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FROM THE STATE DEPUTY

Walter K. Winkle, Jr.



Worthy Brother Knights, I continue to pray for all of you and your families during this Lenten Season. It has been mentioned that I, as State Deputy, have most likely had some of the most unfortunate events occur during my term as SD. Although this may be true, it does not lessen the fact that all of us have witnessed and experienced the same events together. We all have experienced the COVID infection or know of someone that has; most have survived, and others unfortunately lost their loved ones. We all have experienced the mandated shutdowns and use of masks. We, as Knights, did all that we could during this time to continue serving. This is as we are expected to do in service to our brothers and sisters, in the name of Jesus Christ. We participated in the "Leave No Neighbor Behind" Program, not only helping members and their families but also people in our parish communities and towns where we live. We all continued to pray for this trying time to be over soon and the sickness and death to stop. I believe I did my best to encourage all of you not to give up hope, knowing that there would be an end of this and that we will find a way back to living the way we all know and enjoy. I am aware that many other leaders from each of the Councils did the same. Our Bishops and Priests

communicated the same message as did our District Deputies and Grand Knights. You continued your programs in a safe manner and at the same time promoted our Order and expressed how important is to become a member to help your parish and council. You continued your programs to feed the hungry and cloth the poor and unfortunate. All of you that helped during this time deserve a huge Thank you and a commendation for all your efforts: you all kept this state going strong and showed the world what a True Knight is!

In a world that now has more ways to communicate than ever, it is amazing to me how so many members still don't know what their councils are doing, much less the State. We Knights in Michigan have this newsletter – the Michigan Columbian, the State Website – www.mikofc.org, the State Email – MiKofC.org, and the Sunday Constant Contact that goes to every GK and DD in the state. We ask the GKs and DDs to share this information with their email list. We send the Sunday Constant Contact once a week to reduce the number of emails you receive (except for prayer requests, they cannot wait!) To those councils not currently sending newsletters to their membership, I encourage you to do so now. Today would be a good day to help your council by volunteering to be an editor. Due to a lack of communication, candidates don't know how to join the knights or the outstanding programs we offer at the local and State level, many councils don't know what to do when they receive an e-membership, or they don't schedule an Exemplification for months because they don't have a Degree Team. True leaders will not have a reason why we can't do something, but in fact will find a way to make it happen. There is a solution to every problem that you have. If you can't find that solution after asking your DD or Diocesan Director or State Director, try saying a prayer and asking Jesus Christ for the solution. We all need to calm down and listen sometimes. It seems that the current restrictions have made many people very impatient and short tempered. Remember what we are all here to do, continue to be charitable with our time and talents and earn a chance to spend eternity with our Lord and God. Something to think about during our Lenten Season this year.

I encourage you all to ask a new member to join your council. Ask him if he would share just a small part of his time and talents. We have many incentives, such as, a council that achieves "Double Star Council" will not pay State Per Capita next year. There are raffle drawings for the members that recruit new members. There may be an incentive offered by your council also but, the true reward is possibly helping that man to be a better father and a better man, and he and his family to be better Catholics. I know myself that the members that I have gotten to know over these 33 years have changed my life for the better and I thank those members for sharing their time with me and my family. Now is the time for all of us to extend our friendship to those who have not yet joined. Many times, he and his family may already belong to a group that is doing great things for the church or community. By joining the Knights, we could then be working together in larger numbers reaching new heights for these programs. "Many hands make light work." Let's help grow our councils with Jesus Christ centered programs and new members and their families together!

We have a challenge this year once again across the State of Michigan. Those who insist on attacking the lives of innocent babies waiting to celebrate life with all of us and not supporting the mothers and families having these children. We are once again called upon to help save these lives by not allowing any change in our Michigan Constitution regarding abortion. All of <u>our mothers</u> chose life, so we must do our best to preserve this gift. We must honor this God given miracle and convince a woman who is considering abortion of the fantastic alternative of life. We have supported 76 Ultrasound Machines around the State and currently are working on funds for a mobile unit. Most importantly, we do not stop funding the places after the dedication of a unit. Many councils continue with diapers, formula, clothing, and money to support counseling for these new or growing families. Getting the word out to vote this year, will once again be supporting Life. We will have more coming out in the near future on how we can all help. I encourage all of you to read any petition that is handed to you before you sign your name to it!

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From The State Chaplain Rev. Paul Ballien



I recently received a notice from my car dealership of an important recall notice for my car, and that it is very important that I take it to the dealership to have the potential problem fixed. That notice reminded me of another important recall notice that I think we all need to be sure to respond to, and here it is:

Important Recall Notice:

The Maker of all human beings is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to the serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart. This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been technically termed, "Subsequential Internal Non-Morality," or more commonly known as SIN, as it is primarily

expressed.

