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SENTINEL UNITY OF FAITH

FROM THE STATE DEPUTY

Kenneth B. Unterbrink



God took his faithful servant Antonio G. Vittorini our beloved State Secretary to be with him. His race was finished. Well done, good and faithful servant. His good works will be shared with everyone. Our prayers are with his family.

A new State Secretary was elected by the State Board – William Chasse

A new State Treasurer was elected by the State Board – Walter K. Winkle, Jr.

A new State Advocate was elected by the State Board – Christopher Kolomjec

A new State Warden was elected by the State Board – Joseph R. Munie

They have indicated that they will serve for six months in these offices and seek an advanced state office.

Recently the Annual Membership Tribute Banquet was held on February 25th with thirty-three councils receiving the Quick Start Award for obtaining 60% of their membership quota, and twenty councils receiving the State Deputy's Award for obtaining 100% of their membership quota, along with five District Deputies receiving the Quick Start Award for obtaining 60% of their membership quota. That's 12% of councils and 5% of District Deputies. Eighty-Four Insurance Agents received the State Deputies Award.

With the State membership losing members at a rate of 500 to 600 per year for the past several years, including deaths & suspensions, I ask, what is the answer to the survival of the Order? Is there a downturn with Catholics attending the celebration of the Eucharist on regular basis? Are we, or have we, as parents been teaching our children about the Catholic faith? Do we as fathers, grandparents, uncles teach the faith by example? Do we sit with our children and study the bible? Do we provide gadgets such as Xbox, phones with ear phones, etc. to distract our youth to other social outlets? Do we as fathers, grandfathers, uncles befriend other Catholic men? Do we walk the walk of the Catholic faith and invite other Catholic men to join? You, the fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers are the instrument of the future of the Order. When asking some older members who have served the Order if they are continuing to serve the Order in recruitment, sometimes I hear "I have done my time, let someone else do it." The future requires the attention of all of us and with this I thank the men like PSD Thomas Clark, PSD William Walsh, PSD Richard McCloy who continue to recruit. Ask your leadership and former leadership how they recruit into the Order?

We have opportunities available to us with marketing our Order at our Church Drives, then contacting the parish office to find out who the new members of the parish are so that we can reach out to them and offer them the opportunity to join our Order. Send out welcoming packets from the council to the new members of the parish, support the RCIA program, and reaching out with support to the parish high school students while speaking with the parish youth groups at least once a year is outreach from the council. Don't limit yourself by doing the same old thing. Ask the youth what they want and how to reach our youth.

There are Catholic men that are waiting for you to go forth and ask "We are asking that you join us as a Knight of Columbus". We are interested in helping others to become a better Catholic man.

STAR Councils will receive \$4.50 per billable member as an incentive this fraternal year. There are also incentives of K of C polo shirts, cash awards and still more to be announced.

Building the Domestic Church / A family Fully Alive – What does that mean to you? Is it spiritual for you? Has the thought related to you and your family? Where are you with your relationship with your parish? How is the knight of the family guiding his family in the faith? What does it mean to be a Knight of Columbus, if full knighthood through the Third Degree?

"Every man, particularly today, must come to a mature acceptance and understanding of what it means to be a man. This may seem obvious, but in our world, there are many distorted images and much evidence of confusion regarding what is true masculinity." From 'Into the Breach' An apostolic Exhortation to Catholic Men by the M.R. Thomas J. Olmstead, Bishop of Phoenix. This book speaks to "God assigns the dignity of every woman as a task to every man."

The State Board and wives journeyed to Washington D.C. for the Right to Life March and stayed an extra day to visit the John Paul II National Shrine. The bus was full as all were interested in the extra day activities in Washington D.C. The monuments that we visited, the weather was great and the ride to and from was uneventful. You are all invited next year.

"Ten for Charity" – In the spirit of charity, the first principle of our order, we ask you to help the Take "10" for Charity Program of the Michigan Charities Fund so it can continue to grow as a State Council resource for those in need. Just think of all the good that we could do if each member contributed \$10 to this most worthy cause. Working together as a team we can be a tremendous source of support for those who truly need us. Send the funds to your council, the financial secretary of your council will forward the fund to the State Council for charities, such as, Guest House, Special Days Cancer Camp, Bishop Baraga Association, Right to Life, Vocations events, Detroit Prep Bowl, Catholic High School League, Michigan Catholic High School Cross Country Invitational, Michigan Catholic Radio, U.P Catholic Publication, Pregnancy Centers, Students of Life, Fellowship of Catholic University Students, Michigan Catholic Publication, etc.

Knights of Columbus - Right to Life Dinner – April 5, 2018 – Burton Manor

If we cannot support the Right to Life from conception to Natural Death,

Nothing else matters, not your money, your life style, and what happened to your Catholic faith. Check the data on how many Catholics

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



While I was at the Supreme Convention last August, I marveled at the number of State Chaplains who have served in that capacity for numerous years. If their States were half as active as Michigan they must be very busy men indeed. While it is truly difficult to learn all there has to be learned in our two year term, when that time is complete, Michigan State Chaplains become "Former State Chaplains." I am torn between what more I could do with my accumulated knowledge and the fact that I have other responsibilities calling for my attention. A priest who is not a pastor might be a better choice for the State, as he has a much lighter schedule. Regardless, I directed myself to give great priority to the Order and its events during the last two years and I feel privileged to have served the Order in this capacity. I look forward to observing our good works in the years ahead.

We have been blest with very supportive bishops in our State. There needs to be an active fulfilment of their wish that Knights be mentors and examples of fatherly life in the home and spiritual life in the parishes. This is at the heart of our Domestic Church Initiative. A fully active Knight in the parish will by its very nature call other men to join us. Our other activities should never distract or delay us from this goal.

This past year the loss of our brother and State Secretary Tony Vittorini brought home to us the frailty of human life and how soon our plans and our goals could be set aside when we receive that final call. It should only further our enthusiasm for dedication to the works of our Order. His enthusiasm and plans for the future are not all lost with his passing. Indeed, all his efforts have built up the Order. May his soul and the souls of all our faithfully departed Knights rest in peace.

And now, on to Mackinac Island 2018, the best State Convention in the land! May our participation make it a good one! We will elect State Officers that will encourage us with their enthusiasm and service. May God continue to bless the Michigan Knights and may we be rewarded with God's grace in the time ahead that is given to us by God.

V. Rev. William J. Turner

ITS NOT TO LATE

If you haven't yet donated to the "Take 10 For Charity" program, its not to late.

Your State Council gets many requests for charitable assistance, and the only funds available to them is the "Take 10 For Charity" funds. Your individual contribution couldn't make much of a dent in many of those needs, but combined with thousands of your brother knights it can make a real difference. So you can still contribute by simply making a check to your local council indicating for "Take 10 For Charity" program and they will forward the funds to the State Council. This is a very simple and relatively painless way to help fulfill the cardinal principle of our order Charity.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this fine Charity.

Sincerely
 William J. Walsh, P.S.D.
 Michigan Charities Director

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**From The State Secretary
William H. Chasse**



It has been a short time since our tragic loss of Antonio Vittorini. I have been your State Secretary for only a few months. I feel very lucky to have known Tony and to have worked so closely with him. He will be greatly missed. I thank God every day that Tony was a great teacher or I would have been in a world of hurt in this position.

So as your State Secretary I believe that communication is one of the keys to our success. So part of my communication begins with a better understanding of the Domestic Church. One point of the Domestic Church is that it starts at home. Do we try to eat dinner as a family, even if it is only once a week? Can we ask a family member or a friend that may not attend Mass on a regular basis to go to Mass with us, offer to take them out to breakfast! Talk about what the mass means to you and maybe that person will attend again. Invite a family member or friend to one of many events going on at your parish.

Another point is we need to become more involved with the Church as parishioners. We could become a Eucharist Minister or an usher. Maybe become a part of your parish board or a committee. The more we do as members of the church, the more people may come back and see the great works we do as Knights. As we all know people are falling away from the church and it's our job as the right arm of the church to act now and ask our family and friends to come back. Let

them and others know that we all have one thing in common and that is; **The Church.**

It is very important to let people know what we do and show our pride of being Catholic. The more members we recruit the more people we have to spread the word of the Domestic Church. A wise man once told me, we need to replenish the church's army that's how we can win the battle that is being waged against our Faith and Church.

On another note;

Sell, Sell, Sell. Please buy or sell your raffle tickets. Some of you may not know that the raffle is the biggest fundraiser of the State Council and the monies taken in is what we use to fund the many charities that we contribute to. What an easy fundraiser for your council. You have 200 members in a council. Each member buys 1 tickets that's 200 tickets sold and you get 1.00 for every ticket sold that's 200.00 back to the council. Some councils receive \$1000.00 or more back. The sale of raffle tickets are very important to our charities.

The State Convention is right around the corner please send in your registration forms to the State Treasurer Walter Winkle as soon as possible.

Grand Knights Please make sure your State and Supreme Per Capita is paid so we don't have problems with Council Delegates being seated at the convention. Also make sure you don't forget your delegate credentials they are needed at the convention.

Marybeth & I wish you safe travels to the convention and don't forget to work on replenishing the Order. If we do that we will bring people back to the Church.

God bless you all and thank you for all you do.

