada Council 7561**

Dan Byrne, Dave Symes

**Onaway Council 7688**

Timothy Robbins

**Remus Council 7869**

Dennis Swanson

**Durand Council 7955**

Louis Male, Barry Krembs

Brice Mellow, Timothy Trebtoske

**Caseville Council 8042**

David Eichler

**Sanford Council 8043**

Bob Sheets, Greg Gendregske

Aron Skrok

**St. Helen Council 8390**

Gerald DePew, John Hodapp

Robert Fenton

**Lake City Council 8556**

Douglas Murphy

**Fowlerville Council 8605**

Erik Frazier, Bud Scott

**Auburn Hills Council 8659**

Jim Johnson, Mike Merio

Berry Doherty

**Montrose Council 8669**

Larry Leyrer, Edward Smeader

**Cass City Council 8892**

Ken Baranski, Richard Kloc

**Mason Council 9182**

Lou Hurliman, Frank March, Sr.

Steve Crippen

**Okemos Council 10006**

Thomas Muncie, James Kenyon

Dante Lanni

**Rochester Hills Council 10343**

Victor Kaljaj

**Lansing Council 11099**

Thomas Fox

**Saranac Council 11113**

Greg Price, Richard Knoop

Jacob Lauer

**Battle Creek Council 1114**

Robert Hughes, Bruce Behrens

Ivan Wilson, Shawn McCarty

**Muskegon Hgts. Council 11579**

J. F. Harris

**Marne Council 11581**

David Benedetti

**Clinton Twp. Council 11689**

Michael Lombardo, Daniel Steele

**Port Huron Council 11756**

Rev. Tim Maxwell

**Pinckney Council 11761**

Thomas Czubaj, Edward Rudin

Brian Treanor, Carl Meisner

Mike Kerrigan, Earl Blackburn

Thomas Szubaj

**Clinton Twp. Council 11689**

Daniel Steele, Thomas Gray

**Novi Council 11811**

Tim May, Dave Stulock

**Sterling Heights Council 12102**

Doug Elsey

**Gaines Council 12186**

Larry Rohner, Lee Wendt

**Brighton Council 12295**

Justin Mulholland

Dr. Leo Hanifin

**Clio Council 12703**

Ryan Bigra

**Muskegon Council 13035**

Tony Schaub

**Vicksburg Council 13305**

Michael Charvat, Mark Crawford

John Drummond

Howard Cleveland

**Sterling Heights Council 13340**

David Schultz

**Howell Council 13450**

Thomas Baucus

**Troy Council 13453**

Charles Burke, Steve Addison

**Grosse Ile Council 13475**

Brian Kane, Bill Tilly

Fred Hoffman, Grgg Zuckery

Jeff Dombrowski, Doug Cryderman

**Belmont Council 13526**

Edward Steffens, John Huttenga

**Muskegon Council 13579**

Timothy May, Brad Chorney

**Farmington Council 13673**

Robert Kuhr, Robert Koenig

Bruce Berend

**Clio Council 13703**

Bill Routowicz, Keith Barkiewicz

David Olszewski, Ryan Bigra

**Sterling Heights Council 13799**

Dan Orban, Mike Sandelich

**Baldwin Council 13865**

William Dingman

Michael TenBrock

**White Cloud Council 13939**

Joshua Houle

**Rochester Hills Council 13950**

Rev. Stanley Ulman

**Shelby Twp. Council 13983**

Ralph Engler, Darrell Pawlowski

**Southfield Council 14928**

Clyde Bostick, jr.

**Rochester Hills Council 13950**

John Hundiak

**Shelby Twp. Council 13983**

Darrell Pawlowski

**Harrison Twp. Council 15057**

Souheil Sabak

**Grand Rapids Council 15495**

Fr. Bernard Carlin c Ss.R

Rev. Brian Johnson

Scott Schumaker

\*cky- council knight of the year



Desert Meal



On February 19th, 10 Knights of Columbus councils in SE Michigan (Downriver) came together to host a Desert Meal fundraiser for the Seminarians at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. The event drew over 400 people, including 14 Seminarians and raised \$7804.00. Highlights included testimonies by seminarians Andrew Maybee and John McKenize who shared their story on how they were called to the priesthood. Holy land seminarian traveler from last year, Zaid Chabaan, talked about what the trip meant to him and his journey to becoming a priest. The councils who worked to make this a success were Wyandotte #1802, Robert Jones #3078, Fr Saylor #3774, Bernard P. O'Brien #3956, All Saints #4872, St. Stanislaus #13607, Msgr. Eppenbock #3615, St. Mary's #5446, Sacred Heart #13475 and Riverview Council #13980.