Some possible symptoms of this SIN defect include: a) Pride, b) Greed, c) Envy, d) Wrath, e) Lust, f) Gluttony and g) Sloth. The Manufacturer, who is neither liable or at fault for this defect, is providing factory authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this SIN defect. The Repair Technician, Jesus, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required!

The toll-free number to call is: C-O-N-F-E-S-S-I-O-N. Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure. Next, download GRACE from the Repair Tech, Jesus, into the heart component. No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus (using the GRACE component) will help you to replace the SIN defect with: a) Faith b) Hope c) Love d) Prudence e) Justice f) Temperance and g) Fortitude. Please see the operating manual, HOLY BIBLE, for further details on the use of these fixes.

As an added upgrade, the manufacturer has made available to all repaired units a facility enabling direct monitoring and assistance from a resident Maintenance Technician, the Holy Spirit. The resident Maintenance Technician will also introduce many improvements into the Repaired Units. Repaired units need only make Him welcome, and He will take up permanent residence on the premises!

WARNING: Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids the Manufacturer's warranty, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list. The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace because the SIN defect cannot be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility. Thank you for your attention. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall. Vivat Jesus,

Fr. Paul Ballien K of C Michigan State Chaplain

Mass of Thanksgiving Honoring Blessed Fr. McGivney

On Sunday October 31, 2021, a Mass of Thanksgiving Honoring Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney was held at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit.

The Mass was celebrated by Michigan State Council Chaplain Fr. Paul Ballien and concelebrated by Fr. J.J. Mech the Rector of the Cathedral of The Most Blessed Sacrament. The lectors for the liturgy were Walter Winkle, Jr. State Deputy and Howard Wearthington District Deputy #130. The Mass servers were Garian Cook, Jaire Cook, Gerard Carisse, Ed Etim and Walter Glinka. The livestream minister was Jeremy Bastyr. The liturist for the Mass was Anna Romano. The musicians were Mr. and Mrs. Horst Buchholtz. A Thank you was given to Mark Breszinski Master of Michigan District One, Fourth Degree and the members of the Honor Guard who participated in the Mass.

This mass commemorates the one-year anniversary of Blessed Fr. McGivney's beatification.

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Bishop Robert J. Rose was the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Grand Rapids. He was born February 28, 1930 in Grand Rapids to Urban H. and Maida A. (Glerum) Rose (both deceased). He was one of three siblings, Mrs. Everett (June) Wittenbach of Lowell, and Mr. James Rose of Livonia (both deceased).

Robert was born in Grand Rapids as the Great Depression was beginning. The family joined Saint Francis Xavier Parish in Grand Rapids shortly after his birth. Robert completed eight years of elementary school at Saint Francis Xavier School. He began his formation for the priesthood at Saint Joseph's Seminary, where he completed high school and junior college. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from the Seminaire de Philosophie in Montreal, Canada. Further theological studies and preparation for the priesthood were undertaken at the Pontifical Urban College in Rome (the Church's missionary seminary), where he received his licentiate in sacred theology.

On December 21, 1955, he was ordained to the priesthood in the college chapel by Clemente Cardinal Micara, Pope Pius XII's Vicar General. Following his ordination, Father Rose received a master of arts in education from the University of Michigan.

In 1956 Father Rose was assigned to the faculty of Saint Joseph Seminary, where he served for thirteen years teaching religion, Latin, Greek (classical and New Testament), French and music (chant). From 1969 to 1971, he

served as the first director of Christopher House, a seminary residence near Aquinas College. From 1971-1977 he served as rector of Saint John's Provincial Seminary in Plymouth, where during his tenure the seminary was accredited by the Association of Theological Schools and North Central Accreditation. He returned to the Diocese of Grand Rapids to serve as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Muskegon Heights from 1977 to 1981.

In October 1981, Father Rose was appointed as the second bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord and was ordained and installed on December 6. In July 1989, following the retirement of Bishop Joseph Breitenbeck, he was appointed the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Grand Rapids. He was installed on August 30. After twenty-two years of episcopal ministry, Bishop Rose retired in October 2003. He died on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at Saint Ann's Home in Grand Rapids.