Bill Chasse

State Secretary

**State Membership Director
Ken Krause**

In February the annual State Membership Tribute Banquet honoring State Deputy Kenneth B. Unterbrink was held. Those recognized at the banquet met membership goals for the first half of this fraternal year. This included 32 council that attained 60% to 99% of their membership quota set by the Supreme Council attaining the Quick Start Award. Also included were 20 councils that attained 100% or greater receiving the State Deputy Award. The grand knight, membership and program directors receive beverage steins, because these three men are the heart of council leadership in their quest to earn Start Council.

Five district deputies were recognized for attaining 60% or greater of their district quota with their Quick Start / State Deputy Award. Fifty-one Supreme Council general and field agents who attained 60% or greater in their councils received the Quick Start / State Deputy Insurance Award. The hard work of all the award recipients demonstrate that recruitment is possible with dedication and perseverance.

At the banquet I addressed the 470 attendees about the state of membership in Michigan. My speech below best summarizes the message I hope all readers will gain from this article.

Reverend Fathers, brother knights, ladies and guests:

Vivat Jesus!

It's always great to celebrate our accomplishments and recognize those who have helped to make these possible. At our annual membership tribute banquet today, we recognize those who have contributed greatly so far this fraternal year.

It's a cliché to say, "Membership is the life blood of our organization," but it's true. Without new members, councils stagnate, programs decline, and men decide they want to quit. With new members who are eager and fresh and want to get involved, we need to tap into that enthusiasm and engage them in activities, so they feel a sense of accomplishment and they want to become more involved as council and state leaders. Those of you recognized today have increased the membership of your councils and districts by at least 60% of your goal. But know that this is half the job. It is your responsibility to keep in contact with these new members and get them active in your council activities.

As of last Friday, Michigan has gained 1136 members, slightly better than last year. The state team thanks you and the other councils who are living up to the membership challenge contributing to your council's future. We still have a long road ahead of us. We need to keep the life blood flowing and continue our impressive history of accomplishments.

A Great Way to Mark World Day of Vocations

April 22 — the 55th World Day of Prayer for Vocations — is the perfect time for your council to support young persons as they discern their vocations, not just to the priesthood or the religious life, but to marriage and Christian family life as well. Talk to your pastor and chaplain about organizing a vocations awareness event or a Refund Support Vocations Program fundraiser. Your council could also volunteer to lead the Prayer for the Canonization of Michael McGivney before each council meeting and every Mass at the parish; as a priest and an apostle of Christian family life, Venerable Father McGivney might be a great intercessor for your parish and family. Prayer cards (#10502-A) can be ordered from knightsgear.com, while videos and materials on promoting vocations are available at kofc.org/vocations.



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My Brother Knights,

On Sunday January 28, 2018 the four state officers, recently appointed by a unanimous vote of the State Board, were installed into their new offices of State Secretary – William Chasse, State Treasurer – Walter Winkle, Jr., State Advocate – Christopher Kolomjec, and State Warden – Joseph Munie.

The appointments were made in accordance with the Charter Constitution Laws of the Knights of Columbus (Chapter VIII State Councils, Vacancies, Section 58 paragraph 23).

The Installation of State Council Officers ceremony was conducted by State Chaplain William J. Turner and State Deputy Kenneth B. Unterbrink at the altar of St. Mary Parish in Chelsea, MI.

As with all State Officers, District Deputies, Directors, Council Officers, they promised to support and obey the Constitution Laws of the Order, promised loyalty and devotion to the Catholic Church, the Holy Father, Bishops and priest, and to devote the necessary time to the discharge of their responsibilities as designated by the Laws of the Order, as well as to keep the welfare and Good of the Order uppermost in their mind.

The State Officers installed on January 28, 2018 have committed to the service of the Order and the Church with the full support of their families.

Fraternally

Kenneth B. Unterbrink

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From The State Program Director Dale Schaedig

Spring is just around the corner and the planning for the State Convention is well on its way. We are very fortunate to have such a beautiful place as Mackinac Island to hold this convention. The leadership team and the State Family look forward to welcoming the delegates, their families and invited guest to this beautiful and historic island.

We recognize many outstanding achievements during this convention in the six Council Activities (Church, Community, Council, Family, Culture of Life & Youth) at our awards ceremony on Saturday morning. We also honor our Family of the Year at that time. These council activities awards require countless hours of effort and funds. Councils that have or are working on a special project should submit the project to the proper State Director by May 10th. The Family of the Year submissions must be sent to the State Deputy by April 25th.

Please support the Charity Raffle hosted by the State Family's wives. You can still submit a "basket" for this fund raiser if you have not done so and thank you to the ones that have already donated a "basket". Donations will be accepted by contacting Julie Kolomjec at j.kolomjec@mikofc.org or downloading the donation form from the State website homepage.

One of the things we do at the Convention is post a list of the councils that have achieved Star Council, the Columbian Award, the Founders Award and the McGivney Award in the hallway to the Grand Ballroom. I would encourage any council that is striving to achieve any or all of these awards to do so before the convention so we can honor them.

There is one Supreme Initiative that I believe will make our councils grow in the works of the Lord. We need to become involved in the Domestic Church and the programs Supreme has designed to help the councils achieve this. I have heard councils ask, "What is the Domestic Church," and the answer is THE FAMILY. How do we as councils promote the Domestic Church? We do this by supporting our parishes and priest. We become the supporting arm of the church and our programs become parish programs sponsored by our councils. Please make a concentrated effort to arrive for the convention before 12:30 Thursday as we will be conducting a workshop on what the Domestic Church is and how we as councils can promote the Domestic Church.

I would like to acknowledge one person in particular who made my responsibilities achievable. I want to express my thanks to David Bergeman for his assistance and guidance over the past two years. I would also like to thank his wife Annie for sharing him with not only me but all of the Knights of Columbus

The last thing I would like to address is my opportunity to serve as your State Program Director for the last two years. I have enjoyed the challenges presented and have enjoyed working with the leadership team, District Deputies, Diocesan Program Directors and council officers. I thank our State Deputy for giving me the opportunity to serve as State Program Director.

Last but not least I could not have done this without the support of my wife Ruth. She has been very supportive and understanding. Please remember to always be CATHOLIC & PROUD

Ladies Corner

Hello K of C Ladies,
We are here to "SERVE"!

This is my final Ladies' Corner. How time flies by. I certainly enjoyed communicating with the ladies using the MICHIGAN COLUMBIAN. A big "Thank You" to all that read the Ladies Corner.

The Winter was a beautiful season this year and just in time for Christmas. Now the Christmas villages are down and put away for another year. One of the nicest thing Ken and I did during this season was having the Christmas Brunch. We looked forward to those brunches especially meeting with the people on a one to one basis, and they liked our food and the decorated house!! This year was our 15th year of the Christmas Brunches. Thank you all for coming and sharing!! Love you all!

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Now for the rest of the remaining months for us. Our State Warden Joe Munie and his wife Brenda will travel
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Vital Steps to Keeping Membership Data Up-to-Date

The Supreme Council depends on local councils to report any and all changes to their membership data, because this helps us to monitor and foster growth.

- All membership-related transactions that require a Membership Document (#100) should be emailed to the Supreme Council. Send the details to membershiprecords@kofc.org. Once emailed, do not send it by mail.
- Confirm the form is legible and filled out completely. Double check to make sure it includes the new member's signature, as well as that of the grand knight and financial secretary. Also verify that the member's name, address and birth date are correct.
- Check that the transaction type (in the upper right-hand corner) is correct. Skipping this, or marking the incorrect box, causes delays and billing issues.
- Use Member Management and Officers Online to stay on top of membership data changes.

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Our State Warden Joe Munie and his wife Brenda will travel to Gladstone, MI. for a Snow Bowl Dinner- Dance in support of Marygrove Retreat Center in Garden, MI. which is owned by the Diocese of Marquette.

There will be St. Patrick Day Parade on March 11th in downtown Detroit, please join us.

A St. Patrick Mass on March 17th at Most Holy Trinity Parish in Corktown.

A State Spelling Bee, State Free Throw Tournament, State Soccer Challenge, State Poster Contest, State Essay Contest, visits to Sacred Heart Seminary, Lansing Diocese Rosary on the Capital Steps to name a few.

There are three or four Clergy Appreciation Nights. It is always a special night to spend with the clergy and hear their devotion to the Lord and their uplifting attitude about our Faith. Let's keep our support of the seminarians through their goal of becoming a priest.

There are several events such as the Sister's Appreciation Nights.

Many Council Awards Dinners—it is so special to go to these dinners because I like to meet the ladies and form a personal relationship.

The Michigan Knights of Columbus Right to Life Annual Dinner on April 5, 2018 is at Burton Manor 27777 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, Mich. Reservation are necessary for this event. Tables of 10. More information at respectlife@rtl.org. 248-371-0466. We are looking forward to seeing you and you husband at the banquet of LIFE.

Students for Life of Michigan Banquet. These young men and women are on fire to save lives of the unborn. It is so refreshing to see them at work and asking the K of C how they can help. WE NEED THEM!!

M I Drive – (Tootsie Roll Drive) will be on Palm Sunday. This drive helps the (I/DD) Intellectual Developmental Disabled. This is the only purpose for those funds.

The Spring Exemplifications- 4th Degree- It is so inspiring to see the Color Corp with the transition to the new and beautiful uniform. What a great job they do. I really like the new uniforms they are wearing.

A Grand Hotel visit for 2 days to get everything set up for the State Convention.

