



From The State Deputy William H. Chassé



Spring is Here

By the time you read this article my hopes are that some sort of normalcy is back or at least soon will be. These can be very scary times.

We should pray for those that have been affected by Covid-19. Please know our thoughts and prayers go out to you.

All of us probably know someone that was affected by this virus; emotionally, financially or health-wise. I would like to think at times like this we would work together and show compassion to one and another. Times like these will make us stronger and realize what is important.

This is when we and our councils should be aware of those who need help and offer our assistance whenever possible.

On a positive note:

What a year we're having. There isn't a better time for it. The Catholic Church is getting stronger and the Knights of Columbus foot-print is evident. Thanks to all of you for the commitment and faith you've shown the Church and the Knights of Columbus.

I would like to thank our State Chaplain Fr. Paul Erickson and all our Diocesan Chaplains for their support and for everything they do for the church and the Knights of Columbus. Without your support we just couldn't do what we do.

To all Bishops thank you for your support to the Knights of Columbus. We are very fortunate for the Bishops we have. Other states would be lucky to have the support and relationships we have with you. Thank you again.

Brother Knights please remember we must continue the path we're on for the church. We are the right arm of the church. We must keep asking brother Catholics to join our ranks. By doing so, we will strengthen the Church and will be filling the pews with good Catholic men and their families.

We had the State Tribute dinner in February, I want to thank all that participated. It was a time to celebrate in "OUR" successful year so far. What a great night! Thank you, Larry Grabowski, for putting such a great evening together.

I also want to thank Larry and Gary Kolbicz for all they do at the State Office. We appreciate it more than I can say. You make our jobs less hectic.

I'm so proud of the State Board and I want to thank all my fellow state officers for their commitment and for believing in our philosophy. Thank you for everything you do and for your team work. Marybeth and I not only appreciate your hard work, but your friendship as well. It has been an honor and privilege to work with you the last two years as the State Deputy of Michigan.

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From The State Chaplain Rev. Paul E. Erickson



He is Risen

As my time as State Chaplain comes to a close, I want to offer some words of thanks. Thanks to State Deputy, Bill Chasse for having confidence in me as a brother and spiritual father. Thanks to the entire State Board, particularly Mary Beth and the ladies of the Board, for the love and support that they have shown to me. Lastly, thanks to all of you, my brother Knights, for all of the prayers and encouragement that has come to me through you. Thanks to everyone for a great two years. It has been an honor to serve you in this capacity and I deeply appreciate all of you.

As we enter the Easter Season, my mind turns to two phrases of Tradition: "He is risen, Alleluia!" "He is risen indeed, Alleluia Alleluia!" This call and response is the ancient way that Christians would greet each other during the Easter Season, and how fitting it is that this was considered a replacement for the usual way of greeting a friend, neighbor, relative, etc.

It is a fitting replacement, because everything about the Christian person--the very foundation of their identity--rests on whether or not this phrase is true. If Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, if this is a fact of reality, it means that everything else that falls under the purview of the Christian is now justified. And if it is not true, it means that everything else that falls under the Christian ethos is nothing more than a system of control and lies. Everything

hinges on this moment. Everything hinges on the resurrection. If it happened, then Christ is who He claims to be. If it did not happen, then He is dangerous and a liar.

From this perspective, it makes sense that early Christians would greet one another this way, because it speaks to the foundation of the person,

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Knights Mourn Passing of Virgil C. Dechant



Virgil C. Dechant was the Order's longest-serving supreme knight, holding the office from 1977 to 2000.

The Knights of Columbus mourns the loss of Past Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant, who passed away in his sleep at the age of 89 during the night of February 15, 2020. He was the Order's longest-serving supreme knight, holding the office from 1977 to 2000.

"God has called home a good man and one of the Knights' great leaders," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "Virgil Dechant used to say that his goal was to leave the Knights better than he found it, and in myriad ways, he accomplished that. He leaves a lasting legacy and an excellent example of what it means to be a Knight and a fraternalist. Nowhere is this more true than in his home state of Kansas, which remains in many ways a model jurisdiction."

Virgil Dechant joined the Knights in 1949 and was a member of LaCrosse (Kansas) Council 2970 and St. Augustine Council 2340 in Liebanthal, Kansas. A very successful businessman, in addition to operating a private farm in Kansas, Dechant owned and operated his own car dealership and farm equipment firm. Dechant came to New Haven in 1967 to serve as the supreme secretary. Ten years later, he was elected supreme knight.

As supreme knight, Virgil Dechant oversaw tremendous growth in the Order's membership as well as in its assets and insurance business, while also opening the Order to greater involvement by the wives and families of its members. In addition, Mr. Dechant forged a close relationship with the Vatican during the pontificate of St. John Paul II, leading the Order to sponsor numerous renovation projects – including of the façade of St. Peter's Basilica, and working with the pope to promote the faith in Eastern Europe, which was then behind the iron curtain.

Dechant is survived by his wife, Ann, their four children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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who they really are. Because if He is risen, then I too may rise. If He is risen, then I too can conquer sin and death. If He is risen, then I too am not confined to the darkness of the tomb, but await with eager hope the light of life eternal. If He is risen, then I too have a good Father who knows me and loves me.

It is my hope and prayer that you enter into this wonderful season full of hope, knowing who you really are because of Who He really is. It is only in Jesus, who is alive and seated now at the right hand of the Father, that all things find their ultimate meaning, value, and purpose. This is true of all creation, everything broke with the Fall of Adam. But now everything is restored in the rising Son. His victory is yours. His life is yours. He is risen indeed, Alleluia Alleluia!

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Programs = New Members

From The State Secretary
Walter K. Winkle, Jr.

Brother Knights and Families, I pray that all of you and your families are well. This virus, as you know, can be very deadly to some. I pray that you and your families are all well and that this has affected your life very minimally. During this time, we still need to be leaders in our communities and our church! Please try if you are able, to continue to send in your weekly donations to your parish, maybe give Father a call to ask how he is doing or if he needs any help. If you have the time, try contacting the members on your council roster and ask how they are, they may need some assistance, Explain how you are still meeting only in different ways and update your information on him and his family. One phenomenon that I noticed is all the postings on Facebook of masses and homilies being held at parishes all over the state. I ask that you share as many as you can to your friends and families. This would be a great way to introduce them to our faith if they are not already Catholic or bring those who have wondered away from the church to come back!

I would like to thank you for all the prayers for my family these past few months. For those who have not lost a family member or loved one, may not understand the comfort that is provided when our Knights Family gets together! It is this quality of the membership and their family's alone that make our Order so special. Our General and Field Agents are so knowledgeable and a great source of comfort when these tragedies happen. It is remarkable what can be done when we all come together in support of each other.

As State Secretary, I would like to thank you for your prompt return of your per capita checks and Boysville Quota, If you have not received one, Please email me a w.winkle@miokfc.org and I can send you the amount. Remember that there are two invoices sent out each fraternal year. The first is sent around the end of July and to other is sent in January. They must be paid to be able to seat a delegate from your council to our State Convention. I would also ask that you please send any monies collected in behalf of the 10 For Charity and Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowment Fund by the end of April. You will not receive an invoice for these because they are a voluntary contribution. I do ask of two things; I ask you to write a separate check for each account. The SHMSEF goes into our 501 c 3 Account and the 10 for Charity does not. The other is to place on the memo line what the check is for. If you do not have your council number on your checks, please include that on the memo line also! If you have more than one check, you can include all of them in one envelop!

The Board and Several State Directors have been planning the State Convention since early January and continue to do so every week on Zoom so that your council delegates will have an enjoyable, fulfilling and spiritual experience even though it will be different this year. It is very disappointing that we had to change the location due to this virus. As the Convention Chairman, if you have any constructive ideas as to making it even better, please email me to share them. It takes many people to make this as successful as it has been in the past. I would like to thank these individuals for taking the time to make this so. I would encourage you now to start putting your best programs that have been done this last fraternal year and present it for a service award during our convention. Your Diocesan Program directors can help you if you need some guidance on the best presentation. All the state winners in each category will be sent to Supreme to be judged. If you are awarded first place, you will receive an invitation to attend the Supreme Convention in Washington D.C. this year to receive your award. As a side note, any member and his family can attend the Supreme Convention. During the Month of June, the Supreme website will have the information available so that you can attend as a guest. I have done this for many years and have made several new friends while enjoying

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State Membership Director
James N. Kraus

“Working for a Great Finish”

As of March 1st, Michigan has gained 1472 new members or 67% of our annual goal. This places our state at 11th in the Order worldwide in membership growth and 2nd in the United States. We should be very proud of this as it sets the stage for a great finish to our fraternal year.