Key Accomplishments as Bishop of Grand Rapids:

- Held the first diocesan Pastoral Assembly in 1995, which identified five specific diocesan goals that focused on family, vocation and justice
- Launched the successful "In the Name of the Lord" capital campaign, which raised more than \$24 million to establish the Bishop's Fund for Catholic Education, the restoration of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew and the remodeling of Saint Henry Spirituality and Ministry Center
- · Established The Catholic Foundation of West Michigan, which today manages assets worth more than \$98 million
- · Reorganized and incorporated the Secretariat for Social Justice (now Catholic Charities West Michigan)
- · Regionalized Hispanic Ministry in the diocese
- · Developed lay leadership programs for both English and Hispanic parishioners
- · Established the Diocesan Pastoral Council and reorganized parish pastoral councils
- Fostered diocesan support in ecumenical and civic activities, including the "Institute on the Healing of Racism," the Grand Rapids "Summit on Racism" and the Greater Grand Rapids Community Marriage Policy.

Born into earthly life: February 28, 1930 Ordained a priest: December 21, 1955 Episcopal Ordination: December 6, 1981 Episcopal Ordination: December 6, 1981 Installed as the ninth bishop of Grand Rapids: August 30, 1989 Bishop Emeritus of Grand Rapids (Retired): October 13, 2003 Born into eternal life: March 2, 2022

From The State Secretary Christopher A. Kolomjec



My Brother Knights and Lovely Ladies, Vivat Jesus!

It really has been an incredible year to serve you all as State Secretary. Julie and I, along with all the other board members have worked diligently through many challenges. I hope we have been a good example and have always been able to show you that no matter the ups or downs we must be true to our duties and obligations we swore to uphold.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Jim and Amy Kraus for their close to 2 years of loyal service as State Warden to the board, we are sorry to see them go and wish them both the very best! I equally want to Thank Joe and Brenda Munie for stepping up and accepting the role to finish out the fraternal year. We welcome them to the role they performed in the past and are truly grateful.

As State Secretary, I would like to thank you for your prompt return of your per capita checks and Boysville Quota, If you have not received one, Please email our Executive Secretary, Larry Grabowski at <u>L.Grabowski@mikofc.org</u> and he can send you the amount. Remember that there are two invoices sent out each fraternal year. The first is sent around the end

of July and to other is sent in January. They must be paid to be able to seat a delegate from your council to our State Convention. I would also ask that you please send any monies collected in behalf of the 10 For Charity and Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowment Fund by the end of April. You will not receive an invoice for these because they are separate accounts that have full council discretion. I do ask of two things; I ask you to write a separate check for each account. The SHMSEF goes into our 501 c 3 Account and the 10 for Charity does not. The other is to place on the memo line what the check is for. If you do not have your council number on your checks, please include that on the memo line also! If you have more than one check, you can include in one envelope!

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

As the Convention Chairman, if you have any constructive ideas as to making it even better, please email me to share them. It takes many people to make this as successful as it has been in the past. I would like to thank these individuals for taking the time to make this so. There have been some minor changes with COVID and the new management of the Grand with regards to hospitality. Although the hotel will permit the bringing of food and alcohol for your private use, any large or open hospitality the hotel requests that you purchase food and alcohol from the hotel will now waive the \$200 daily set up fee. For the average hospitality room, the higher costs will be offset by the waived fees and the headaches that come with transporting and maintaining all the food and drink.

I would also encourage you now to start putting your best programs that have been done this last fraternal year and present it for a service award during our convention. Your Diocesan Program directors can help you if you need some guidance on the best presentation. All the state winners in each category will be sent to Supreme to be judged. If you are awarded first place, you will receive an invitation to attend the Supreme Convention in Nashville this year to receive your award. As a side note, any member and his family can attend the Supreme Convention. During the Month of May, the Supreme website will have the information available so that you can attend as a guest. I have done this for many years and have made several new friends while enjoying different cities each year.

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

Christopher A. Kolomjec State Secretary

State Family Director Garret A. Kelenske

My Brother Knights and Families, as I am writing this article, we are finally getting a slight break from the snow and winter is almost over. That means its time for our Good Friday Family promotion program. If your Council has not done this program before, this year will be the perfect opportunity. If you have been active in the Knights of Columbus for a while, we tend to do the same programs year after year, here is a change, something different with new possibilities. Promote the Good Friday services this year in your churches and invite some of the church members you have not seen lately back to services. Here is also an opportunity for your Council to invite the homebound or someone who just needs a ride. There is a full article on this program on the State website. Keep in mind that everyone including myself needs a little help and motivation to get started.

With Lent coming up there will be many fish fry's and Stations of the Cross. Please consider doing a Food Drive or a Diaper drive for a pregnancy resource center. I know that is not one of the programs I cover but we are all here to work together and strengthen our parishes and our community's.