May 13th is Mother's Day - Let's celebrate our Mothers with Flowers, candy, and Most of all - "A BIG THANK YOU" and hugs. "I LOVE YOU MOM"

On May 12th, there will be a Living Rosary on the Capital's Steps, Lansing Mich. at 11:00 am. Hope to see young and old to pray the Rosary in our state.

Then the Knight of Columbus State Convention at Mackinac Island May 24-26 – This is always an exciting time. We are looking forward to see our friends and making new ones. There will be a Knight of Columbus Raffle at the Convention benefiting Holy Cross Services and Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund. It will be in the hands of State Advocate's wife Julie Kolomjec.

Julie is the key person to get volunteers and donations- a basket, gifts cards, jewelry, or tools. Get your information to Julie as soon as possible. Any questions please call Julie 313 570-3814 or text j.kolomjec@mikofc.org. the raffle is to support the Holy Cross Services and the Knight of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund.

Weingartz – 'Everything from Lawn to Snow' will again match the raffle funds.

New Board Weekend, then the State Deputy elect goes to a Supreme Council meeting in New Haven, Connecticut for training.

Then we have the 21st. Annual Archbishop Gala for Sacred Heart Major Seminary at Cobo Hall, Detroit on June 9, 2018. It will be at this time the State Board will announce the 1st of many contributions to the Knights of Columbus / Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Then June ???, 2018 is Turn Over Weekend. The State Deputy Kenneth B. Unterbrink turns the Knights of Columbus of Michigan over to the new elected State Deputy.

I am sure I will miss the ladies and the events we have gone to. I will miss the ladies the most. You all were so kind and helpful to me.

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Ladies Corner

“THANKS, YOU ALL” A HUGE THANK YOU!!!

When problems arise, please ask the Lord for His Help. Mother Mary is always there to listen and help also. Thank you, all the LADIES, for supporting you husbands in the Michigan Knights of Columbus.

Also, Sue I miss you so much.

Now I will have time to watch the flowers grow and grass grow and to then mow the lawn.

It was a great ten years to “SERVE” with my husband to promote the Knights of Columbus

Ellie Unterbrink, Marybeth Chasse, Karen Winkle

Did you know?

If you raise 50 percent of the cost of an ultrasound machine, the Supreme Council will match the amount raised.

Check out the details at kofc.org/ultrasound.

Monroe Council #1266 Knights Of Columbus

The Monroe Council #1266 Monroe Michigan was recently surprised when it received unexpected recognition for the 2017 "Coats for Kids Program". The Council had already been acknowledged for its community service when the local news paper the "Monroe News" published a feature story on the Coats Program. The Monroe News is the only news paper in Monroe County which has a population of over 148,000. The article reported that the coats were distributed to the Monroe Public Schools and to the 5 local Catholic Parishes. Ms. Stefanie McLoad of the Monroe Public Schools who is a State and Federal Liaison for charitable programs to the school system arranged the distribution of coats at the M.P.S. Her picture assisting a grade school boy with trying on his new coat was featured along side of the article.

That alone provided an exceptional account of one the Charitable works that the Knights in Monroe are executing to assist those in need. However, that was followed a few weeks later with front page exposure on the Monroe Public Schools Winter Newsletter booklet. The seasonal booklet covers upcoming scheduled events, awards presented to the school system, recognition for award winning scholars and classes and charitable works. On the front cover were three youths in three separate photos shown smiling wearing the coats they received from the Knights of Columbus. The Monroe Public schools has an enrollment of over 6,000 families. To receive this sincere courtesy and recognition on will surely aid the Coats For Kids program in the upcoming years.

All You Need to Succeed!

Looking for some guidance in performing your officer duties? Look no further than the “For Members” pages of kofc.org. There, under the “Resources” tab, you can find digital versions of officers’ handbooks, forms, videos, resources on planning council meetings and so much more. Check it out today!

One member per council per month

4 Ways to Live by the 4 Principles

4 PRINCIPLES 4 REASONS

CHARITY UNITY FRATERNITY PATRIOTISM

All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Check out these four ways that each Knight can follow the four principles every day!

Charity: Are you an Amazon shopper? If so, did you know Amazon offers you the opportunity to donate a percentage of almost every purchase to a charity of your choosing? Knights of Columbus Charities Inc. (New Haven) is one of thousands of options. Visit smile.amazon.com to learn more.

Unity: Consider implementing a calendar that’s accessible by everyone in your council. This can be used to share important news, unify goals and provide direction for current and upcoming events.

Fraternity: Make sure your insurance agent is in touch with your council members on a regular basis. Make sure he feels welcome to speak at each council event and monthly meeting.

Patriotism: Help military personnel take a weeklong pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, through the K of C-sponsored Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage. Spreading the word is a simple way to make a difference.

Best Practices for Your Council: Efficient Day-to-Day Operations Ensure Success

Knights of Columbus leaders face many responsibilities. Here are some tips to quickly address the council’s day-to-day operations and the needs of members.

Consider the Needs of Your Parish and Community — What impact will the council’s activities have on the community? How can you draw family members together to aid their community? Look at the answers to these questions in context of your members’ interests.

Take a Broader Perspective — When choosing activities, consider the long-term effect they might have. Are the council’s goals and priorities in line with the Order’s? Do they get young people involved so that they grow in faith and have potential as future Knights?

Look at Your Members’ Interests — Survey council members on the types of service activities their families are interested in and then plan accordingly.

Remember: Each Small Deed Is a Big Step — Don’t let projects or new ideas overwhelm you. Work with your council to make simple plans that can be easily implemented and involve family members of all ages, including Knights’ wives and daughters. These manageable achievements can pave the way for greater success.

“If your actions inspire others to do more, to learn more, to dream more or to become more, you are a leader.” ~ John Quincy Adams

**MICHIGAN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
VENERABLE FREDERIC BARAGA DAY IN FLORIDA
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The 31st annual Knights of Columbus – Venerable Frederic Baraga day, was once again held in Holiday, Florida on Saturday, February 17, 2018. Hosted by Herbert Wegener. the day began with Mass and then a reception representing the Knights of Columbus and the Bishop Baraga Association.

Very Rev. Timothy Ferguson, Chaplain of the Bishop Baraga Association and Rector of the Marygrove Retreat Center in Garden, MI was the Celebrant for morning Mass. 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 Mass. Former 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. FSD Wegener brought greetings from State Deputy Kenneth B. Unterbrink who wished us well and is waiting for the return to Michigan of our Snowbird Brothers.

Mrs. McKeen's presentation included the current status 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 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, this room is now titled 'The Death Room'. 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. The house and museum is expected to open this summer.

Mrs. McKeen also reported on the successful celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Bishop Baraga's death held in Marquette on January 19, 2018. She then talked about the Bishop Baraga episode of "They Might Be Saints" which examines the lives of men and women of faith on the path to sainthood. From miracle workers to martyrs and ordinary people living extraordinary lives of heroic virtue, this EWTN original series presents those exemplary people who make us wonder if They Might Be Saints someday. A Director's Cut of this episode was shown in Marquette and then shown in Florida. The episode was very well received. The full Bishop Baraga episode is scheduled to air on EWTN on April 20, 2018 at 10:30PM and April 21, 2018 at 9:00AM. Set your DVRs.



Fr. Timothy, Thomas Wegener, Lenora McKeen

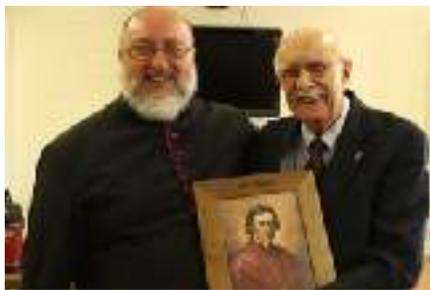


Fr. Timothy Ferguson and Color Corps

The meeting ended with two presentations. First, FSD Wegener presented 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.

Fr. Timothy's presentation included the steps for canonization, the current structure of becoming a saint and the current status of the cause for sainthood for Bishop Baraga. The Congregation 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." In conclusion, Father Timothy stated that we all should continue to pray for success in the Canonization of Bishop Baraga.

MICHIGAN KNIGHTS AWARDED 'MAN OF THE YEAR' BY BISHOP BARAGA ASSOCIATION



Herb Wegener



Maryilyn Richards (on behalf of Glenn Barry)

Second was the dual presentations of Bishop Baraga Association Man of Year Awards by Mrs. McKeen to Herb Wegener and Glenn Barry. Herb Wegener accepted the award and Mrs. Marilyn Richards, daughter of Glenn Barry, accepted the award on behalf of her father who remained in Michigan this winter. Herb, for 22 years, and Glenn, for 20 years, have hosted this annual event after PSD John Matthews, VSM had hosted it for 9 years. Herb Wegener, Past Grand Knight of Richard Council 788 and Former District Deputy, and Glenn Barry, Past Faithful Navigator of Bishop Albers Assembly 0496 and Former District Deputy, and Glenn Barry, Past Faithful Navigator of Bishop Albers Assembly 0496 and Former District Master of Michigan Fourth Degree District 2 both 'settled' in New Port Richey, Florida after their respective retirements. They would meet at Father Farrell Council 6476 in Holiday. They would both attend the Michigan KofC Days and Baraga Days

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FROM THE STATE DEPUTY
Kenneth B. Unterbrink

supported Pro Choice candidates. Some data shows over 50%.