POPE FRANCIS MEETS WITH SUPREME KNIGHT

2/16/2017



Pope Francis received Supreme Knight Carl Anderson in audience at the Vatican on February 16. At that audience, Supreme Knight Anderson discussed with the Holy Father the Knights' many initiatives, especially its work on behalf of persecuted Christians in the Middle East. He also presented the earnings from the Knights' Vicarius Christi Fund, in the amount of \$1.6 million. The proceeds are given annually to the pope for his personal charities, and since the fund's inception in 1981, more than \$57 million in earnings has been donated.

St. Francis Camp on the Lake

By Russ Kreinbring – President, St. Francis Camp on the Lake Board of Directors

St Francis Camp on the Lake is operated by the Order of Alhambra Caravans of Michigan. The Camp operates a 10-week summer camp program plus weekend programs the rest of the year for children and adults with special needs: developmental and intellectual disabilities. Last year we served over 300 of "God's Special Children". Our camp offers a unique experience for our clients; the Camp is unlike any other in Michigan: it is fully certified, relatively small and can focus on each individual's personal needs. Some of the campers require an individual full-time counselor for the whole camp week – we had 49 of those last year. Once you see the happy faces of our campers and experience their enthusiasm in being able to do things independently - like build a campfire, cook their own meal, paddle their own boat or climb a rock wall - makes what we do for the Camp worthwhile.

Go to our website "stfranciscamp.org" to learn more of what we do. We never turn away a camper regardless of their ability to pay and, as a result, we are always in need of donations. The Michigan State Council and individual councils and assemblies of Michigan, have helped us greatly for which we are profoundly thankful. Here is a list of the Councils and Assembly who have provided us with financial help in 2016.

600	3615	7304	13318
744	3651	7487	13340
788	3725	7761	13453
2632	3797	8669	13600
2659	3959	8687	13641
2660	4064	8695	13653
2690	4401	8820	13703
2740	4404	8902	13810
2959	4872	9301	13983
3078	5255	10006	13992
3129	5460	10963	14928
3257	5492	11761	15057
3292	6223	12403	15548
3312	6549	13305	Assembly 521



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**State Chaplain  
Very Rev. William J. Turner**

**State Deputy  
Kenneth & Eleanor Unterbrink**

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Antonio & Sue Vittorini**

**State Treasurer  
William & Marybeth Chasse**

**State Advocate  
Walter & Karen Winkle, Jr.**

**State Warden  
Christopher & Julie Kolomjec**

**Immediate Past State Deputy  
Robert & Sandra Fox**

**Supreme Director  
Thomas & Joyce Wegener, PSD**

**Detroit Archdiocesan Chaplain  
Rev. Paul Ballien**

**Gaylord Diocesan Chaplain  
Rev. Matthew Wigton**

**Grand Rapids Diocesan Chaplain  
Rev. Lam T. Le**

**Kalamazoo Diocesan Chaplain  
Very Rev. Robert F. Creagan**

**Lansing Diocesan Chaplain  
Rev. Paul E. Erickson**

**Marquette Diocesan Chaplain  
Rev. Corey J. Litzner**

**Saginaw Diocesan Chaplain  
Rev. James WM. Bessert**

**Bishop Joseph H. Albers Council 4090**



Bishop Joseph H. Albers Council 4090 held their 33<sup>rd</sup> annual seminarian dinner / fundraising event Feb 2, 2017. The dinner event featuring raffles, live auctions, bucket auctions and a store for outright purchase of some items. The Davison area Knights focus an emphasis on hand crafted items as much as other types of auction items. The event raised over seventeen thousand dollars for Lansing area seminarians. Between Council 4090 and Ardon F. Dubie Assembly 0523 in Davison a check will be written to every one of the 19 seminarians in Lansing for \$ 1,030.00 each. Most Blessed Sacrament Council 11532 prepared the meal and Daughters of Isabella 1095 of Davison baked and collected pies for the dessert. Pictured-Grand Knight Mark Corcoran of Council 4090 in Davison with some of the Lansing seminarians

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Atlantis Paradise Island



3rd Fraternity Prize  
Cancun



4th Patriotic Prize  
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### 2017 Joint Fundraiser For Council And State Charities

**Brother Knights:**

It's that time of year again for the Joint Fundraising Raffle. We have put together memorable vacations with cash, and 26 cash prizes. As you can see from the long list of charities that the State Council has supported on your behalf, the need is sometimes overwhelming. Selling more than 1,12 pack of tickets is not. So, do your best like you always have and we will continue to make a difference, our children, persons in need, and our charities are depending on us. This raffle is a "win-win." Please call for extra packs of tickets, which will make you a star in the eyes of the people who need our help the most, and could help make more "Star Councils". Last year the top council earned \$2,387.00.