From The State Membership Director Dan Fuller

We are nearing the end of Lent, and next week is Holy Week. We will soon be celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord. Over the last 9 months and the previous 30+ days of Lent, what has your council done to evangelize to the families of your Parish? Also, what do our Catholic communities deserve? They deserve a strong finish to our fraternal year. A strong finish filled with the prayerful service programs from all 424 active councils across our state. Please ask yourself and your Brother Knights if your council has engaged in the following Christ-centered programs. Have your councils been strengthened through evangelization efforts?

- COVID Recovery and Leave No Neighbor Behind programs where we call our Brother Knights and parishioners, inviting them to come back to church
- · Retreats and "Into the Breach" video study events for your Parish
- · Hosting and promoting an Icon prayer service at your church using the St. Joseph Icon
- · Promoting Good Friday services bringing back families to Good Friday services
- · Lenten renewal of our councils through inviting Catholic men to become Knights
- · Evangelizing through our witness to our parish and community through our Faith In Action programs

During our January Diocesan meetings, we discussed how membership in the Knights of Columbus empowers Catholic men and their families to live their faith more fully. This is a form of evangelization. If you don't agree, here is a quote taken from aod.org regarding evangelization. "Evangelization is bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to those around us. Jesus himself commanded us to evangelize. The Church exists to give witness to the Gospel." Our actions, programs, and lives we lead as Brother Knights give witness to the Gospel. Through our witness we change lives and strengthen the membership of our councils. If your council is strong and growing, it is likely due to your witness of the Gospel and your programs are Christ-centered. If your council is struggling to grow, look for ways to integrate prayer and Christ- centered programs into your meetings and pray specifically for your members and their families. Invite your members to pray for the council and parish, so that they may return to vitality and that families will again fill the pews. Remember as Knights, our sword is prayer and our shield is the good works of our Order.

What is needed for a Strong Finish? All the councils across Michigan must combine for a monthly growth rate of 240 new Brother Knights per month and a daily rate of 7+ new members. A strong finish is having 100+ councils earn the Star Council Award. A strong finish is **every council actively serving** their communities and strengthening their councils with new members. A strong finish is starting a least 4 new councils and serving every Catholic community with our Roundtable programs. A strong finish is 2020+ new Brother Knights and their families experiencing the empowerment of their faith through our Christ-centered activities. A strong finish is one that we are all proud of because we will have changed lives and saved lives.

Remember the membership growth resolution from the January edition of the Michigan Columbian? "I resolve to evangelize my Catholic faith through the action of inviting Catholic men to become Knights. Through this effort may my actions help these Catholic men to revive and renew their faith so that together we can share the responsibilities of putting our faith into action to serve our church, families and community." May we all live up to this resolution and keep our focus on Christ- centered activities. In doing so, we will always succeed in our efforts as Knights of Columbus. Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us. Dan Fuller, SMD

From The State Program Director Paul Palka

The game is not over, we still have the 4th quarter of the fraternal year to finish strong! We need to continue to show our Catholic Brothers and their Families why they should be part of our Knight Family! We need to complete the programs that we planned & submit our 10784s. Take stock of the results and begin thinking about the coming year.

As we visited each diocese for our diocesan meetings I asked the question, "Has COVID stopped the programs your parish or your council do?" The answer was a resounding "NO". Therefore, I'm asking each council to work on submitting a program book for consideration for a State Award. Each year at our State Convention one council in each program category is recognized. The winners are then sent to Supreme to compete against all the jurisdictions throughout the Order. Last year, our Monroe Council 1266 was recognized by Supreme as the winner of the Faith Category with their submission "regular Joe", prayer group. Not sure where to start? Pick your premier program and work with your Diocesan Program Director & District Deputy to help put together your council submission. Gathering the information should be easy if you have been completing your 10784 reports after every event this year. Accompanying your submission is the form STSP and supplemental information the due date for submissions is April 15th. Don't forget a picture is worth a thousand words and brings your event to life! Hopefully, each month this year your council has been recognizing the families who support the council, parish & community by naming them Family of the Month. We are now asking you to review your submitted 10784 Family of the Month forms and recognize a Family of the Year. Once your council has decided who that family is get with your Diocesan Program Director and District Deputy to complete the form 10680 along with your submission book of why this family should be Michigan K of C Family of the Year. What a wonderful way to recognize the family who are truly living their faith in action.