State K of C Charity Raffle – 20% back to councils - Support of Youth, Squires, Holy Cross Services, Right to Life, Catholic Education, Vocations – Sell or purchase your raffle ticket.

Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowed Scholarship Fund – Six dollars per member for the new S.H.M.S. Endowed Scholarship Fund. This is over and above any RSVP support of our seminarians. More is needed to support seminarian with financials needs.

Mentally Impaired Drive – MI Drive – Tootsie Roll Drive – March 23, 24, 25th, 2018

The Drive while in March, is in need of all councils to be sending in their report in a timely manner. It should also be remembered

that funds from the MI Drive are dedicated to the Intellectually Developmentally Disabled (I/DD). If the understanding of I/DD is in question, contact the State MI Director George Stump at g.stump@mikofc.org.

State Convention Bucket Raffle - The raffle is dedicated to Holy Cross Services and Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Fund in the Middle East. **Weingartz (Everything from Lawn to Snow) will be again matching the funds raised for this raffle.** God bless and thank you. The State Advocate has been assigned to manage the raffle at the State Convention. Contact on raffle items, times of serving at the raffle, etc.

Julie Kolomjec – 313-570-3814 -- j.kolomjec@mikofc.org
Christopher Kolomjec – 313-570-3823 --

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The State Advocate will also be managing the selling of Michigan K of C Polo shirts.

Seven Capital Sins

Seven Virtues

Lust

Chasity

Glutton

Temperance

Greed

Charity

Sloth

Diligence

Wrath

Patience

Envy

Gratitude

Pride

Humility

Pride - Haughty eyes are essentially people who look down on others. They are full of the first sin ever recorded, before mankind was even created: Pride was the cause of Lucifer's fall whose name was later changed to Satan or the Devil as recorded in Ezekiel 28:17: *"Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So, I threw you to the earth."*

Pride is considered, on almost every list, the original and most serious of the seven deadly sins: the perversion of the facilities that make humans more like God, dignity and holiness. It is thought to be the source of the other capital sins. It is irrationally believing that one is essentially and necessarily better, superior, or more important than others, and excessive admiration of a personal image or self. Can this come by what we wear or a jewel we wear or office title we hold?

It started in 1968, where my sponsor Thomas Ward (yes, I remember my sponsor) ask that I join the Garden City Council

#4513, where I started bowling (mixed league), playing softball, attending council events and even once running for Outside Guard. It was a fun time with the council and then in 1976 when we moved to Chelsea and transferred to Council #3092. Being new in town, it became a way to interact with other Catholic men of the parish. 'Iron sharpens iron.' In 1977, they elected me, or was it an assignment, as Deputy Grand Knight. The mission of serving the Order in a council is starting one mission or another. It was a family, with Ellie and our daughters working with the other council families on projects, from hay rides, barbeques, daughter/daddies' dances, and the weekly bingos, annual fish fry's.

With the council having a hall in a town with one parish, we served both. The bingo proceeds were held at the parish school and shared 50-50 with the Religious Education of the parish. Ellie and I were bingo chairman for fifteen years. I served on the Home Corporation board for fifteen plus years. The offices of the council were many with two years as Grand Knight and nine years as Financial Secretary.

Then in the mid 1990's four years as District Deputy, followed with ten years as State Church Director. While serving, the completion of an assigned position was most important to me. In 2010 the journey of serving as a state officer began. Not always easy, with serving the Order full time, missing events of grandchildren, even sharing birthdays with many of the K of C family. There is truth in the saying when elected to state office – "Say goodbye to your friends, council, parish, and even family events, for you will be back in ten years." The position on the But to serve the Order is a great journey of its own. In three months, this journey will close and Ellie and I will be start another journey with picking up from ten years ago, on projects that were sat down, but now will continue. We will be able to attend more of our daughter's family events, our grandchildren events, the MSU volleyball games, the CMU football games, the Lansing Catholic football and basketball games, our grandson's Chelsea H.S. football, basketball, baseball games, band concerts, long weekends in Kansas with our daughter and granddaughter, visiting my brother in Iowa, family events in Ohio, friends in Arizona, Texas and California.

But first Ellie and I and eighteen friends will visit France, Italy, Sicily, Greece, Croatia, for twenty-five days in September. Then back to the council kitchen to do dishes. I will continue to serve and share with other Catholic men the mission of the Knights of Columbus.

It is because we were given the opportunity to serve and with the friends we have made throughout the state and the country, we are grateful to the guidance to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ellie and I are in our fiftieth year of serving the Order and that service will not end, but to continue in a different way. We are in our fifty-fifth year of marriage; our health is good and all the friendships gained throughout the years are special - for to call someone friend is special in the eyes of Jesus Christ.

We will serve at this position until June 30th at midnight with full speed to the end of this train ride, then onto another train ride.

To our family and friends who have shared this journey with us, we are all family. We love you all. God Bless.

Prayer for the Wounded

from the Knights of Columbus Military Prayer Book

Father in heaven, grant our wounded brethren comfort in their suffering.

Give them courage when afraid, patience when afflicted, hope when dejected, and when alone assure them of the prayerful support of your holy people. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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events hosted by John Matthews. After taking the helm of the events they proceeded to hold it each year in Holiday, expanding it one year to Anna Maria Island. A contingent of Slovenians would often attend Mass and the program. Most Rev. Alexander Sample, then the Bishop of Marquette, was able to make the trip one year, and FSD Bob Stebler was the Master of Ceremonies for several years. Mrs. McKeen thanked them for keeping the message and devotion of Bishop Baraga alive for Michiganders who cannot attend the winter Baraga Days events and those devoted to Bishop Baraga. 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."

Joseph M. Amley Council 5083



On December 16, 2017, the Oscoda, Michigan Joseph M. Amley, Knights of Columbus Council 5083 provided area children with winter coats through the Coats for Kids program. The Knights teamed up with the local St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry's annual Christmas basket and gift giveaway and the Sacred Heart Church quilters and knitters. This charitable effort provided food, blankets, hats and mittens, and kids coats to families in the Oscoda area who are struggling to make ends meet and bringing them a joyful Christmas.

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Our Lady of Victory Council 14427 Suit Drive

In his autobiography *Witness*, Whittaker Chambers tells of his first attempt at getting a job when he left home fresh out of high school. It was a job building a new railway line, and he showed up wearing the suit he had graduated in. The employer took one look at him and sent him on his way. As he was going down the line of men waiting to apply for the same job, all hard, working men in rough clothes, they called him over. One man gave him a battered jacket, another a pair of baggy jeans, a third a rough cap. He changed out of his suit and into the gifted clothes and tried again. This time, he got the job. Most people looking for work, of course, are in the exact opposite position: they have plenty of old, torn, and ragged clothing, but no suits. The same problem applies though: they show up to apply to a job without looking as though they are prepared to perform it. The trouble is that suits are expensive, and if you're looking for work, you might not be able to afford one. Hence the dilemma: a man can't dress professionally without a job, but can't land a job without dressing professionally.

It is a dilemma the Knights of Columbus Council 14427 has stepped up to solve. On the weekends of November 4-5 and 11-12, they hosted their second suit drive to give out-of-work men a better chance at becoming employed. The word was put out that anyone who had extra or unneeded suits could bring them in to be taken to **St. Dominic's Outreach Center** in Detroit to give to those who had none. The Knights even volunteered to see to their cleaning.

The result was more than anyone anticipated. Over 400 suits were donated, not to mention assorted shirts, slacks, shoes and ties; so many that some of the overflow had to go to **Jackets for Jobs** and the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. Despite the huge volume of donations, they didn't last long. All were soon distributed among those in need, allowing the unemployed to dress with dignity and distinction for the important events in their lives, as well as drastically improving their chances of bettering their lot.

**"NO ACT OF KINDNESS,
NO MATTER, HOW SMALL,
IS EVER WASTED"**

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We are proud to announce that the Knights of Columbus has been recognized by the Ethisphere® Institute as one of the 2018 World's Most Ethical Companies®, winning this distinction for five consecutive years! For details, visit kofc.org/news.

May They Rest In Peace

Marquette Council 689

Jimmy St. Cry

Flint Council 695

Dr. Norman Groshek

Arthur Sokolowski

Grayling Council 1982

Ralph Krolczyk

West Branch Council 2022

Robert Niedorf, Leonard Pelath

Detroit Council 2739

Michael Drobnicki, OFM CAP.

Westphalia Council 2890

Deacon Bernard Pohl

Erwin Pline

Lincoln Park Council 3078

Del Perotta, John Watterson

Raymond Mitchell,

Joseph Cacioppo

James Janoskey, Chester Kokozski

Donald Soules, David Bondy

William Loria, Rogelio Alfaro

Sterling Heights Council 3129

Thomas Badke

Mt. Pleasant Council 3651

Donald Cotter

Alan Park Council 3774

Ernest Detroyer,

Edward Barnas

William Branson,

George Novotny

James Bennet,

Norbert Bidus

Farmington Council 4401

Fred Arganoza

Taylor Council 4872

Carl Flordells, Rodger Rowley

Clinton Township Council 5460

David Newcombe

Grand Blanc Council 6742

George Yancho

Sanford Council 8043

Wesley Tacey

St. Helen Council 8390

George Prusik

Montrose Council 8669

Anthony Grella

Port Huron Council 11756

Fr. George Askar, Jr.