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

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

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

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

Councils and Districts are embracing the change in our degree structure and seeing the success of the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Opening the degree to the families and public by removing the veil of secrecy and holding the Exemp in our parishes will certainly be a great change moving forward for our council growth.

“Delta Drives”

The “Delta Drive” concept, continues to be a great tool for our councils.

A “Delta Drive” builds on the updated methods of hosting a church drive or a parish campaign to make the process easier to conduct and to increase the positive results. This program is easy to use and effective in introducing men, especially younger men to our Order.

The purpose of the Delta Drive is to have technology work for you and your councils in a new approach to attract younger members. Using the Delta approach, we are relying in part on an effective pulpit speech to share our message with the addition of a team at Supreme sharing information with your prospects by a web page and e-mail, do they learn about the Knights of Columbus story. The prospects will continue to receive information on a weekly basis about who we are as Knights and how Councils makes a difference in our parishes and our communities.

There is a kit needed for the Delta drive and is available to order from Supreme. Questions? Speak to your District Deputy, your Diocese Membership Director or reach out to our Supreme Regional Training Director Jon Olson at: jon.olson@kofc.org

This program reaches younger men and their families with information of interest to them and their spiritual needs and how they can be part of the charitable works being done in your parishes and communities.

Holding a Delta Drive this spring is something all councils should be planning to be sure your fraternal year ends with meeting your goal of sustainability.

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From The State Program Director William Leveque, SR

New Criteria for awards:

(1) Columbian Award (Programs)

- Conduct at least 10 program activities (reduced from 16)
- At least 2 activities in each program category of Faith, Family, Community, and Life
- At least a total of 2 additional activities in program categories of your choosing
- The program categories no longer have specific "Required Programs"

(2) McGivney Award (Membership)

- Achieve Revised Membership Goal (40% reduction from original quota)

(3) Founders Award (Insurance)

- Host a virtual or in person benefits seminar with the field agent before June 30, or
- Achieve Revised Insurance Goal (50% reduction from original quota)

(4) Star Council Award

- Payment of Supreme assessments and per capita are not required
- All other Star Council requirements (reports, safe environment, etc.) remain in effect

Note: We will discuss these revised criteria in detail during the next webinar this Thursday, April 30, at 8:00 PM EDT. Registration information will be sent separately.

The coronavirus pandemic greatly increased the need for charitable works. In challenging times, good leaders step forward and make great things happen. I encourage you to think outside of the box, be creative, and help others get through this terrible pandemic. Our **Leave No Neighbor Behind** program is a great place to start making a difference.

Knights are encouraged to engage in five types of service activities:

1. Support Your Brother Knights
2. Support Your Parish
3. Support Your Community
4. Feed the Hungry
5. Participate in Blood Drives

Go to kofc.org/LNNB for details

Please do your best to achieve these revised criteria for council awards.

The Supreme Council looks forward to recognizing your accomplishments.

God Bless

Bill LeVeque

State Program Director

From The State Secretary Walter K. Winkle, Jr.

different cities each year. It appears that the next years Supreme Convention will be in Denver Colorado followed by Nashville and although these are what I have heard, they may change. If you do want to attend any of these in the future, I ask that you contact the State Advocate so that we can include you in some of the events that we attend.

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Ladies Corner

Happy Spring

I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and practicing healthy habits. For those of you who have/had your kids or grandchildren at home, please take this time to enjoy them. Please think of these days as gifts of time. (and lessons in patience).

We are grateful for all of you. We are grateful for the team that we are a part of, we could not have done any of this without you. Our Liberty Committee is the best! And we will be forever grateful to them. But most importantly we thank the councils, both Knights and their ladies for helping in all of the events throughout the years that make our charities successful. It is in helping others that we fulfill the charitable works that the Knights' stand for. I have always said if you ever need help in anything call on a Knight. Now is the time to practice!

I am hoping that when you receive this publication, the worst of the pandemic will be over; or at least the mass panic of it. Please take this time to pray. Pray for those around you that may be ill or those who may be suffering due to loss of income. Please help those around you with what you can. But most of all pray for us to come together in believing that God has this and we will be okay.

God Bless and with much gratitude,

2020 State Spelling Bee Winners

The State Spelling Bee was held on Sunday March 8th in Essexville, hosted by Fr. Van Rooy Council #2740. The winners and runners-up from the previously held diocesan spelling bees competed for the state championship. All the contestants performed extremely well, and it was only after many rounds of competition that our winners and runners-up were determined.

In the Grade 7-9 Division:

Winner: Brendan Pawlicki from Shelby Township
Runner Up; Savana Ruggenbuck from Harbor Beach

In the Grade 4-6 Division:

Winner: Jevesh Prabakaran from Cass City
Runner Up: Peyton Ruggenbuck from Harbor Beach

Many people helped with this year's bee. Thanks to pronouncers Rose Marie Rowley and District Deputy Ken Warzybok. Also thanks to those who served as judges or at registration, including State Raffle Director Kevin Rowley, Detroit Program Director Paul Palka, Saginaw Program Director Ray Gehlman, Saginaw Membership Director Willaim Learman, Gaylor Program Director Philip Parker, Lansing Program Director Dean Hayward, Grand Rapids Program Director Ken Skonecki and Lady Deb. Special thanks to State Advocate Barry Borsenik for attending and addressing the assembled participants and families.

Thank you,

Michael Haughey

State Youth Activities Director

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they help change the world.**

From The State Deputy William H. Chassé

I want to thank all involved with the Liberty Committee, You're like family. Thank you for your commitment and your hard work. Marybeth and I are grateful for your generosity and the great hospitality and functions you have thrown.

I want to thank all Past State Deputies for their dedication over the years and their support to the State Board. You have helped make Michigan great again. Without your support it would have been harder to achieve what we set out to do: that's making Michigan lead by example and set the stage for great programs.

I want to thank State Membership Director Jim Kraus and his team for their dedication in helping with the philosophy of why we need to continue to ask all men to join the greatest fraternal organization in the world.

As we all know it starts with the Faith and Action. Thanks to Bill Leveque and his team for putting together and continuing with all the programs we have in Michigan. Without programs, membership would be hard to accomplish.

Our Coats for Kids program put thousands of coats on kids this past winter.

Thanks to John Rademacher for heading up our SHMS Scholarship program. A program that ensures no Seminarians will fall short of becoming a priest because of financial reasons.

Our Youth Protection is amongst the best in the order and that's due to all councils understanding it's not about more work but about awareness. A big shout out to Jim Escott for working with so many councils and District Deputies to help us get where we are in council youth compliancy. Thank you, Jim.

I want to thank all District Deputies for their hard work on getting councils active and with understanding why membership is important.

I want to thank Dan Fuller for his efforts in new council development. Your hard work will pay off. Thank you, Dan.

There have been many changes within the Knights of Columbus during the last two years. Many people take change hard but you've proven you're at least willing to give it a chance. A great example is the new 30 min Exemplification. Many were skeptic but after seeing it in action almost everyone agrees it's great for councils recruiting efforts.

I want to thank Gene Murawski and all those involved with ceremonials for their many years and hard work putting on some of the best degree work in the Order. Without people like you, it just

would not have been as impactful to all those brought into our Order. Thank you for all your dedication.

Working as one is what all State, Regional, and Diocesan directors have come to agree on. I want to thank all of you for working as a team, as one. If we make Circle of Honor for the first time in 11 years, it will be because of team work, working together and believing we could do it.

Dan Remeika has been an inspirational part to all Grand Knights with monthly talking points. Many Grand Knights have told me his talking points have made their job much easier. Thank you, Dan.

Our Pro-Life couple Tim & Cindy Donovan have done a remarkable job with pro-life. Initiating over 25 Ultra sound machines statewide and bringing awareness to the importance of how one picture can save babies. Thank you, Tim & Cindy. Thank you to all councils that raised monies to save so many lives.

Last but not least I would like to thank my wife and family for allowing me to follow my beliefs and be a part of a great fraternal organization that makes a world-wide impact. Without their love and support this journey would not have been possible.