During the 4th quarter it is also the time of the year when we plan nominations for the next fraternal year. Please take the time to reflect on your role in your council. For me, if not encouraged by my father, I would have never dreamed of being a Knight let alone a Grand Knight. If not for the support of my Brother Knights in my Council and brother knights such as Bob Garstka, Tony Vittorini, Tom Marcetti, Mike Malinowski,

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Ladies Corner

Hello Michigan K of C ladies and all,

Now that the Ground Hog has seen his shadow it is time to begin planning for our MI state convention. Mackinaw Island-here we come. The island is a magical experience whether first time or a returned visit. The Knights fill the island staying at the Grand Hotel or downtown hotels, the island is our playground. First, let's start with packing. One formal dress for the banquet, dress clothes for the three

masses. Warm clothes for the living rosary, umbrella or stylish hat for the outside weather. Good walking shoes and socks, dress shoes, sunglasses, medication, pantyhose, jewelry to mention a few. Hydrocrafts transport us to the island, place your return stub in a safe place as to not pack it up, you will need it for your return to the main land. Your vehicle will usually be directed to a lot away from the dock. Be sure to mention the K of C for a discount on your ferry ride to the island.

Once on the island your luggage will either be delivered to your hotel or you pick it up on the dock, be sure your church clothes are worn or available, you may not have your luggage in time. If not come to mass as you are, God will love it.

With registration the delegates (men) get an agenda of all K of C happenings while present at the convention. If you are coming as guest to the convention then you need to get informed of the happenings if you want to participate. Check with K of C registration to get your itinerary. This will be an election year so plan for a great experience with several hospitality rooms throughout the hotel. We have opening mass with the possibilities of being in the Mac choir on Wednesday. Two additional masses both in the mornings of Thursday and Friday. The living rosary will be on Thursday morning, banquet Thursday night, Friday concludes the convention.

There is fun stuff to fill your day with downtown shopping, bicycle rentals, dining experiences, golf. The Grand featured an article recently in the Times Herald with new attractions in the tea garden with pickle ball, strolling the gardens, badminton, table tennis and tennis.

Mackinaw Island is a state park and can be explored on foot, by bicycle, carriage or horseback ride. Michigan Highway 3 is approximately 8 miles long and stops can include: Arch rock, skull cave, devils kitchen, "Somewhere in times" famous spot. If you like the waterfront for stone skipping or sea glass collecting on the shoreline is great.

Some other attractions are: butterfly house/insect world. St. Anne's Catholic church, Historical Mission Church, Wings of Mackinaw conservation department, Hauntsoif Mackinaw, the Fort-I heard there is a tea served there, Robert Stuart House Museum, Biddle House Light Museum, Richard and Jane Manoogian Mack Art Museum. Marquette Park, Waswashkamo gift. Carriage companies Gough Carriages, Mackinaw Island Carriage Tours can provide tours of the island. All should be available but check first as COVID has changed many things.

I am wishing you all a blessed Easter Season with good health and happiness.

Hope to see y'all soon whether it is on the island or at one of your council functions. May God continue to bless us, keep us safe, and give us peace.

Sincerely

Karen, Julie, Mandy, Pam, Brenda, Marybeth

FROM THE STATE DEPUTY

Walter K. Winkle, Jr.

Plans are coming together for our State Convention on Mackinac Island in the Grand Hotel. There are many hours and meetings that go into planning this for the Delegates. I would like to thank all these men and their families who volunteer the time it takes to put this on! This year it will start on Wednesday, May 25 and end on Friday, May 27. I will be keeping with our tradition of assigning rooms in the Grand Hotel to the councils that reach Star Council status by April 30, 2022. As an extra incentive, councils with Double Star and higher will receive the nicest rooms, and the 2nd delegate will have the option to stay at the Grand Hotel.

With the resignation of the State Warden, I would like to give a sincere and grateful Thank You to both Jim Kraus and his wife Amy as they shared their time with the State Board and members across Michigan. They both represented the Knights during their time in office with great honor and dignity and we wish them the best for their future. This will mean that this year's elections will include electing two new brothers to positions on the Board. If you are interested in running for State Office, please contact the State Advocate, Charlie McCuen, for proper guidance. Thank you and God Bless all of you and your families during this Lenten Season

From My Family to yours, Have a Blessed Easter

Walter K. Winkle, Jr. State Deputy

There is still time to:

Rise Up and Answer the Call

Programs = New Members

One Small Tootsie Roll, One Big Impact



St. Louis Center wishes to thank the Knights of Columbus for their ongoing support through the Tootsie Roll Drive. Over the years, St. Louis Center has benefited greatly from the Tootsie Roll Drive, which has been an integral part of making the Center a home for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD). In 2021 alone, the Center received over \$59,000 from the Tootsie Roll Drive donations, which continue to roll in. We are so grateful!

These donations have directly impacted residents' day-to-day care, new activities brought to St. Louis Center, existing programs, and the high standards necessary for the up-keep of the facility. We've received a large amount of support from the Knights of Columbus, and you all have contributed greatly to our goals and success since the

beginning, through the Tootsie Roll Drive and through other generous donations. We are grateful for all the ways the Knights of Columbus continue to support St. Louis Center and its mission.