Southfield Council 14928

Dr. George Ritter,

Donald Wesierski



HolyCrossServices

Dear Brother Knights,

Last year, Holy Cross Services (HCS) provided a safe and loving home to over 250 foster children, while their parents obtained the help they need to put their lives back together. HCS has 70 children with serious trauma issues living in our facilities every day, with coworkers who are providing them with love, encouragement, and emotional, psychological and educational help. Every year Holy Cross helps over 1,500 people who struggle with alcohol and drug addiction in our inpatient and outpatient substance abuse programs to become substance-free and begin the process of rebuilding their lives.

The task of rebuilding a life from the impact of trauma, abuse, neglect and addiction is no small thing. Our children and families have had their lives torn apart physically, emotionally, relationally and spiritually. The task is overwhelming, but with your constant support and prayers, we are able to make a positive difference in the lives of children and families throughout Michigan.

How have you helped Holy Cross and those we serve? Here are some great testimonials from our children and adults:

“A Protective Service worker of 19 years who is now working at Odyssey House, approached a Holy Cross staff and stated she liked the HCS Corcoran adolescent program and other HCS programs more than any other program. She noted HCS integrity and the compassion of Holy Cross workers. She also noted she is currently hearing positive things about the Corcoran's Women's program since working for Odyssey House. She expressed hearing from professionals and clients that our women's program / staff are compassionate, kind and respectful. Great job HCS adolescent and women's programs!!”

“At Holy Cross I've learned that there's no need for any type of drugs. Drugs will put you in places you do not want to be, such as prison or dead. People more than likely use drugs because of situations that happened in the past. The staff here is really cool and helpful. Staff is always there for clients when they need help and to get things off of their chest. Staff will never tell you wrong. If I didn't come here, I would have been out skipping school with friends, getting high and dropping dirty on drug tests.”

“During the two and a half months that I've been here, the staff have given me advice on everything and helped me to think twice before I do anything. They have helped me find ways to express and talk about my feelings and have given me tools to use. I've learned not to be angry at the world and to do what I need to do to make it a better place for myself and the people I care about by using my struggles and experiences to help others. I am learning that being successful means being myself. The staff at Holy Cross have taught me the importance of setting short term and long term goals to help me be successful in who I am.”

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“Holy Cross has helped me get confident about myself, hopeful, and helped me learn how to view myself in a positive way, thank you Holy Cross.”

“Holy Cross has helped me in so many ways especially the Samaritan Center. Samaritan has provided me with a job, quality dental services for my grandchildren and various other services which have allowed me to raise my two grandchildren who are now 21 and 14 years old. I don't know where my grandkids would be today without the center.”

“Holy Cross knows how to treat us. People tend to think that kids in foster care are needy and don't have normal lives like everyone else. They don't think of us like that. They treat us like who we are – normal kids who are just having a hard time in life.”

“I am 15 and I am glad to be at the Queen and I appreciate so much that the staff lets me be me, I feel safe, and I am getting help.”

“I face each day seeing how it will shape my future. I would like to learn how to build a car from scratch, and one day own my own mechanic shop. Holy Cross is different because they have helped me where other places could not. They give you a lot of support through your struggles.”

“I came to Holy Cross to get help for my drug addiction. Mr. Don is a therapist here, he has been a big help in a lot of peoples' lives. He helps people realize how their families feel every moment of the day and how they hurt their families by their actions. The staff here is really cool and helpful. Staff is always there for clients when they need help and to get things off of their chest. Staff will never tell you wrong.”



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Holy Cross Services

“ I have only been in the Corcoran program a week and I already know that this is the best for me. I've been other places and none have been like Holy Cross. For the first time I have acknowledged I have a problem, I feel comfortable here, and I feel like I am on the right path now. ”

“ If I didn't have a safe place like Holy Cross, where I can let go of the bad things I have kept running from and where I can learn to trust and work through them, I would probably be in jail or dead. Thank you Holy Cross for showing me the way and saving me. ”

“ I love how the staff-techs showed they really cared for me and my family; they held my hand through the hard times. ”

“ I lived at Holy Cross years ago and I like to come back and visit because while it reminds me of my struggles and where I came from, it mostly reminds me of the great person I am today because of the staff and what I learned at Holy Cross. I am forever grateful! ”

“ I needed Holy Cross. When you've hit rock bottom as many times as I have and have been in and out of many different treatment places, you feel like a failure. But when I heard about Holy Cross and gave it a chance it changed my world. ”

“ I love this facility; the staff and curriculum are awesome. The group of women here are small enough that we are able to get plenty of one-on-one. I cannot believe the peace I feel since coming here. Would definitely recommend Holy Cross to anyone looking for rehab. ”

“ One thing I'm looking forward to when I get older is starting a family. I think a lot about the kind of dad I would want to be to my kids. I want to show them the way and give them everything they need. I want to teach them that there is always a way out of a difficult situation. A good father is someone who cares and wants to help his children, be there for them, and love them no matter what, and I hope I can be that father with my kids one day. Holy Cross has taught me how to set those goals. ”

“ I want to thank the Women's Specialty staff for all they have done for me and my son. Especially Ms. Hayley... they really are a true blessing!!!! ”

“ Since her arrival at Bowman House, 16-year-old Adriana has continued to voice her desire to have and be part of a family. As part of her permanency goal, identifying biological family continued to be explored. We are excited to say that in December, she was reconnected with her biological family, after 12 years of being in and out of the foster care system! It was definitely an emotional experience for the youth, bio family and the Bowman House staff! A holiday miracle for sure! ”

“ The counseling experience was so hard at first; I felt fearful, shameful—all of the old emotions had returned. But eventually, I could confront what had happened to me in the past. I could admit to the abuse I had experienced and finally, I had a chance...the counseling brought the darkness to light! This program and this process changed my life. I am completely different today. Holy Cross gave me rigorous honesty, the opportunity to live in the 12 steps of recovery, and I am able to pray daily to something bigger than myself. My God as I know him. ”

“ Those at Holy Cross have been helping me through my struggles and making me feel more accepted. The brother and dad advocate help me with this by talking to me and seeing how I am doing or if I need help with anything. A lot of the staff have made a huge impact on my life, and have truly made the quality of my life that much better. ”

“ What brought me to treatment at Holy Cross was by making the same mistakes and not caring about the end results and lying to myself and others. All I knew was to beg or fight for acceptance. With one phone call and Ms. Casey, I love her, everything changed, she didn't judge me. Every day I have to overcome common everyday stresses and obstacles that we all have to face here in the world. Every day the difference is my eyes and ears recognize my teachers. Each one in their own influential way. My mistakes which were lessons, led me to my higher power which led me to Holy Cross. ”

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

“ Where would I be without Holy Cross??? My life was in pieces and I felt alone and that no one cared. I feel like I have a new life, new family, a better family. Holy Cross saved me. Thank you. ”

Thank you for being part of our mission and helping us serve thousands of people in need.

With blessings and gratitude,



Sharon Berkobien
CEO



Families of the Month

NOTE: FOR GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCIL PR CHAIRMAN

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

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

Alpena Council 529

Larry & Pat Losinski
Ronald & Charlotte Utecht
David & Dixie Hilla

Battle Creek Council 575

Robert Sheets, Jr. family

Marquette Council 689

Bill & Joy Skesky

Mt. Clemens Council 744

Richard Roberts family

Randall Lentini family

Dewayne Hein family

Sam Lentini family

Jeffrey Ashman family

Edmond Gauvreau family

John Felczak family

Lansing Council 788

Jake & Kassie Chasse

Dave & Nancy Luedtke

Bill & Liz Schaner

Bad Axe Council 1546

Dave & Betty Mousseau

Virgil & Lorraine Jaskowski

Kingsford Council 1585

Jerome & Tina Pickett

James & Barbara Karle

Wyandotte Council 1802

Joseph & Cheryl Knapp

Mark & Judy Dolinski

Lapeer Council 1987

Dennis & Christine Slagle

George & Diane Rivard

Victor & Deborah Miller

Standish Council 2724

Gerald & Carol Brown

Ken & Patricia Adrian

James & Aggie Somerfield

West Branch Council 2022

Tom & Jean Hollenbeck, *cfy

Utica Council 2950

Francis & Julie Elwart

Joseph & Laura Lograsso

Donald & Barbara Heydens

Pinconning Council 2986

Fred & Betty Koth

Lincoln Park Council 3078

John & Patricia DeFrancesco

Wayne & Sharon Affholter

Leo & Barbara Miller

Ruth Council 3823

Terry & Debra Dekoski

Saginaw Council 4232

Robert & Josette Card

Jim & Susan Haley

Shannon & Connie Edlinger

Sandusky Council 4693

Bill & Madelyon Parrish

Taylor Council 4872

Ruben & Teresa Placencia

Brian & Tammy Nicholson

Paul & Cheryl Pesta

New Baltimore Council 5981

Doug & Margaret Groth

Deacon Bill & Rita Schmitz

Roscommon Council 6593

Kevin & Cheryl Sherman

Marv & Martha Peplinski *cfy

Posen Council 6657

Ernie & Terry Romel

RJ & Paulette Bordeau

Gladstone Council 6667

Gary & Diane Gobert

Roger & Bonnie Pepin

Swartz Creek Council 6694

John & Pat Gillette

Bob & Kathy Kranz

Bob & Marchell Weld

Grand Blanc Council 6742

Thomas & Susan Hasselbach

William & Sheila Konieczny

Dewitt Council 7237

James & Amy Kraus

Patrick & Susie Schneider

Grand Ledge Council 7311

Joseph & Mary Platte

Jenison Council 7487

Charles & Frances Godley

Peter & Debra Faraci

Freeland Council 7582

Paul & Sharon Vincent

Dick & Debbie Kaczor

Jim & Marti Allore

Scott & Aimee Stachowiak

South Lyon Council 7586

Craig & Heide Lukomski

Marc & Cheryl Daniels

Yale Council 8710

William & Shirley Kavanagh, S

Durand Council 7955

Mike & Diane Pelky

Gayle & Pat Steele

Hillman Council 8041

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Gaines Council 12186

Charles & Alice Harris

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Bay City Council 12423

Eugene & Marcine

Andrejewski

Jeff & Eileen Hugo

Don & Diane Zielinski

Terry & Lori Dora

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Knights of the Month

NOTE: FOR GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCIL PR CHAIRMAN

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

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Burger

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AROUND THE STATE

Thrifty Gift

Alpena Council 529 worked with managers at local branches of three clothing retailers to take advantage of seasonal reductions and provide for those in need. Council 529 obtained 42 coats, worth a retail value of \$2,245, for \$500. The coats were given to Children's Closer, a local charity.