We look forward to seeing you at the Summer Meeting as IPSD and remember, continue to show your pride inside and outside your homes by praying at all meals even in public.

Brothers let's do it together and show the public being Catholic is something to be proud of. Wear your Catholic and Proud shirts out in public as often as possible. Continue practicing Faith and Action, remember it starts at home.

I couldn't be any prouder to hold the title of State Deputy in our great state of Michigan. What we have done together speaks volumes of what can be done when we believe and work as a team.

Brother Knights From the bottom of my heart thank you for trusting me and having faith in me to lead this great state as your State Deputy.

I am so proud to see where we're heading, thanks for a wonderful ride. I will always be a proud Catholic and proud member of the Knights of Columbus.

God bless you all, God bless the Catholic Church and God bless the Knights of Columbus.

Bill Chassé
State Deputy

St. John Neumann K of C Assembly 478 Supports Vets Returning Home

The Knights of St. John Neumann Assembly 478 invited the residents of Vets Returning Home to attend as special guests the Assembly's Christmas Party. Twelve veterans attended as a result. A catered dinner was served to the vets that evening. They also enjoyed free refreshments, fellowship, and a duet providing live seasonal music. A check for \$500.00 was also presented to Vets Returning Home to assist the shelter with its operating expenses.

The Knights had also invited the residents of Vets Returning Home to attend as special guests the Assembly's annual picnic in August 2019. Twelve veterans attended as a result. A steak dinner was prepared and served to the vets that evening.

Vets Returning Home is a homeless shelter for military veterans located in Michigan's southeast Macomb County. Its mission is to provide the veteran with a stable, sober living environment, employment readiness training, aid with job placement, legal support, and life skills training. St. John Neumann Knights of Columbus Assembly 478 in Utica has been active over the past year in supporting not only the shelter, but also the veterans themselves as they seek to transition into society.

The Assembly donates a total of \$2,000.00 to Vets Returning Home throughout the year to assist the shelter with its operating expenses, as well as usable household items for the veterans' use as they graduate to apartments of their own.



Vets Returning Home residents gather for a picture with one of the carolers



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Grand Knight Rick Leibler
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Dear Grand Knight Leibler:

Late at night on Saturday, December 28, The Brook Nursing facility experienced a fire incident requiring over 50 residents be evacuated and transported to a suitable shelter. That cold and weathered night, your K OF C Council, and Brother Knights came to the immediate rescue of the most vulnerable and frightened residents of The Brook, most likely while most has already been in bed for the night.

Your fellow Knights immediately sprang into action to open the Knights of Columbus hall, prepare it to accommodate patients that needed the most tender care, awoken from their sleep, and moved out quickly. One can only imagine how frightening this would be for each patient, it was a cold, bad weather night. While our local emergency managers, law enforcement, EMS, 911, and Fire Department assisted on site, your fellow Knights opened your arms in welcome to these vulnerable elderly patients. I imagine that your Knight members likely knew several of the patients and believe that brought them comfort in seeing familiar faces.

We are told this is at least the second time that the Knights have assisted the patients of The Brook due to an evacuation emergency. We understand that the Red Cross also assisted at the rescue site and, in addition, at the Council Building.

On behalf of the City and West Branch City Council, we are so appreciative of what the Knights of Columbus were able to do on both occasions. The Knights and your leadership at the State and National level need to be aware of what you did and of our heartfelt thankfulness. As God's children, you took in and offered shelter to the most vulnerable of our elderly residents.

Often times in the rush to respond to a crisis and the aftermath, we forget to thank and highlight the exceptional efforts of volunteers and organizations that contribute so much.

Grand Knight Rick Leibler, the Council 2022 and its brother Knights are owed a depth of gratitude. You have much to be proud of.
 Very Sincerely and most Gratefully,

Paul Frechette, Mayor of West Branch
 Frank Goodroe, City Manager

Bishop Richter Council #7761



Congratulations to Shaun Bartz, the facilities manager at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church. Shaun is the 2020 recipient of the School Board of Director's Service Award. During the presentation ceremony Shaun was described as an "excellent role model of a Catholic man with a servant's heart." Shaun is the Grand Knight of Bishop Richter Council #7761 in Rockford. Thank you, Shaun, for your daily example of charity, unity, and fraternity in the Council, the Parish, and the community of Rockford. Pictured left to right are: Kevin Varner - principal, GK Shaun Bartz, and Pastor Father Tony Russo.

“Stay positive and happy. Work hard and don't give up hope. Be open to criticism and keep learning. Surround yourself with happy, warm and genuine people.”

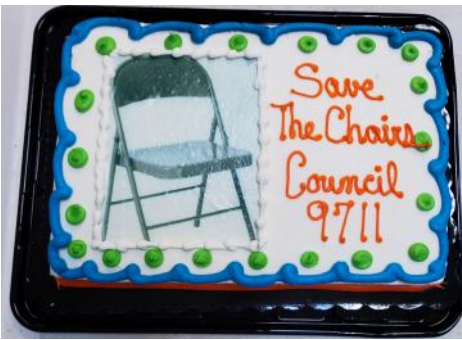
Larry Blasius Retirement



Congratulations to Larry Blasius on your retirement from the Knights of Columbus Insurance Barlow Agency. For 37 years of service beginning April 1983 to January 2020, Larry faithfully served the order in Northern Michigan. He was a Million Dollar Round Table Agent, as well as being a State Award Winner Several times over his career. He touched thousands of families by protecting them from financial hardships. Over the years he consistently assisted his councils in Alpena, Traverse City Area, and Pinconning with countless Fraternal Activities. The Barlow Agency wants to wish Larry Blasius a long and healthy retirement with his wife Patty.

SAVE THE CHAIRS COMPLETE!

St. Cas Knights Council Refurbishes over 200 Chairs at St. Casimir Parish



Knights of Columbus Council #9711 of St.

Casimir Parish in Lansing, Michigan are proud to announce the completion of the Save the Chairs Project! Knights and other Parish volunteers gathered on Saturdays through late October through December to repair and strengthen over 200 of the churches folding chairs.

At the October 2019 monthly Council Meeting, the St. Cas Knights discussed the disrepair of the churches chairs - many having front legs that were bent or collapsing. It was deemed unsafe and unsightly, and the Knights Council voted to allocate the funds, take action and Save the Chairs before someone was hurt. Not only did the Parish use the chairs on a regular basis, but they were used by Parish tenant South Side Community Kitchen - who serve between 200 - 250 meals each week to hungry people of all ages in the local community, who are unable to physically prepare their meals, do not have the skills to prepare balanced meals, or who are needing to stretch their limited resources.

Lead by Project Manager Sir Knight Ken Watterson, the Save the Chair team developed an assembly line-style repair system, even designing parts to ensure repairs were perfect and a life size template to make sure chair legs could be straightened! The team also decided that they would meet at the church on Saturdays from Noon-4:00pm to complete the project.

Over 9 Knights Volunteered contributing 104 man hours. Contributions from St. Casimir Council 9711 and caring parishioners helped make up the budget for the project.

"I'm very proud of all our Brother Knights who helped with the Save the Chairs project," said Tom Fox, Grand Knight of St. Casimir Council #9711. "Chairs are expensive to replace, and the repairs our team did will make sure that these are sturdy and can be used for parish and community events well into the future - *safely*."

"I am so pleased with the outcome of this project," Said Ken Watterson, Project Lead and member of Council 9711. "Each weekend volunteers kept coming out and each weekend we fixed a couple dozen more. And we had a great time doing it and helping the Parish."

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

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

A Legacy of Faith & Service

Founded by a young parish priest now on the path to sainthood, the Knights of Columbus has helped strengthen men, their families, their parishes and their communities since 1882. Today, there are more than 1.9 million members of the K of C doing good across the world.

The Knights of Columbus stands as the strong right arm of the the Church, and challenges members to grow in their faith through programs, fraternity and vital resources such as our award-winning magazine, Columbia, and many other exclusive member communications.

Months of Donations

Assemblies from Michigan District #2 collected clothing, cleaning products and personal care items from parishioners over several months to donate to homeless veterans in southwest Michigan through the Battle Creek VA Medical Center.

Miracle League

Father Arnold Kosco Council 12808 in West Bloomfield, Mich., provides financial and other support to the Miracle League, a nonprofit that offers training and special baseball fields for children and adults with physical and mental disabilities.