You may wonder if the time you spend in your community selling Tootsie Rolls is really appreciated. With so many Knights in the state of Michigan does it matter if you participate or not? On behalf of the residents of St. Louis Center we can say a resounding, "Yes!" With many of the residents relying on benevolent care, your commitment to the Tootsie Roll drive is of immense importance.

May God bless you all in your efforts to raise money for organizations like St. Louis Center, and may you remember us as we near Palm Sunday and the Tootsie Roll Drives.

New Council at St. Michael Catholic Church Marquette



We have a new Knights Council at St. Michaels! "We're small, we're nimble and we're in service to the Church," said Grand Knight Matt Surrell of the new Knights of Columbus Father Jacques Marquette Council 17772. St. Michael Parish in Marquette is the home of the only new K of C council to form this fraternal year in Michigan. The council has 33 members and is growing, according to Surrell.

A former Grand Knight of the Msgr. Nolan McKevitt Council 689, also in Marquette, Surrell described the new council as "Catholic men of faith, who are charitable in action, focused on our families and serving St. Michael as liturgical ministers, committee members and volunteers, as a parish-based council"

Father Greg Heikkala, parish pastor and Knight himself said, "Father Dustin (Larson, council Chaplain) and I are

grateful to be part of the beginnings of a new Knights of Columbus council at St. Michael Parish. The Knights are the backbone of many parishes and live out Catholic values that are compelling to all. We encourage men to consider becoming Knights.

"The Knights are a welcomed and great asset to St. Michael, even though they always had an active presence, their works have expanded greatly in just the few months since formation, and I expect their impact to grow with each passing year."

During the formation of the council, Surrell said several "Meet the Knights" gatherings were held to survey members' interests and to see how they would like to serve the parish. A "Faith in Action" plan was put in place with the first goal of providing friendship and financial support to a seminarian. Advent wreath sales raised \$500 to be presented to a seminarian.

Other projects include supporting the Care Clinic in Marquette. The council joined with Council 689 in Marquette to decorate the clinic's building for Christmas with wreaths and garland. Surrell said a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest was conducted garnering 92 entries from area youth.

Choosing a council patron was a difficult challenge. Surrell said, "Eventually, we narrowed down our list and ultimately choosing the French Jesuit priest Father Jacques Marquette, not because our county, city, or diocese bears his name, or that he was an intrepid explorer, but because of who this holy man was and is, his witness, his fortitude, his courage, his drive to evangelize and his selfless devotion to God is what he represents to us and he will be a motivating example for our council."

The fledgling council had its charter unveiled following a special Mass at St. Michael Parish on Jan. 14, 2022. State Deputy Walter Winkle Jr. was in attendance and commented, "It's nice to see new growth in our order, especially with the age range of this council. We have a good, young group. I'm excited that it's up here in Marquette. The more men we have as Knights, the more we can help our priests and parishes." The photo and article that released by The UP Catholic authored by John Fee.

Those interested in joining the Knights of Columbus may visit www.kofc.org/joinus for more information or to join.

General Agent Corner





Spring will soon be here, with a new season and a blessed Easter and a beautiful Eastertide approaching, it's time to start planning again. With spring and some break in the weather fast approaching, I've started to put together my honey-do list that will take me outside into the sunshine...at least I hope it's going to be sunny when I get outdoors to do all these chores. I don't know about you, but this time of year seems to energize me. After being cooped up all winter, and this year really being cooped up, I've been able to think of all the things I need to get done. Some of that includes physical repairs around the house, getting the lawn and flowerbeds ready to go, maybe even washing some windows. I've had some estimates for work I need done around the house. Every craftsman has told me their business is booming. So many people have noticed things that need to be done around the house since they've been inside for the better part of a year.

And as you sit around and consider all the things that you need to get updated, let us make a suggestion that may put your mind and your family's mind at ease. We know this year has continued to be unpredictable in many ways, but let's be honest, pandemic or not, life is unpredictable. We can't see what the future will bring, but we can plan for the unexpected. Remember that as a member of the

or not, life is unpredictable. We can't see what the future will bring, but we can plan for the unexpected. Remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus we your partner on your journey to prepare for and face the unpredictable.

Just as we take stock of the physical changes that need to be considered, I'd suggest that you take stock of where you stand protecting your family. The Knights of Columbus has partnered with industry leader Advicent to help us help you. We can use Advicent's state-of-the-art software to provide you with a comprehensive financial needs analysis. With it we can help you take stock of where you are today, where you want to go, and how close you are to achieving your goals. We can help you identify any gaps in your coverage or issues you should address. This will give you a comprehensive look at where you stand. While many other companies charge for this kind of service, the Order has invested in this software to help us agents help our members. This financial needs analysis is free of charge as a fraternal benefit of membership.