Seminarian Support

Ten councils in southeast Michigan united to host a dinner that drew more than 400 people and raised \$7,804 to support formation and pilgrimages for seminarians. Fourteen seminarians attended, and several shared testimony about their vocations and the impact of travel to the Holy Land.

High Point

Bishop Joseph A. Albers Council 4090 in Davison, held its annual fundraising dinner for seminarians. The event featured a dinner prepared by Most Blessed Sacrament Council 11532 in Burton, pie provided by the Daughters of Isabella, auctions, raffles and more. Proceeds totaled more than \$17,000, making this dinner the most successful in the event's 33-year history. Between the council's efforts and a donation from Ardon F. Dubie Assembly, also in Davison, \$1030 was donated to each of the 19 seminarians of Lansing

Huge Thank You

Alpena Council 529 extends a HUGE



THANK YOU to all who participated in the KEEP CHRIST IN Christmas float in the Alpena Holiday Parade. It is becoming more and more necessary to defend and promote the true meaning of Christmas: THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. It is a message all Christians need to declare. Thanks again and special thanks to Jeff and Donna Brusks whose generosity made it all possible.

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

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Joseph M. Amley Council 5083 Proceeds from the Oscoda Knights of



Columbus Joseph M. Amley Council No. 5083, Annual Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities, sometimes known as the "Tootsie Roll Drive", for \$1,177.58, are presented to the Au Sable Valley Community Mental Health Authority (AVCMHA) consumer Jennifer Smith, by the Council's Campaign Chairman, Jim Dion on December 12, 2017. For over 25 years the Oscoda Knights of Columbus has designated the AVCMHA for distribution of the funds raised during their annual drive. Others in the photo from left to right are AVCMHA consumer Devin Norris and members of the Oscoda Knights of Columbus, Joe Plunkey and Ron Miscisin.

Christmas Party for the

Developmentally Challenged.

St. Helen Council #8390 in St Helen



Michigan held our annual R.O.O.C. Christmas Party for the Developmentally Challenged. Approximately 85 special people and staff enjoyed entertainment, food and a visit from Santa. Also at this time, we presented a check to the director from R.O.O.C. Brent Cryderman to help support their efforts.

Mio March for Life

The annual March for Life was held



Friday, Jan. 19, in Mio as peaceful protesters walked up and down M-33 and M-72 to mark the anniversary of Roe v. Wade Supreme Court ruling of 1973. Similar marches were held all over the U.S. Attendees started at 10 a.m. from St. Mary's Catholic Church and finished at the memorial for the unborn at the church's shrine. During the march some attendees stayed at the church and prayed. Those who marched warmed up with lunch following the event. The march,

which celebrated its third year, was sponsored by the Respect Life ministries and the Knights of Columbus councils of St. Mary's and St. Francis of Assisi parishes.

Father Solanus Casey

Council #3797

On Saturday February 3rd, 2018, Knights



of Columbus/Father Solanus Casey Council #3797/St Clair Shores, MI hosted a "Blue Mass" at St Margaret of Scotland parish in honor of local Police and Fire Dept personnel. Guests showed their gratitude for the dedication of these hardworking departments and listened to presentations from St Clair Shores Police Chief Todd Woodcox and Fire Chief James Piper. The council presented charitable contributions to both departments.

Keeping House

Pope John Paul Council 6865 in Sterling Heights, presented a donation of \$500 to Father Randy Phillips of St. Blasé Parish to help pay for emergency repairs to the main water line supplying the parish. The ruptured water line occurred during the parish's hosting of the Macomb County Warming Center, a ministry rotating among parishes that provide shelter for people experiencing homelessness.

Members of Ithaca Council 8785 stand



with a stack of diapers, the proceeds of the council's second disposable diaper drive for Pregnancy Services of Gratiot County. Both drives

have been very successful.

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



**Protect Your Family With
Knights of Columbus Insurance
Protecting Your Paycheck**

For most of us, the idea of not working is an exciting one. We relish weekends and vacations. We look forward to holidays and special occasions. We plan for retirement and count down the number of days until we arrive at the freedom that we have planned for so deliberately.

But what if the end of work comes not with freedom, but with surprise? What if the end of work comes with an illness or an accident that prevents us from doing our job? Will we be prepared? Can we be?

With the help of the Knights of Columbus, members and their families can. We welcome retirement because we have planned for it. We know when it is coming, we know what it will take to get there, and we know what we will need when it arrives. But how can we plan for something unexpected? How can we know what we will need when we do not know what will happen?

Disability insurance is often dismissed by working men and women because they think their jobs are fairly safe. Their lives are fairly healthy. Disability — they say — is simply something they will never experience.

The statistics tell a different story.

According to the United States government, a staggering 1 in 4 of today’s 20-year-olds will become disabled before reaching the age of 67.* The nature of the job is irrelevant. According to the Social Security Administration, 95 percent of all disabling illnesses and accidents happen outside of the workplace.**

Consider a typical male, age 35, a non-smoker, who works at an office job with some outdoor responsibilities and leads a very healthy lifestyle. He has a 21 percent chance of being injured or becoming ill and unable to work for three months or longer prior to retirement.***

And what happens once that occurs? What happens if your last paycheck is really your last paycheck?

If your illness or injury is among the 95 percent that happen outside of work, workers’ compensation will be of no assistance to you. If you plan to rely on the government, you may find that you are among the 64 percent of Americans — including severely disabled Americans — who do not receive any assistance from the government or governmental programs, including Medicare, Social Security and supplemental Security Insurance.****

But the situation does not need to be that desperate. Your membership in the Knights of Columbus gives you and your eligible family members’ exclusive access to disability income insurance that can help safeguard your paycheck.

With Knights of Columbus Disability Income Insurance, you can help make sure that you continue to earn an income, even when you cannot work.

Our disability income insurance is designed to be flexible so that, working with your brother Knight Field Agent, you can customize it to fit your needs. You choose the monthly benefit amount that’s right for you, the elimination period that makes the most sense, and the maximum benefit period for your policy.

And, by purchasing a disability income insurance policy from the Knights of Columbus, you have the added security of knowing that you are doing business with an unapologetically Catholic company that makes sure its investments do not violate Church teaching and which has been repeatedly recognized as a “World’s Most Ethical” company.*****

You owe it to yourself and to your family to make sure that your financial future is secure, regardless of what happens. Don’t be caught off guard by surprises. Be on guard and be prepared.

Talk to your Knights of Columbus field agent today to learn how easy and affordable disability income insurance can be.

Find him at kofc.org/findagent.®

* “Social Security Fact Sheet,” United States Social Security Administration, accessed April 4, 2017, www.ssa.gov/news/press/factsheets/basicfact-alt.pdf.

** “2013 Long Term Disability Claims Review,” Council for Disability Awareness, accessed April 16, 2015, www.disabilitycanhappen.org/research/CDA_LTD_Claims_Survey_2013.pdf.

*** “What’s Your PDQ?” Council for Disability Awareness, accessed April 6, 2017, www.whatsmypdq.org.

**** “Americans with Disabilities: 2010,” United States Census Bureau, accessed April 16, 2015, <http://www.census.gov/people/disability/publications/sipp2010.html>.

***** “Knights of Columbus named a 2016 World’s Most Ethical Company,” Knights of Columbus, accessed April 6, 2017, <http://www.kofc.org/en/news/releases/kofc-2016-most-ethical-company.html>.

Knights of the Month

Shelby Township Council 13983

Chuch Filar, Mark Semaan
Ed Debaene, Joe Vogel, Tom Petz

Northville Council 14427

Mike Cullen



R.O.O.C. Christmas Party



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WHEN ARE YOU REALLY A TRUE KNIGHT?

I believe this question can be answered with our Catholic Faith. When we were Baptized, did we know what it was to be Catholic? Most of us do not remember a thing because we were just a few weeks old. So does that mean we knew our Catholic Faith?

I really do not believe I had a clue at that point. All I wanted to do was cry, eat and poop. As we got older we learned more about our Faith as had our first Communion.

With more study we did our Confirmation. Are we now a Practical Catholic? Do we live up to the Commandments of God and the Precepts of the Church? I would hope we do, but we still have a lot to learn about our Catholic Faith.