On December 16, 2019, **Holy Cross Assembly #1622** took part in honoring veterans with the purchase of 300 Wreaths Across America. The noon ceremony started with an invocation by Rev. Tony Fox of St. Anselm Parish followed by volunteers placing wreaths across the cemetery.

Historic Center

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council 8902 in Temperance, Mich., collected a truckload of baby supplies from parishioners at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish for Heartbeat of Monroe, a Christian pregnancy resource center founded in 1973, just two months after Roe v. Wade.

Charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism

By Anne Kelly

**“PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE ALL
THE CHARITABLE WORKS THAT THE KNIGHTS DO.”**

The Petoskey Knights of Columbus serves the community throughout the year through a slew of recognizable events like the Tootsie Roll drive for causes like Challenge Mountain, Michigan Special Olympics and Brother Dan's Food Pantry.

Members range in age from 18-92. In many cases, the tradition of fraternal membership has been passed down from one generation to the next. The only requirements for membership are: that the member be a practicing Catholic and that he be initiated into the organization by means of an informational session regarding the history and purpose of the group.

Roger Clark of Petoskey, a member of St. Francis parish, has served as the Grand Knight of the approximately 163 members of the organization for three and a half years.

"When I was invited to join," Clark said, "I looked at all the great things the Knights were doing and how they were very influential in the church; at the time they offered support for the preservation of the history of St. Francis Church during its renovation. I was also impressed by the extensive list of contributions both locally, nationally and internationally to which the Knights have significantly contributed over the years."

The history of the Knights of Columbus dates back to 1890, founded by a young American Catholic priest, Father Michael McGivney. The son of an Irish immigrant family, he founded the organization at a local New Haven, Connecticut parish to serve as a mutual aid and fraternal organization; a main goal was the creation of an insurance program which would protect members' women and children, particularly immigrants and their families. Today, member Knights have access to one of the most successful American insurance enterprises.

#923 is the Petoskey Knight's designation within the international organization; their chapter was established in 1904. Its members commit to a fourfold pledge: "Lead with Faith, Protect your Family, Serve Others and Defend your Values."

"People don't realize all the charitable works that the Knights do," said Joyce Clark, Roger's wife and a Lady Knight.

According to Clarks, the local Petoskey Tootsie Roll fall and spring fundraiser alone raises over \$10,000 annually for one of the Knights' special philanthropies that benefits the physically and mentally challenged: Challenge Mountain Special Olympics and Spirit Day Camp. The list of benefactors of the Knights' efforts is lengthy and inclusive of a variety of value-based causes ranging from Brother Dan's Food Pantry to Right-to-Life Emmet County.

The Petoskey Knights' main annual fundraising event is the Knights Polish Dinner, held in January each year at the Unity Center.

"It's a real team effort," said Clark. "There's the dinner preparations which begin in the spring, planting cabbage for the sauerkraut, and end with an assembly line employing the various skills and talents of the fraternity members," said Clark.

"There are only 500 tickets sold on a first come, first serve basis, and it doesn't take long to sell out. There will be dinner, drinks, a silent auction, poker, and euchre."

Home base for the Petoskey chapter of the Knights of Columbus is the Grand Unity Event Center on U.S. 31, formerly known as the K of C Hall. A spacious and gracious facility owned by the organization, overlooking Little Traverse Bay, the building has been remodeled over the years to accommodate weddings and other large group celebrations.

The Value of Membership Referrals

As a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most is when one of my brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to me. This is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they were so pleased with what I helped them accomplish that they want me to help others achieve the same level of financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis that I provide.

Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they've never been asked and don't know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own.

If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me or your Grand Knight. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It's always more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don't worry if the candidate is outside the area I serve or beyond the district of the local councils, we can make sure we put these

future members in touch with the right people in their communities.

New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.62 billion to charity and provided in excess of 700 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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PRIZE NO.	PRIZE	COUNCIL	ASSEMBLY	NAME	LOCATION
1	1ST DEGREE CHARITY PRIZE- TRIP FOR 2 - Viking Cruise + \$5,500.00 Cash	6694		Wayne Deshano	Swartz Creek
SELLER	\$250.00	6694		Wayne Deshano	Swartz Creek
2	2ND DEGREE UNITY PRIZE - Jamaica + \$750.00 CASH	587		James & Jean Libs	Ann Arbor
SELLER	\$100.00	587		James Libs	Ann Arbor
3	3RD DEGREE FRATERNITY PRIZE - Riviera Maya + \$750.00 CASH	13942		Earl Becher	Ann Arbor
SELLER	\$50.00	13942		Earl Becher	Ann Arbor
4	4TH DEGREE PATRIOTIC PRIZE - Boston + \$500.00 CASH	2690		Glenn Cousino	Livonia
SELLER	\$25.00	2690		Glenn Cousino	Livonia
5	\$300.00	8117		Franco Marchetti	Ada
6	\$300.00	5492		B. M. Bartus	Redford
7	\$300.00	646		James Newnum	Wallace
8	\$300.00	4362		Don & Deb Ferguson	Wyoming
9	\$300.00	6742		Paul Woven	Grand blanc
10	\$300.00	7115		Jacob Snowdin	Muskegon
11	\$180.00	2141		Eleanor Grzegorzcyk	Kawkawlin
12	\$180.00	2890		Ed Panwas	Westphalia
13	\$180.00	8695		Thomas Vanegmond	Grosse Pte. Woods
14	\$180.00	7018		Dennis Peters	Bruce Twp.
15	\$180.00	2022		Gloria Edie	Montrose
16	\$180.00	14598		Don McKinley	Jenison
17	\$180.00			Ifeoma Ikechi	Shelby Twp.
18	\$180.00	7255		John Bukowski	Pt. Sanilac
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20	\$180.00	9937		Clinton Local LL	Clinton
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22	\$120.00	7869		Mark Baumann	Mecosta
23	\$120.00	6742		Richard Dent	Grand Blanc
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25	\$120.00	12684		Larry Hill	Saginaw
26	\$120.00	2835		Kurtis Krewer	East Pointe
27	\$120.00	4188		Lori Dwan	Huntington Woods
28	\$120.00	15352		Michael King	Beverly Hills
29	\$120.00	2890		Kyle Thelen	Westphalia
30	\$120.00	3224		Ann Sattelberg	Caro
31	\$60.00	8858		Tom Piotrowski	Caledonia
32	\$60.00	14729		William Eustice	Jones
33	\$60.00	3191		David Hebben	Hemlock
34	\$60.00	5255		Doug Leach	Homer
35	\$60.00	7444		Amy O'Callaghan	Commerce
36	\$60.00	9962		Jeff & Theresa Cypher	Kalamazoo
37	\$60.00	4090		Paul Burnash	Spring Hill, TN
38	\$60.00	788		L. Freund	Dewitt
39	\$60.00		488	Michael Briskey	Temperance
40	\$60.00	6293		Amy Rooks	Gwinn

**Knights Mark Anniversary of Pope Francis' Election
A quick history of the Knights support and friendship with Pope Francis**

By Andrew Fowler



Since Pope Francis' presentation to the world as the newly elected Holy Father on March 13, 2013, the Knights of Columbus has supported him. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, who was in St. Peter's Square that day, said the reveal was "a joyful moment for the Knights of Columbus and the Church" and called upon Knights around the world to "work even harder for those who need the most help in our society."

But who was this pontiff from the Americas? The world was eager to know. And it was the Knights who provided the answer.

In late 2013, the Knights of Columbus released the documentary *Francis: The Pope From the New World*, which examined the life story and thinking of Pope Francis, chronicling the remarkable path of Jorge Mario Bergoglio and his journey to becoming the first pope from the Americas.

The documentary was only the beginning of the Knights of Columbus' work with Pope Francis. Since then, the Knights has provided financial assistance – as it has with previous pontiffs – to the pope's personal charities through the Vicarious Christi Fund. Knights around the world have supported several papal visits, the most extensive being Pope Francis' visit to the United States in September 2015.

A week before the pope's arrival in the U.S., the Knights released a poll showing that the Holy Father enjoyed a high level of popularity among Americans. During the six-day apostolic journey, Knights provided financial, volunteer and logistical support as well as printing 350,000 programs for the closing papal Mass in Philadelphia. One Knight even performed original musical pieces

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Dear Brother Knights,

As spring has arrived, this is a time of remembrance, encouragement, exciting opportunities and fresh hope.