We feel we have a special bond of brotherhood with all our members and we are committed to helping protect Catholic families...your family... while furthering the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney. Please take time to meet with your Field Agent and take advantage of this free benefit of membership.

In Christ Don M. Wesley FIC, FICF Knights of Columbus Insurance General Agent-Southeast Michigan 2 Crocker Blvd., Suite 301 Mount Clemens, MI 48043 Office: 888-393-7539 Fax: 586-591-6500 E-Mail: don.wesley@kofc.org Website: http://kofcwesleyagency.org/



Good Friday April 15 2022

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PSD Bill Chassé Named Supreme Regional Growth Director



By: Thomas Wegener

Congratulations to Richard Council 788's own PSD Bill Chassé .

Bill has been hired by the Fraternal Mission Department of Supreme Council as a Regional Growth Director (RGD). He began at the beginning of November and attended the State Deputies' Mid-Year Meeting in Nashville, TN. Bill 'follows' in the footsteps of PSD Richard McCloy of 788, who in 2003 was hired by the Membership Department of Supreme Council as a membership and Program Consultant (MPC), spending ten years helping State Deputies make their goals and quotas, including those in Michigan.

Over the past twenty years the names and titles have changed but the work of these important envoys of the Fraternal Mission continues. Bill has been assigned the states of Iowa, Illinois, and Michigan. He will be working with those jurisdiction's State Deputies, State Officers, State Membership , State Program Directors and other state leadership as necessary. As noted above, Bill will help these jurisdictions and officers to make their goals and quotas. He will attend their Summer and Winter Meetings bringing new ideas and promotions from Fraternal Mission. Bill will be a conduit and

promoter of membership and program campaigns from Fraternal Mission to the Jurisdiction. He will also assist with concerns brought to his attention between the jurisdiction and Fraternal Mission.

Bill and Marybeth will continue to live in Michigan and travel to his jurisdictions as needed, so we will see them around the State, council 788 and St. Gerard Parish.

When you see the Chassé's please congratulate Bill on his new position.

Thomas M. Wegener, PSD, Former Supreme Director

St. Louis Center is Awarded CARF Reaccreditation

CARF accreditation signals a service provider's commitment to continually improving services, encouraging feedback, and serving the community.

A benchmark in the field of health and human services is accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). CARF, founded in 1966, is an independent, nonprofit accreditor of health and human services in Aging Services, Behavioral Health, Child and Youth Services, Employment and Community Services, Vision Rehabilitation Services, Medical Rehabilitation, and Opioid Treatment Programs. St. Louis Center was first awarded CARF accreditation in 2006. Every 3 years since, SLC staff has diligently raised the bar on the delivery of

services to the residents. The proof is in the survey results and re-accreditation process, the most recent in 2021.

According to the 2021 CARF Executive Summary, "St. Louis Center has many strengths, including its skilled, experienced, team-oriented leadership and staff members; the variety of methods it uses to gather stakeholder input; its effective report preparation; its creative service delivery practices; and the homelike environment provided to residents residing on the campus. St. Louis Center exercises vigilant health and safety practices to protect the residents and staff members and has conducted continuous services throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.... Residents, their families, and other stakeholders expressed great satisfaction with and appreciation for the organization and its services and staff members."

The CARF surveyors reported that SLC continually strives to improve on areas of recommendation from past evaluations and noted that the organization has many strengths as noted in the quote above.

St. Louis Center is very proud of being awarded accreditation after each survey and strives to meet and exceed any recommendations and suggestions by surveyors in order to offer high-quality services to stakeholders.

St. Louis Center is a residential care facility for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities now operating in its 62nd year. For more information about St. Louis Center or to support any of the Center's programs, please visit www.stlouiscenter.org, or call 734-475-8430.



Left to Right) Amy Fielder, SLC Finance Director; Sheryl Mohr, SLC Social Services Director; Deana Fisher, SLC Chief Operating Officer; Fr. Enzo Addari,SdC, SLC Chief Executive Officer and Rick Visel, SLC Program Director, were the key personnel in successfully completing the CARF survey.

For more information about the St. Louis Center CARF reaccreditation: https://stlouiscenter.org/slc-achieves-carf-re-accreditation/

To view this and other St. Louis Center press releases: https://stlouiscenter.org/about/news/press-releases/

State Family Director Garret A. Kelenske

We have had a slight increase in the number of Families of the Month being submitted and I would like to thank the Councils that are participating in this program. What a great way to recognize a deserving family and an easy way to work on our membership goals. Keep up the good work and if your Council is not doing this program get involved and take up this program.