How is the Knights of Columbus any different? When we took the First Degree, it was like our Baptism. To learn how the Knights really work and what our focus really is, we need to take our Second and Third Degree. Have you gone through the Second and Third Degree? If not, why not? Are you really a true Knight? Really try to receive your Second and Third Degree?

Eugene Murawski

State Ceremonials Director

Degree Schedule

Date of the Degree	Start Time of Admission Degree	Start Time of "Formation" Degree	Start Time of "Knighthood" Degree	Location of Degree	Council Number	Host DD	Host DD Phone No.
4/7/18	Patriotic	Degree		Frankenmuth		Barry Borsenik	989-295-1266
4/7/18	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Milford	7444	Larry Paffi	248-701-4950
4/7/18	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Brighton	12295	Matt Wierzgac	734-323-5888
4/8/18	None	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	Wyoming	4362	Paul Carbone	616-813-9152
4/14/18	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Richmond	2667	Greg Brunson	810-824-9533
4/14/18	None	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Sault Ste.	649	Frank Breen	906-635-0532
4/15/18	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Saginaw	4232	James Callahan Jr.	989-714-7768
4/21/18	Patriotic	Degree		Ishpeming		Michael Stanchina	989-848-5322
4/21/18	Patriotic	Degree		Charlotte		David Buick	517-927-8044
4/22/18	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	St. Clair Shores	3797	Kenneth Warzybok	586-343-9972
4/28/18	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Jackson	8392	Jeff Thomas	517-416-9677
4/28/18	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Ira Township	10724	Michael Cousins	586-610-6497
5/5/18	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	East Lansing	7816	Paul Kelsey	517-896-6402
5/5/18	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Lapeer	1987	Walter Sierakowski	810-797-5190
5/19/18	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Gaylord	2781	Patrick Oliver	989-731-5554
5/22/18	None	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Farmington	4401	Jim Escott	248-345-8523
6/9/18	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Ann Arbor	13360	Dan Gibbons	734-355-2362
6/10/18	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Livonia	2690	Chris Scanlan	734-674-1364
6/16/18	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Battle Creek	575	C.Thomas Hickey	517-629-2556

Msgr. Vismara Council 3725



L-R- Paul Castelli ,(Grand Knight)Hank Murawski, Sister Theresa Mayrand,

John Bartony, Fred Bignall, Leo Wollenweber

Members of **Msgr. Vismara Council 3725**, St. Clair Shores, Michigan, present a check in the amount of \$3,200 to Sister Theresa Mayrand of Gianna House in Eastpointe, Michigan. The council held a "baby-bottle drive" during the month of October, 2017 for *Right To Life Month*. Parishioners of the council's home parish, Our Lady of Hope, took home plastic baby bottles that contained a note inside about Gianna House and how this wonderful, safe, clean haven provides a home for unwed pregnant teens and young new mothers and their babies. Each weekend throughout October, before and after the masses, the bottles were returned to the 2 drop-off points set up in the church, one of which was a baby carriage appropriately decorated with ribbons and colorful paper. Children, families, and seniors made their donations by filling the bottles with coins, cash, checks, and much love to help provide the supplies needed for the center. It was a wonderful and very successful fund drive.

Sterling Heights Council 7011 Baby Bottle Initiative

WHAT A GREAT TIME TO BE A KNIGHT! WHAT A GREAT TIME TO BE PRO-LIFE!

On November 10, Sterling Heights Council attended the dedication of the Dearborn Heights, MI Lennon Pregnancy Center's new \$30,000 ultrasound machine. Present at this ceremony were Auxiliary Bishop Battersby from the Archdiocese of Detroit, Knights from both the Michigan State Council and the Supreme Council in Connecticut. In addition there were many other dignitaries present at this joyful celebration. This was the culmination of our Council's Baby Bottle Initiative which commenced in March of 2017 and included the distribution of 600 baby bottles at St. Cyril and Methodius Parish. We collected over \$15,000 from our parishioners, visitors, and a generous benefactor. We then applied and received matching funds from The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. Upon receipt of these funds The Lennon Pregnancy Center purchased their new ultrasound machine replacing one that was eight years old. The difference in the images of the baby between these two machines is astounding and very effective in showing the mother all the detail features of the baby.

None of this would be possible without the great work of the Knights, Squires, many other volunteers and the parishioners and visitors at St. Cyril's, as well as the support and assistance of the parish priests, office staff and the pro-life team at St. Cyril's.

So the next time anyone asks you what the Knights do you can point to all our pro-life activities, together with all the other great work we do.

One member per council per month



'Saving lives is inspiration for everyone 1/14/2018 Knights in Poland donate an incubator to a local hospital in honor of the Year of Mercy

On Nov. 16, in Skarżysko-Kamienna, Poland, Knights from the entire Radom diocese presented an infant incubator to Archbishop Stanisław Gądecki, President of the Polish Catholic Bishops Conference, to be blessed during the dedication mass. The incubator was purchased

by the Knights of Columbus as a gift to the Provincial Hospital's pediatric unit to help provide a safe and stable environment for newborn infants, often born prematurely or with an illness or disability, making them especially vulnerable during the first weeks and months of life.

State Deputy Tomasz Wawrzakowicz and Past State Deputy Andrzej Anasiak attended the Mass and the dedication. Bishop Henryk Tomasik of Radom concelebrated.

Funding for the infant incubator came from the collection and sale of wastepaper and paper packaging. The project brought many groups and communities together from throughout the diocese, including parishioners, employees of various companies and youth from over 40 schools who all participated in the collection of wastepaper and old packaging.

Local Knights then sold the paper to different facilities. The cost of the incubator was 48,000 PLN, which is equivalent to US\$13,500. To accomplish this, Knights collected 220 tons of wastepaper, the weight of approximately 10 large trucks.

"Knights of Columbus is the organization for men who aim to do good in the community. I congratulate my Brothers Knights on this great accomplishment," said State Deputy Tomasz Wawrzakowicz during the press conference before the Mass.

The initiative was inspired by the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative in the U.S. and Canada, and viewed by the Polish Knights as a tangible way to show support for the pro-life cause at a time when the abortion laws in Poland are being hotly debated. The inscription on the memorial plaque of the incubator reads: "In Memory of the Year of Mercy. Donated through the efforts of the Knights of Columbus."

"The idea for this initiative came to us at the conclusion of the Jubilee Year of Mercy as a way to respond to the call of Mercy," explained Andrzej Anasiak, Past State Deputy and Knight from Radom, Poland. One of the Knights' objectives was to bring people together of all ages and backgrounds. "The idea was to take action for the good of human life beyond all divisions," said Anasiak. "Buying a life-saving device is inspirational for everyone. We all want to take care of newborn children."

Polish bishops were impressed by this pro-life witness and by the ingenuity of the Knights of Columbus. "For a community to flourish, there is a need for people to practice mercy," said Abp. Gądecki referring to the work of the Knights of Columbus.

The dedication of the incubator attracted significant media attention from both Catholic and secular outlets and encouraged many Knights from other dioceses in Poland to conduct a similar project in the near future.

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

**BISHOP FOLEY COUNCIL SPONSORS
10th ANNUAL
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CHESS TOURNAMENT**



On Saturday January 20th, 156 students from around the archdiocese descended upon Divine Child High School for the 10th Annual Bishop Foley Catholic Schools Chess Tournament. Eleven schools in total from the east-side to the west side, from north to south came to compete in this highly anticipated event.

Players started arriving around 7:30 am to register for the first match that was scheduled for 8:50. There were a total of five matches, with competition between players heightening with each new challenger. Pizza lunch was provided to the players, coaches and their families between the fourth and fifth rounds.

At the end of the fifth round the scores were gathered and prizes awarded. Players who won their game were awarded one point and those who had a draw each received a half a point. The tournament was separated into three divisions, K-3, K-5 and K-8. The top three ranking players in each division received a first, second and third place trophy. The fourth through sixth ranked players received medals. The top four scores from each school, in each division, were added up to determine the winner of the coveted team trophy.

This year history was made, as St. Clair Shores' St. Isaac Jogues won the team trophy in all three divisions. The clean sweep was directed under SIJ Chess Instructor/Moderator Mr. Robert Centner. Divine Child Chess came closest to SIJ in the K-5 Division with DC totaling 14.5 points to SIJ's 15.5 points.

Individual awards went to the following players: K-3 1st Place Benedetto Offer from St. Lawrence, 2nd Place Joseph Cusumano, 3rd Place Vincent Brewer, and 4th Place Lilly Hansen all from St. Isaac Jogues, 5th Place Joseph Arriola from Divine Child and 6th Place Elizabeth Niles from St. Isaac Jogues. K-5 1st Place Jeremiah Furtado Our Lady of Good Counsel, 2nd Place Owen Furi from St. Isaac Jogues, 3rd Place Levy Nagy from St. Isaac Jogues, 4th Place Luca Ciavaglia from Divine Child, 5th Place Tomassino Offer from St. Lawrence and 6th Place Sean Slusser from Divine Child. K-8 1st Place Marie Niles, 2nd Place Jimmie Narongsang, 3rd Place Alexandra Rihacek all from St. Isaac Jogues, 4th Place Antonio Bush from Our Lady of Good Counsel, 5th Place Michael Niles and 6th Place Billie Narongsang both from St. Isaac Jogues. Congratulations to all the contestants who came out and played so well.