Even though many of us are feeling fearful, isolated and exhausted the last few months, one positive thing that may be a product of this pandemic, is people are learning how to be more reflective, getting to know their families better as we spend more time together at home, and we are being very resourceful staying in place and learning new ways of communication.

This season inspires hope and faith in the positive impact that we can make in the lives of the children, adults and families we serve every day. Especially with the ongoing support and dedication of the Michigan Brother Knights and Lady Knights, too. The season of rebirth is a reminder that there is always hope for those who are lost, peace for those who are troubled and love for those who are abused and neglected.

In this edition, I would like to share with you some of the programs/services we offer throughout Michigan. As always, thank you for helping us continue to provide quality services for all those in our care, your support is invaluable.

Please know, all of us at Holy Cross appreciate you and extend our prayers to you and your family for continued good health and be safe.

With Gratitude and humility,



Sharon Berkobien
CEO

Holy Cross Services (HCS), founded in 1948, has grown from one to over 20 sites and continues to provide hope, healing and opportunities to children, adults and families. HCS touches the lives of approximately 1,500 people every day who are abused, neglected, traumatized and/or who suffer from substance abuse and mental health issues, plus over 6,000 homeless veterans, adults and children in Ingham County.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES: HCS provides Residential Foster Care and Community Outreach which includes: an assessment center; residential campuses, group homes for foster youth and juvenile justice transition; educational services; independent living plus; independent living; day treatment and a variety of community-based foster care services to help children get healthy and live productive lives.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES: Educational services for children and adolescents at our Queen of Angels and St. Vincent Home facilities from grades elementary to 12th. Includes credit recovery, special education services, on-line and classroom education by highly qualified teachers, under the auspices of the Saginaw Intermediate School District.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES: HCS provides residential and outpatient substance abuse and mental health treatment through highly trained staff committed to individual wellness, family stability and positive life change. This service includes residential facilities for men, women, and adolescents; adult male recovery housing; and outpatient counseling. All women's specialty services accommodate women and non-school aged children so the family unit can stay intact.

HOMELESS SERVICES: In October 2018, Holy Cross Services assumed all operations from Volunteers of America Michigan (VOAMI) in Lansing, now named the New Hope Community Center as they were planning to close all services there. With this new addition, HCS now provides a myriad of services in Ingham County for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. This excellent and comprehensive program serves over 6,000 homeless veterans, adults and children. Some services include; Emergency overnight shelter and day shelter, meals, veterans transitional housing, assistance applying for SSI/SSDI, medical clinic, mental health and substance abuse services, counseling and assistance obtaining permanent housing.

SPIRITUAL SERVICES: Our research shows that the more spiritual involvement our youth, adults and families have, the higher rate of them leading successful, more enriched lives. With this in mind, Holy Cross Services employs Chaplain Jon, Chaplain David and Sister Dorothy who provide weekly bible studies for anyone that chooses to participate; plus, everyone is taught life skills and values lessons. Spiritual counseling and scripture teachings are also provided. They are always available to pray with the youth and adults, or teach them how to pray, and provide spiritual mentorship. Chapel services also host annual spiritual retreats for all youth.

"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life." – Proverbs 13:12

Visit our website to see the
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How Does Holy Cross Change Lives? Client Testimonial

"With the schooling program, before I came here I really wasn't attentive because I kinda didn't have the control of my own life. But once I came here, I gained the responsibility to take my classes serious, and really take my life serious. With the schooling Holy Cross has given me I received enough progress to benefit myself and I went from failing grades to getting all As."





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\$500 WINNER - June Marheineke



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FEBRUARY CALENDAR WINNERS**

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\$500 WINNER - Dorothy & Bernard Lemanski



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\$500 WINNER – Jerome Spitzley

Please remember, calendars are available for \$25.00 each at your local Knights of Columbus or contact Karen Rupley at 517-423-7556 or email krupley@hccsnet.org. We have daily drawings of \$50, monthly \$500, and the December Grand Prize is \$5,000!

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR
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We wish to thank Msgr. Jerome MacEachin East Lansing Council #7816 and Msgr. David N. Stotenbur Council #7237 for donating fresh fish, fries and coleslaw to feed over 300 veterans, children, adults and homeless at our New Hope Community Center kitchen! God bless you all for your continued kindness in helping those less fortunate.

We appreciate you all so much!



AROUND THE STATE

Msgr. Clement H. Kern Council 8284 partnered up with the parish team to conduct an "in-house" coat drive to support our parishioners and local community distribution points with coats and other winter wear. The effort collected over \$3,000 and 1,500 coat donations and hundreds of scarves, gloves and mittens. over two weekends. The process involved collecting, sorting, bagging and staging for distribution.

St. Kieran Knights of Columbus Conduct Citizenship Essay Contest at Austin Catholic High School



Pictured with the winners are GK Ralph Engler (on right) and PGK Ron Kosciuszynski.

St. Kieran Knights of Columbus Council 13983 attended Mass at Austin Catholic High School in Chesterfield Township on February 7, 2020. Attending from the Council were Grand Knight Ralph Engler, Trustee Joe Kapral, and Past Grand Knight Ron Kosciuszynski. Also attending with the K of C were contest judges Monica Kapral, Chuck Filar, and Gina Filar.

The council members had the opportunity to speak to the students after Mass as well as to present awards to the winners of their Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The award winners for 12th grade were First Place winner Ethan R. Neff of Clinton Township, Second Place was Hannah Klatzke of Sterling Heights, and in Third Place was Jade Ruskus of Shelby Township. Receiving First Place at the 11th Grade level was Madeline Jane Beattie of Mount Clemens, Second Place was Victoria Dawidowicz of Macomb Township, and Third Place was Carmela Shorkey of Macomb Township. 10th Grade winners were Alexis Jarvis of Washington Township for First Place, Second Place was Philip Klatzke of Sterling Heights, and receiving Third Place was Austin Boettcher of Macomb Township. Recipients of awards from the 9th grade were First Place winner Annaliese Heath of Chesterfield Township, Kasandra Waldi of Shelby Township for Second Place, and Anthony Pizzo of Washington Township for Third Place. The students were presented with a certificate and a check in recognition of their efforts.

The Knights also presented the school with a \$1,000 donation.

Austin Catholic High School is a co-ed comprehensive college preparatory school serving young men and women of all faiths in northern Macomb County. Opened in 2011, Austin aims to cultivate healthy and resourceful students for college and beyond with a liberal arts program committed to the Augustinian values of Truth, Unity, and Love. Austin offers full academic and extracurricular programming, with highly qualified instructors and dedicated staff in a community environment.

Pope St. John XXIII Council 5436 Helping Hands in Waterford, MI!

Our Lady of the Lakes (OLL) parish members living on Florman Road in Waterford, Michigan saw their dirt road progress from poor to nearly un-drivable condition as this winter approached. The first snow storm of the year highlighted the poor road condition when drivers were forced to veer onto lawns to avoid getting stuck in the growing wash-out areas. Some elderly residents with sedans could only rely on OLL parishioners to pick them up in trucks and SUVs after the Christmas season.

When we heard this, we reached out to the township and the county road commission to act as advocates for the residents. When the government would not help because the road is designated "private," it seemed like a perfect opportunity to use the Helping Hands program. We contacted local road repair services for quotes but found the costs to be higher than anticipated and much more than the residents on the street could help subsidize. Without skipping a beat, the council approved funds to purchase the materials and committed manpower to do the job.

The volunteers immediately picked a day for the work and took off time from their jobs or stopped by between projects at home. A few council members who couldn't attend sent money for lunch or extra supplies. With ice covering the largest holes in the road, the first task was to use fishing spuds and digging bars to reach the original roadbed. The next task was to fill the largest holes with large crushed concrete. We soon noticed that the repair would only be partially effective with the original material budgeted due to an area that had washed out the crown of the road. A short time later, a resident stopped by with warm greetings for the crew and a donation. They shared what they saw with the other residents and let them know that KofC members from OLL were doing this work to help the community. Other donations came in quickly. Encouraged by this generosity, we ordered the additional material needed, even though it would extend the work for the day. The material was delivered promptly and allowed us to finish well before sundown.