Charity is the first and foremost principle of our order. We our blessed with this opportunity to make a difference.

- 1st Charity Prize - Alaskan Cruise, for 2, 7 days, balcony cabin, with airfare transfers, taxes, and fees and \$5,000 cash.
- 2nd Unity Prize - Atlantis Paradise Island - Beach Tower, 7 nights terrace room, 2 course dinner plan for 2 with airfare, transfers, taxes and fees with and \$3,000 cash
- 3rd Fraternity Prize - Cancun All Inclusive Dream Puerto Aventuras Resort & Spa 7 nights for 2 with airfare, transfers, taxes and fees, and \$1,000 cash.
- 4th Patriotic Prize - Washington D.C. for 2, 3 night hotel, with guided tour with airfare, transfers, taxes and fees, and \$500 cash
- 5th - 7th Prize \$1,000 each
- 8th - 10th Prize \$500 each
- 11th—20th Prize \$250 each
- 21st - 30th Prize \$150.00 each

**"ALL FLIGHTS DEPART DETROIT METRO AIRPORT"**  
"Trips are transferable to another trip or person."

Grand prize Drawing held at DeCarlo's Banquet Center  
6015 East Ten Mile, Warren, MI 48091  
Grand Prize Drawing on April 22, 2017, 2:30pm

Kenneth B. Unterbrink—State Deputy  
State Fundraising Director  
Gary A. DeCarlo  
586-436-0121

The Biggest Winners are  
**THE CHARITIES THAT WE SUPPORT**



Sacred Heart Major Seminary



**A FEW TIPS TO HELP YOU  
RETURN YOUR TICKET STUBS**

The envelope that is enclosed is ONLY for state raffle ticket stubs, check or money orders. We are not responsible for returning anything else (dues, personal bills etc.) that is sent in the envelope to the state office. "The sales persons are responsible for listing the council number on the ticket stubs"  
Make sure all checks are made out to: Michigan State Council  
On memo line please state: State Raffle

**KNIGHTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS**

On Saturday April 22, 2017, you are invited to join the State Officers for the raffle drawing Party at

De Carlo's Banquet Center  
Doors Open at 12 noon  
A light lunch will be provided  
Cash Bar Available  
Drawing Held at 2:30pm

**2017 JOINT FUNDRAISER FOR COUNCIL AND STATE CHARITIES RAFFLE DERBY INCENTIVES**

Top individual Sellers  
1st CHARITY - \$500 - 2nd Unity - \$250 - 3rd Fraternity - \$150 - 4th Patriotic \$100.00

Top Councils		
Ticket Sales	% of Membership	Ticket Sales
1st Charity	\$750.00	\$750.00
2nd Unity	\$500.00	\$500.00
3rd Fraternity	\$250.00	\$250.00
4th Patriotic	\$100.00	\$100.00

Top District Deputies		
Ticket Sales	% of Membership	Ticket Sales
1st Charity	\$100.00	\$100.00
2nd Unity	\$75.00	\$75.00
3rd Fraternity	\$50.00	\$50.00
4th Patriotic	\$25.00	\$25.00

Top Diocesan Program Directors		
Ticket Sales	% of Membership	Ticket Sales
1st Charity	\$100.00	\$100.00
2nd Unity	\$75.00	\$75.00
3rd Fraternity	\$50.00	\$50.00
4th Patriotic	\$25.00	\$25.00

Prize Ticket Sellers		Council
Seller	Ticket Sales	Ticket Sales
1st Charity	\$500.00	\$500.00
2nd Unity	\$250.00	\$250.00
3rd Fraternity	\$100.00	\$100.00
4th Patriotic	\$50.00	\$50.00

**Gross Ticket Sales**

20% of your council gross ticket sales go back to your council for council charities.  
Return all sold and unsold tickets no later 11am on April 22, 2017, to the State Office.

6025 Wall Street, Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Angela Hospice, Bishop Baraga Association, Capuchin Community Center, Catholic Radio, Dioceses of Michigan, Guest House, Madonna University, Most Holy Trinity Church, Right to Life programs, Holy Cross Children Services, Special Days Cancer Camp, St. Francis Cabrini Clinic, St. Vincent Catholic Charities, Vocations Programs, Catholic High School Sports Program (Prep Bowl, Catholic Cross Country Meet, Catholic Track Meet), Catholic Publications (Michigan Catholic, U.P. Catholic)