Overall, more than twenty Foley Knights, their wives and their families came out to work the tournament; setting up, serving concessions, proctoring games or cleaning up. It was a great way to help out the youth, as we work to build community with Catholic values. The 156 kids came and competed in a Catholic centered competition with prayer and good sportsmanship. It was good to see so many kids learning and having fun at the same time.

Thank-you to all the Knights, families and "friends of Foley" who came out and volunteered their time to make this another great success. Proceeds raised will help fund two Foley Chess Scholarships to Divine Child Chess

If You Want to Be a Winner, Recruit

Growth is the lifeline of every council — new members can invigorate councils by bringing fresh **ideas and taking on original programs.**
For tips, visit kofc.org/recruit.

**St. Louis Center Priests Celebrate 50 Years of
Service with Bishop Boyea**



Fr. Joseph, Bishop Boyea, and Fr. Fortunato

A joyous celebration took place at St. Mary Catholic Church and St. Louis Center in Chelsea, MI on Saturday December 16, 2017 as Fr. Joseph Rinaldo and Fr. Fortunato Turati each

celebrated 50 years of service in the priesthood with the local parish community and their many friends, relatives and fellow priests from the surrounding area. Both priests were joined on the altar at 4:30 p.m. Mass by the Very Rev. Bishop Earl Boyea of the Diocese of Lansing, Very Rev. Dr. William J. Canon Turner of St. Mary Parish, Rev. Ed Friede of Christ the King, and the members of their Servants of Charity congregation who were present. These included Fr. Enzo Addari, Fr. David Stawasz, Fr. Satheesh Caniton, and Frs. Amal, Franklin and Leo Joseph who arrived from India one year ago. Fr. Joseph and Fr. Fortunato were both members of the same ordination class that completed their training for the Servants of Charity in Chiavenna, Italy in December 1967, and were then assigned to the United States in 1968.

St. Mary Parish was packed with nearly 700 parishioners and supporters on this special day, and 21 members of the Cardinal O'Hara K of C Color Corps were on hand to dignify the Mass. Bishop Boyea delivered the homily and offered a special thanks to Fr. Joseph, Fr. Fortunato and the Servants of Charity for their many years of service to the Diocese of Lansing and to the people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families whom they have served for so many years with love and compassion.

Following Mass, over 300 invited guests traveled to St. Louis Center for a reception and dinner that was catered jointly by Moveable Feast and the Chelsea Grill. Speakers who came forward to pay tribute to Fr. Rinaldo and Fr. Turati included Bishop Boyea, Rev. Turner, Deana Fisher, Will Johnson, Norm Neuman, and Ken Unterbrink (K of C State Deputy). Fr. Enzo Addari presented each honoree with a Papal Blessing from Pope Francis, and PR Director Joe Yekulis served as the emcee. Fr. Fortunato and Fr. Joseph each took an opportunity to speak about their mission of service during their 50 years in the priesthood, and their special lives dedicated to caring for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Fr. Fortunato now serves as pastor for the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence at Mt. St. Joseph in Lake Zurich, Ill., and Fr. Joseph remains at St. Louis Center as the superior of the local community and the Treasurer of the Divine Providence Province, which extends from the U.S. to the Philippines, India and Vietnam.

For more information about St. Louis Center, please visit the website at www.stlouiscenter.org.

St. Louis Center Update
Fr. Enzo Addari, SdC.



The founder of the Servants of Charity, St. Louis Guanella said, "The presence of continuous thanksgiving to the Lord, through our life and words and mutual commitment, shall be the best evidence that the plan of God is being realized in our centers." And so we begin with a discussion of the "plan" for St.

Louis Center that is currently taking shape in the form of four new "Children's Homes" scheduled for a June opening, thus making God's plan for us a reality. Of course the new St. Louis Guanella Village would not be happening without gifts of Divine Providence. Many of these gifts come to us through the Michigan State Council and the many generous local councils and assemblies of the Knights of Columbus from Michigan that support our mission of caring for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Palm Sunday weekend is March 23-25, 2018, and whether you read this before or after that date, we would like to thank all of you for your generous support of St. Louis Center through your annual MI Drive contributions. Whether the economy is good or bad, we continue to be challenged with finding enough money for operational expenses.

While grateful for a surging economy right now, such an economy increases competition for new employees that need to be paid higher hourly wages and benefits. As such, more money is needed for operations to provide the quality staff that the residents of St. Louis Center truly deserve, so we ask you to continue to be generous.

As mentioned above, a "Day of Thanksgiving" will be held on Tuesday June 12, 2018 for the blessing of the four newly constructed "Children's Homes" in St. Louis Guanella Village. Each of these homes will have five bedrooms; a staff workstation, kitchen, living room, sensory room, laundry room, coat room and many other modern day amenities. The exteriors of the homes have been completed, and now the finishing work is being done on the inside and landscaping will be completed when winter is behind us. Once the first phase is completed, we hope to continue the dream of providing homes for families who have children with I/DD who want to become a part of our community, along with the new cottage homes for adult residents who need continuous direct care.

Our mission for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities requires that we provide them with an even deeper love than they can receive at home or in a secular environment. Therefore, we will continue to evangelize the world through our gifts of sharing "bread and the Lord." With "Charity" being the first principle of our Order, we thank God for our partnership with the Knights of Columbus, and offer prayers for you on a daily basis.



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FAMILY ROSARY PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

As a part of the Building the Domestic Church initiative, we are happy to announce that the 5th Sunday Rosary Program will now be known as the Family Rosary program.

The Family Rosary Program, encourages councils to schedule rosary prayer services on any day of the week, at any time of the year, with the pastor’s permission. When planning a Rosary prayer service councils should personally invite each family of the parish, and offer each attending family a copy of Catholic Information Service’s *A Scriptural Rosary for the Family* (#319). Encourage families to read it and learn how their faith can be strengthened through a devotion to Our Lady, while praying at home regularly as a family.

Resources are available as part of the Family Rosary Program, including a Family Rosary Kit (#SR-Kit), which includes 25 finger rosaries, brochures on praying the rosary and copies of the Scriptural Rosary for the Family (#319), along with a promotional poster to help draw more parishioners to the event. Participants may also use their own rosaries, and Knights are encouraged to use the rosaries that they received during their First Degree. Councils interested in ordering additional rosaries or rosary rings, and booklets- are encouraged to visit knightsgear.com

Action Steps

To organize a successful Family Rosary program in your parish, the council should:

1. Order the Knights of Columbus **Family Rosary program Kit** (#SR-Kit) using the order form. You can also use the order form in the forms section of the website, or call the Department of Fraternal Mission at 203-752-4270.
2. Contact your local pastor to obtain permission to conduct a Rosary service following Mass.
3. Provide a sign-up sheet in the parish bulletin board for parishioners to sign up to participate in the rosary service. This will allow you to determine **the interest level**.
4. Build public interest. Use the sample press release that is on the website as a sample, to present it to the newspapers and the radio stations in your community. When sending the press release use your council letterhead. Deliver or send it, along with clip art logos, to the editors of both.
5. Report your activities to the Supreme Council with the **Family Rosary Report form**(#10243), and the **Columbian Award Application** (SP-7).

Steps to Recruitment Success: Prepare, Implement, Follow Up

One of the top priorities of the Order is to make a concerted effort to recruit younger men. The Orderwide Church Recruitment Drive in March is a perfect opportunity to start aiming younger. Here are three steps to make your drive a winning success!

1. Prepare

Order all recruitment drive materials by the end of February and schedule your “Church Recruitment Drive Weekend” for March 10 to 11. Collect information that will appeal to younger prospects, such as insurance plans, family-oriented activities and *Columbia’s* Knights in Action stories. Promote the drive through bulletins, newsletters and social media.

2. Implement

On the day of the drive, have members wear K of C-branded apparel, greet parishioners and share info. At all times, have a

younger member of your council be present — there’s no better recruitment tool than the enthusiasm of our younger brother Knights!

3. Follow Up

Within 48 hours of the drive, contact every prospect who expressed interest. Inform them of the dates, times and locations of your next informational meeting and First Degree ceremony. If needed, use the *First Degree Video Production* available via Officers Online. For detailed information on how to conduct an effective recruitment drive, go to the For Members section of kofc.org or consult the *Membership Recruitment and Retention Manual* (#10237).

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

A mother is special, she's more than a friend.
Whenever you need her, she'll give you a hand.
She'll lead you and guide you in all that you do.
Try all that she can just to see you get through.
Good times and bad times, she's there for it all.
Say head up, be proud, and always stand tall.
She'll love you through quarrels and even big fights,
or heart to heart chats on cold lonely nights.
My mother's the greatest that I've ever known,
I think God made my mother like He'd make his own.
A praiser, a helper, an encourager too,
nothing in this world that she wouldn't do.
To help us succeed she does all that she can.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

With these three words,
"Dear Heavenly Father,"
I begin my every prayer,
But the man I see
While on bended knee
Is always my earthly dad.
He is the image
Of the Father divine
Reflecting the nature of God,
For his love and care
And the faith he shared
Pointed me to my Father above.



One member per council per month

**In Memory of
State Secretary
Antonio G. Vittorini**



I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun
of happy memories
that I leave behind when day is done.

**HAPPY EASTER
MAY THE JOY
OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION
FILL YOUR HEART
AND BLESS YOUR LIFE**



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