The end result is a durable road surface that will prevent washout and provide safe travel for the residents through the spring thaw. Soon after, we'll return with digging bars, shovels, and a tractor to grade all the hard work into the permanent roadbed.



An 11 ft. wide, 1 ft. deep wash-out on Florman Road



The crew used many heavier tools that day, but these were their favorites for the finer work! (Pictured left to right: OLL Parishioner Gary Barnes, Warden Michael Mandziuk, Pro-Life Chairman Douglas Ritter, and Deputy Grand Knight Christopher Scheuer)



A durable and safe road surface for all the residents on Florman Road in both directions

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during papal liturgies and Supreme Knight Anderson also provided commentary on Pope Francis' visit on Fox News.

The Knights of Columbus also hosted Pope Francis at the K of C-sponsored Mercy Centre during World Youth Day 2016 in Kraków, Poland, where the Holy Father thanked the volunteers for "helping and serving the thousands of young pilgrims."

Pope Francis has been, and continues to be, vocally and spiritually supportive of the Knights of Columbus' initiatives. In his letter to the 2013 K of C Supreme Convention, he praised the Order for its charitable works, while encouraging the organization to defend the sanctity of life, marriage and the rights of believers.

Pope Francis has been especially grateful for the Knights of Columbus' material and spiritual aid to persecuted Christian communities in the Middle East, saying that the Order is a "sign of God's infinite love."

Not only does the Holy Father pray for Knights and their families but he also blessed the Order's initiatives, including the Silver Rose program — a program that promotes unified prayer for the unborn across multiple continents via silver roses with Knights as their stewards.

Recently, Pope Francis was presented with two silver roses, one which he kept and the other he blessed. The blessed rose is now on a 6,000-mile cross-continental journey from Alaska to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, stopping in British Columbia and 7 U.S. states along the way.

The Knights' collaboration with Pope Francis is part of the one hundred years of friendship with the papacy, all of which are detailed in the new book *The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History*. Pope Francis said it best about the Knights' continued support for not only him but past and future papacies: "Since its foundation, the Knights of Columbus has demonstrated its unswerving devotion to the Successor of Peter."

**State Membership Director
James N. Kraus**

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

Fraternally yours in service,
Jim Kraus
State Membership Director

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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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Paul & Sue Borchert

Shelby Council 13983

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Knights of the Month

Bay City Council 414

Bradley Covalleski
Rick Mistura
Ronald Makidon
Robert Wilcox
Mike Blair, James Kasper
Donald Francis
Richard Wasmer

Alpena Council 529

Jeffrey Bruski, Jason Banny
Raymond Anderson
Jerry Piontkowski *cky

Orchard Lake Council 600

Oscar Mittelstadt

Lansing Council 788

Mike Arens, Scott Chalmers

Monroe Council 1266

Arthur Bomia, III

Portland Council 2168

Richard Bengel, Gary Wight
Chijioke Oparaji

Hart Council 2199

Howard Schar

Standish Council 2724

Raymond Gehimann

Jeff Trombley

Gaylord Council 2781

Joseph Makarewicz,
Elijah Bragg

Westphalia Council 2890

Rick Droste, Dean Miller

Gary Schafer

Gene Feldpausch

Utica Council 2950

Robert Walz, Frank Singer

Grand Haven Council 2975

Daniel Deibel, Lance Kilinski

David Kauchek, Dennis Lord

Pinconning Council 2986

Michael Vieau, Kevin McKee

Caro Council 3224

David Frick, Johan Papp, Jr.

Riverview Council 3615

Stephen Reno

Allen Park Council 3774

Robert Cooper, C.T. Thomas

Arthur Orlowski

Berkley Council 3830

Thomas Bewick

Pete Schneider

Warren Council 3848

Larry DeMonaco

Dave Druzynski

Tony Burger *cky

Livonia Council 3959

Joshua Ralleza, Harvey Stroyan
Tom Little

Manchester Council 4354

David Helisek, Larry Benedict
Ronald Kohmescher

Farmington Hills Council 4401

James Filbert, Joe Gromola

Michael Evangelista,

Joseph Gromal, Anand Thakur

Lake Orion Council 4764

Ken Simpson, Richard Britton

Robert Deachin

Waterford Council 5436

Fr. Scott Thibodeau

Jeffrey Patrus

Michael Mandziuk

Rochester Council 5452

Mike McDermott

Robert Gillam

Robert Simpson

New Baltimore Council 5981

Louis Carducci, Jr.

Kenneth Morrow

Frank Hubbard

Brooklyn Council 6223

Kirk Falk *cky

Prudenville Council 6548

Robert Westen, Albert Post

Bill Monahan, John Lawrence

Roscommon Council 6593

Glenn Stuart, Kevin Sherman

Tmothy Keenan

Donald Croft *cky

Posen Council 6657

James Kendzorski, Tim Darga

Wally Roznowski

Michigan Center Council 6687

William Stoewer

Swartz Creek Council 6694

Joe Sollinger, Mike Kelly

Pete Glynn

Ortonville Council 6824

Lou Peifer

Macomb Council 7200

John Nofs, William Safran

ChijiokeOparaji

Brighton Council 7304

Anthony Swan

Grand Ledge Council 7311

Bruce Westen, George Bedard

Fenton Council 7418

John Riester, Thomas Temple

Arthur Erickson

Jenison Council 7487

Robert Cook, Ken Karafa

Daniel Twardokus

Karl Knittel *cky

Armada Council 7561

Ken Cazzbon

Jim Raska*cky

Freeland Council 7582

James LaMay, Al Sumption

Jim Oskvarek

Hale Council 7623

George Kosnak

Philip Donnelly

Durand Council 7955

Michael Perry

Thomas O'Brien

Hillman Council 8041

Bob Clark, John Milk

Bill Wittman

Sanford Council 8043

Jake Fortin, Ben Fortin

Howell Council 8169

Mark Roma, Ed Nickel

David Kleiner, Mark Grajek

Canton Council 8284

Ken Pietryga, Mike Manini

Jackson Council 8392

Mike Raczkowski

Nate Mathews

James Fountain

Lake City Council 8556

William Stankewitz

Auburn Hills Council 8659

Mike Merlo, Mike Kurkowski

Sean Sylvester, Jim Johnson

Montrose Council 8669

Matthew Jacob, Curt Palinsky

Fr. Jonathan Perrotta

Yale Council 8710

Calvin Fladzinski

Michael Ostrowski

James Stanley, Carl Vermeesch

Cass City Council 8892

Ron Rutkoski, Bob Butucel

Rob Paskowski

Mason Council 9182

Don Kill

Kimball Council 9526

Ronald Baranowski

Sean Vantiem, Dennis Bilina

Bennard Howard

North Branch Council 9568

Fr. Richard Trembl

Bruce Gormley, Al Kleiner

Lansing Council 9711

Louis Ebaugh, Fr. Bill Luggier

Frank Levandowski, John Page

Nick Nwabueze, Brad Bennett

Greg Perkowski

Kalamazoo Council 9962

Dr. Shaun Phillips

Don Pike, Jr.

Jeff Cypher, Jordan Beery

Preston Talanda Fisher

Lansing Council 10542

David Czelada, Paul Franco

Scott Cunningham

Ira Township 10724

Robert Clancy, Kevin Hagood

Mike Mytinger

Tony Czerniawski

Ann Arbor Council 10963

Kurt Hiester, Ron Fuller

Andy Fox

Lansing Council 11099

Michael Rademacher

William Parker, Eric Cullimore

Harrison Twp. Council 11658

Joseph Pernicano,

Sam Smith,III, Chris Goleski

Clinton Twp. Council 11689

Geno Pirrami, Chuck Twigg

Port Huron Council 11756

Brian Wit, Kevin McLaughlin

Novi Council 11811

Don Phelps, Carl Rickle

Sterling Heights Council 12102

Peter Ishioka, Dan Backes

Richardo Tovar

Mark Sulewski *cky

Gaines Council 12186

Frank Kondel, Brian Jones

Mike Gentry, Richard

Ockerman

Brent Cole*cky

West Bloomfield Council 12808

John DeMattia, Ben Evola

Roger Jean

Vicksburg Council 13305

Randall Hughey, James

Burgess

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Jadon Raines, Pat Schroeder
Kevin Golsch

Troy Council 13453

John Carry, Kevin Enright
Dan Dowdall

Dominic Bologna

Grosse Ile Council 13475

Doug Cryderman *cky

Waterford Council 13485

Larry Campbell
Muskegon Hts. Council 13579
Steven Muir, William Forton

Kristopher Piotrowski
Bradley Chorny

Farmington Council 13673

Lawrence Swanson

Jerry Weigold

Armin Russenberger

Sterling Heights Council 13799

Norm Purzycki, Dan Orban
Will Takle, George Haberer

White Cloud Council 13939

Thomas Eggleston,
Tim Frisbie

Shelby Twp. Council 13983

Roger Quitter, Paul Skalny

John Berg, Ken Kwasnik

Bob Ansell

Byron Center Council 14642

Mike Smith

Southfield Council 14928

Tim Cahoon, Tom Bassett

Canton Council 16169

Ron Kretschmer, John Guth

Eugene Suchyta

Marshall Grazioli

THE NEW EXEMPLIFICATION OF CHARITY, UNITY AND FRATERNITY

by

Eugene A. Murawski, State Ceremonial Director

The new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity has been a huge success. When Supreme came up with the new Exemplification, it took the place of the Admission, Formation and Knighthood Degrees that were being done. We had been told that some of the old script did not really pertain to the story that Father Michael J. McGivney wanted to be told back in 1882.

There is no more secrecy in the degree. The wives and children are encouraged to attend the degree. It was suggested to have the degree right after Mass. The entire degree will take around a half an hour to complete. This will give the men that are so busy the chance to join the Knights of Columbus.

I have attended some of the New Exemplifications and have heard from others who have attended, and all I hear is how well they liked the new way.

We have been doing degree work for many, many years. It goes back to 1882. There has been changes after changes, and all for the good. We have Brother Knights that have been doing degree work

for years to teach the lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. They have spent hours of studying their scripts and spending the whole day away from their families to teach the lessons. For the old guys, they will miss the old degrees. However, all of the staffs have agreed to shift to the new and keep on teaching the lessons.

I would personally like to thank all of the staffs that I have worked with over the years. I have been the State Director of Ceremonials for 12 years, and I have enjoyed every minute. I want to thank our current Conferring Officers of Kenneth Hanson, Bernard Hartman, Daniel Jakobiak, Peter Wilhelm and Richard Shelt for all of their support. I also want to thank my Staff Captains of Steve Jacek, John Brothers, Michael Hughes, Dave Luedtke, Michael Czajkowski, David Guenter and Frank Cieszlak for all of their help. Finally, I want to thank the hundreds of other Knights that had a part of the degrees current and in the past. We had a great run and now we must move on.

Thanks again for all of your support and God Bless.

Date of the	Start of the Exemplification	Location of	Council	Host DD	Host DD	Host GK	Host GK	Degree	Date the
Degree	of Charity, Unity and Fraternity	Degree	Number		Phone No.		Phone No.	Staff or DD	Degree Posted
									on the Web Site
4/25/20	Patriotic	Dewitt		David Buick	District #2				1/7/20
4/25/20	Patriotic	Bay City		Keith Woodrum	District #4				5/29/19
4/26/20	11:30 AM	Sterling Heights	7011	Wm Ibianski II	586-491-9900	Joseph White	586-556-2122	DD #4	2/11/20
4/26/20	10:00 AM	St. Clair Shores	3797	Alexander Truesdale	586-229-5951	Paul Desjardins	586-405-0664	DD #15	1/22/20
5/9/20	9:00 AM	Gaylord	2781	Patrick Oliver	989-731-5554	Dan Zanger	989-705-7772	Szoka	2/11/20
8/14/20	6:00 PM	Sterling Heights	13799	Joseph Gomez	586-773-9896	Mark Brickman	586-504-2651	DD #17	1/1/20

LASTING REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DEPARTED

St. Joseph Council # 12186

Memorial Plaque:

A beautiful and lasting remembrance is to have your loved one enrolled in the Knights of Columbus Vocations Committee Memorial Society Plaque, which now hangs in the chapel of Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. Memorial plaques can be obtained or a tax deductible gift of \$25 a line – maximum 4 lines per plaque (\$100).

APPLICATIONS FOR 2019 WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL OCTOBER 21, 2019.

Also, those enrolled will share in the daily masses, prayers and good works of the Priests and Seminarians of the Seminary.

Proceeds from this ongoing fund-raiser go to aid students studying for religious vocations that are in need of financial help.

K of C Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Major Seminary
 Sunday, November 10, 2019 @ 10:00AM.

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

Join us for our 18th Annual Gaines Community Rodeo!

July 17th and 18th

Rodeo begins at 6:30 pm both nights.
 Clowns – Balloons – Face Painting – Pony Rides

Live bands following rodeo in entertainment tent, open 8:30pm - 2:00am.

Visit us on Facebook: [Facebook.com/GainesCommunityRodeo](https://www.facebook.com/GainesCommunityRodeo)

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www.kofccouncil12186.org



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 The big ones and the small,
 A mother's love and tenderness
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- "T" rustworthy.
- "H" onoring.
- "E" ver-loving.
- "R" ighteous
- "S" upportive.

Applicants will be contacted for multiple line engraving information.

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

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

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Make Daily Prayer a Routine - Praying together as a family is a great way to experience the presence of God in the midst of our everyday lives. While there are many ways to pray, using the Bible as center and focus of family prayer time can be fruitful and instructive for everyone.

Learn more about the Saints – There are countless holy men and women who devoted their lives to care for those in need during times of sickness, pandemic and plague, such as Father Michael McGivney, The Four Holy Marshals, St. Damien of Molokai and the Fourteen Holy Helpers. Research books, articles and videos that explore the lives of the saints and teach your children about how Christians have helped others during times of pandemic.

Build a prayer space – Creating a space that is set aside for prayer in your home will improve the prayer life of your family. Prayer spaces can be as simple or elaborate as you want. Work with your family to choose a space, erect holy images or statues, add some candles and dedicate it strictly for prayer. Once you have created your prayer space, set aside some time for daily prayer together.

Offer spiritual bouquets – A spiritual bouquet is a collection of prayers or spiritual devotions that the sender will offer for the recipient. Families can design cards listing the prayers and send them to those in need, especially relatives, first responders, health care workers and nursing home patients. Families can also work with local groups to send care packages along with their spiritual bouquets.

Pray the rosary – The rosary is a powerful devotion for families that desire sainthood. One way to introduce this spiritual practice to children is to help them make their own rosaries. You can find guides for making rosaries [online](#). Make some extras and send them to relatives and those in need.

Pope names Ste. Anne Church a basilica, cementing historic parish's importance to Detroit

Designation of the second-oldest continually operating parish in U.S. a 'truly blessed' day, long time coming, archbishop says



DETROIT - A Detroit church has been declared a basilica by Pope Francis, a rare honor for a Catholic parish in the U.S., officials announced Sunday.

Ste. Anne Church is one of only 86 churches in the United States, including three in Michigan, to carry the title of Minor Basilica, the Archdiocese of Detroit said.

“In celebrating this honor, we embrace our added responsibility as a basilica to increase our efforts to serve as a

welcoming place of prayer and spiritual renewal for all who visit,” said Msgr. Charles Kosanke, the pastor.

“We pray especially for the intercession of Ste. Anne, patroness of Detroit and our parish, that she may become a special source of wisdom and inspiration for the faithful of the archdiocese and beyond.”

Ste. Anne parish, near the Detroit River, began in 1701 and is the second-oldest continuously operating Catholic parish in the U.S., with 575 families, the archdiocese said. The current church was built in 1886.

“To demonstrate it met criteria for becoming a Minor Basilica, Ste. Anne extensively documented its heightened liturgical activity and its architectural stature. ... It contains many artifacts from the so-called stone church, the church building that preceded the present structure,” the archdiocese said.

Archbishop Allen Vigneron will celebrate the designation at a Mass on April 26.

“As our founding parish, Ste. Anne was among the first fruits of a new missionary diocese,” Vigneron said in a statement.

“In the church’s designation as a basilica, it will stand as a profound reminder to all who visit of our continuing mission to unleash the Gospel in our communities. We in the Archdiocese of Detroit are truly blessed by the Holy Father’s recognition of its historic significance to the city of Detroit and its importance to the liturgical life of the entire archdiocese,” the archbishop continued.

Cruz staff contributed to this report.

2020 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Listed below are the Michigan winners and runners up for the 2020 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. This year's theme was Discuss the meaning of Virtue and how you live and embody the Virtue of Charity. Many fine submissions were received from throughout the state.

12th Grade Winner is Noah Bock from Temperance. His entry was submitted by council #8902 in Temperance.

12th Grade Runner Up is Hannah Klatzke from Sterling Heights. Her entry was submitted by council #13983 in Shelby Township.

11th Grade Winner is Madeline Jane Battie from Mount Clemens. Her entry was submitted by council #13983 in Shelby Township.

11th Grade Runner Up is Liam Regan from Grand Rapids. His entry was submitted by council #13641 in Grand Rapids.

10th Grade Winner is Gianna Dugan from Grand Rapids. Her entry was submitted by council #13641 in Grand Rapids.

10th Grade Runner Up is Alexis Jordan from Washington. Her entry was submitted by council #13983 in Shelby Township.

9th Grade Winner is Annaliese Heath from Chesterfield. Her entry was submitted by council #13983 in Shelby Township.

9th Grade Runner Up is Sam Blouw from Hudsonville. His entry was submitted by council #13641 in Grand Rapids.

8th Grade Winner is Gwendolyn Block from St. Clair Shores. Her entry was submitted by council #3725 in St. Clair Shores.

8th Grade Runner Up is Samantha Dick from Grand Rapids. Her entry was submitted by council #4362 in Wyoming.

These essays have been submitted to Supreme Council for consideration in the International Level Competition. Each of these winners and runners up will receive a certificate and gift card. Great work from all of those that entered!

Michael Haughey

State Youth Activities Director

Knights of Columbus Pro-life Contest Winners Council 7011

St. Nicholas Council 7011 Sterling Heights, MI conducted a 2019-20 Pro-Life Poster Contest. The theme of this year's contest was “Mother/Baby-Love Both of Them”.

There were three groups of participants-Group 1-(Grades 7/8), Group 2-(Grades 9/10), and Group 3- (Grades 11/12). First place winners in each Group received \$100 cash. Second place winners in each Group received \$50 cash. Third place winners in each Group received a \$20 Gift Certificate from a local Catholic bookstore.

An Awards Ceremony honoring all the winners was held on November 17th, 2019 with many students, family members and Knights attending. We thanked all winners and their families for their participation and support for this important annual contest.

The posters were returned to the participants so they could take them on the March for Life in January, 2020. We expressed our hope these and many others will participate again next year.

**They Were Knights?
A list of prominent members of the Knights of Columbus**

From presidents to writers and actors to athletes, here are some of the members of the Knights of Columbus have shaped the world we know today.

Babe Ruth

The Sultan of Swat. The King of Crash. The Colossus of Clout. The Great Bambino. Babe Ruth forever changed baseball unlike any athlete before him. A home run slugger, he paved the way in numerous batting categories, holding records for career home runs and more.

John F. Kennedy

President Kennedy, the only Catholic ever elected commander in chief, was a longtime Knight. He praised his brother Knights' charity and service, writing in 1961 that their "countless allied activities all unselfishly offered in the name of our common humanity have served to strengthen and solidify their hold on the public heart." Today almost 30 Knights of Columbus councils bear his name.

Fulton Sheen

Archbishop Sheen was one of the most influential Catholics of the 20th century. He hosted several radio and television shows, including *The Fulton Sheen Programs* which had roughly 30 million weekly viewers. His cause for sainthood is currently open.

Ed Sullivan *The Ed Sullivan Show* is among the most trend-setting variety shows ever that helped introduce Elvis Presley and The Beatles to the American public.

Ferdinand Foch

A French general, Ferdinand Foch became the Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Armies during World War I. He led the French, British and American troops. When Germany sued for an armistice, it was Foch who accepted those terms.

Vince Lombardi

Lombardi coached the Green Bay Packers to five NFL championships as well as the first two Super Bowls in 1967 and 1968. The Super Bowl trophy is now named in his honor.

Joyce Kilmer

Kilmer, considered the leading Catholic poet of his day, is probably best known for the short poem "[Trees](#)." He enlisted in World War I and was killed in action on the battlefields of France in 1918.

James Connolly

An author and athlete, Connolly was the first modern Olympic gold medal winner, winning the triple-jump in the 1896 games.

Jeremiah Denton

Commander Denton, a U.S. pilot, was an American prisoner of war in Vietnam. He was forced to participate in a propaganda interview, during which he blinked the word TORTURE in Morse Code to secretly reveal the reality of what was happening to American officials.

Paul Scully-Power

A world-renowned oceanographer, Scully-Power worked with NASA. He became not only the first Australian-born person to go into space, but also was the first astronaut with a beard.

Sargent Shriver

Shriver created the Peace Corps with his brother-in-law President Kennedy. The Peace Corps' mission was to help improve the health, education and general welfare in less developed countries around the world.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL 15937 OF LEWISTON

We have a new program being directed by our Chancellor Ken Maly. The program is called the Teddy Bear program. It began on December 14 and it was a fantastic success. The children of the community came to our parish hall where Ken has set up a machine that blows filling into the fake skin of a teddy bear. The children participated in making the bears. They also inserted a heart in the bear and each bear received a birth certificate and a scarf for the bear. The event was held from 10AM to 3PM with 240 children receiving Teddy Bears. After the official start date, we had a number of persons from the community requesting Teddy Bears. We ended up making another 100 for a total of 340 Bears.



Ken presenting bear to first customer



Boxes used for carrying your bear home

This free event was open to the community we had a waiting line of 2 hours. Nothing but happy faces. Each child received a bear and carrying box.

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More Than 2,000 Men Join K of C Amid Pandemic

Men continually seek ways to step into the breach to assist brother, parish and community during the coronavirus pandemic

By Tyler Lomnitzer



More than 2,000 men joined the Knights of Columbus during the first ever online Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity held on April 16. The exemplification was hosted digitally by the Supreme Council as a unique opportunity for men to join the Order in a time of social distancing and minimizing mass gatherings.

In his introductory remarks to the exemplification, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson emphasized that the Knights of Columbus' principles — charity, unity and fraternity— are “needed now more than ever.”

The online event took just under 40 minutes and nearly every jurisdiction in the United States and Canada was represented. Pennsylvania, Michigan, Texas and California were among the jurisdictions with the highest new member totals.

“Catholic men in our state, even during these times, want to belong to an organization like the Knights of Columbus to help others,” said William Chasse, the state deputy of Michigan, on the Order’s

opportunity to increase its charitable impact. “The more that join the more we can help.”

Pennsylvania State Deputy Mark Jago was pleased with the turnout, saying it’s “not surprising that Catholic men want to join us in our mission to serve others, especially now.”

Riley Quinlan was one of those men, joining the Knights during the first ever online exemplification.

“I was interested in joining the Knights to get involved with a specific church community, joined by like-minded Catholic men of faith,” Quinlan said. “I wanted to connect with God through a community I can routinely serve. I am interested in helping out where I can during the challenges presented by COVID-19.”

In addition to new men joining, more than 7,000 first and second degree members were able to obtain their third degree, and thousands more Knights and family members were able to observe and support the candidates. The new, public exemplification debuted earlier this year, with the first taking place at St. Mary’s Church in New Haven, Conn., where the Order was founded.

The Knights of Columbus is also adapting its charitable outreach during the COVID-19 pandemic, launching the new program “Leave No Neighbor Behind.” The program encourages Knights to lead their families, protect their parishes and serve their communities through a variety of charitable initiatives that also keeps members safe.

Members of the Order have access to state of the art insurance and investments benefits, as well as the opportunity to put their faith in action in order to leave no neighbor behind in a strong, Catholic fraternal setting.

2020 Keep Christ in Christmas Youth Poster Winners



Age 8-10 state winner is Valeria Delgado from Sturgis. Valeria's entry was submitted by Deacon Jerry Mix Council #2508 in Sturgis.



Age 5-7 state winner is Dylen Papke from Waterford. Dylen's entry was submitted by John XXIII Council #5436 in Waterford.



Age 11-14 state winner is Sophia Feldpausch from Byron Township. Sophia's entry was submitted by San Sebastian Council #14642 in Byron Center.

These winners will receive a certificate and a gift card, and their entries have been submitted to the Supreme Council for consideration in the international competition.

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