Your Brother in Christ Garret A. Kelenske State Family Director

Raffle Items Needed for the 2022 Michigan Knights of Columbus State Convention **Please Donate** To the Ladies Charities Raffle **To Benefit Holy Cross Services** Volunteers will be needed to help with Ticket sales. set up and pack-up. Ladies, please use the enclosed signup sheet and return before April 15th. Please contact the State Advocate's Wife By phone or e-mail: Pamela McCuen 23249 Deziel, St. Clair Shores MI 48082 Cell: 313 641-1045 Email: p.mccuen@mikofc.org Thank you for all you do! All Delegate donations should be brought to the Island with you None delegates give your donation to your District Deputy he will bring them to the Grand Hotel on May 25TH 2022. With your donation sheet

2022 Mackinac Island Raffle for the Annual Michigan K of C State Convention in support of Holy Cross Services

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THANK YOU, Michigan Knights of Columbus!!

All our HCS clients, all those served at our homeless services center (adults, children, and veterans) plus all our children we serve in the community and in our residential facilities were SO excited and grateful to all the Michigan Knights and your family and friends who gathered sweatshirts, bath baskets, gift cards, and so many other thoughtful Christmas gifts. Here are just a couple thank you notes the children made.

Thank You All! We Appreciate Every One of You!



HCS Welcomes A NEW CEO!

Holy Cross enters the new year with a new CEO, Susan Rosas. Susan joined the team in February, and we are grateful to have her join the agency. Susan comes to Holy Cross with a depth of social service and child welfare experience, and she has a missiondriven mindset and heart.

Susan shared that, "For nearly two decades, I have dedicated my career to helping children find safety and nurture within the love of family, and to helping individuals from hard places find peace, stability, and joy. Holy Cross believes, as I do, that our mission is bigger than ourselves. I am honored to join the Holy Cross Services team, and to help further the extraordinary mission Holy Cross has served for more than 70 years."

Susan holds a master's degree in Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago. She has worked in many systems in Florida, New York, Illinois, Kenya, Cambodia, Texas, and U.S. federal care, and she is very excited now to be focusing her efforts in her home state of Michigan.

We hope you will get to meet her very soon in your travels and events across Michigan this year.





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



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Lansing Council 788

Families of the Month

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Knights March for Life



Supreme Knight Kelly expressed support for the march as Knights from across the U.S. assembled in nation's capital during historic year for protection of the unborn.

Knights of Columbus leadership pose with college Knights in front of the U.S. Supreme Court building during the 49th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., Jan. 21. From center to right: Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, Deputy Supreme Knight Paul O'Sullivan, Supreme Secretary Patrick Mason, Supreme Advocate John Marrella and Vice President of Public Policy Tim Saccoccia. (Jeffrey Bruno) (*Photo by Jeffrey Bruno*)

Knights of Columbus from across the United States joined other pro-life advocates Jan. 21 in Washington, D.C., to speak for the rights of unborn children at the March for Life. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, attending the demonstration for the first time as leader of the Knights, expressed his support for the tens of thousands of people who took part in the annual rally and march from the National Mall to the Supreme Court building.

"I am proud to join the thousands of Knights who traveled to our nation's capital from across the country to march in solidarity with all who believe in the dignity and worth of every human life, and who recognize the scientific fact that life begins at conception," the supreme knight said. "Our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, devoted his life to the care of widows and orphans," he added. "The Order's mission to support

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AROUND THE STATE

Down With The Old

In preparation for the arrival of their new pastor, members of Sacred Heart Council 8659 in Auburn Hills, Mich., removed the dilapidated fence outside the rectory at Sacred Heart Parish.

Houghton Lake Council Council 6548



L - R; Mike Eva and Grand Knight Clyde Straub Council 6548 awards \$1,500 to area 04, Special Olympics of Michigan, from the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll drive fundraiser held last fall . The Knights at the Houghton Lake Council are proud to be able to help over 200 Special Olympic athletes in bowling, basketball, softball, and winter sports. Area 04 encompasses the counties of Roscommon, Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda. For more information visit the Special Olympic's website at <u>SOMI.ORG</u>. Special Olympics is always looking for support from the communities it serves.

Baby Bottle Drive

St Paul of Tarsus Council #11689 in Clinton Township MI conducted a Baby Bottle drive during the month of October. The generosity of the local parish was amazing. A total of \$8000 was collected in short time.

The money will be distributed evenly to two local Ministries-Abigail Ministries which assists adult pregnant women and their children by introducing them to the Gospel and equipping them to be self sufficient through a residential housing program and Gianna House which provides a safe house for at-risk pregnant girls and young women and their newborn infants while providing spiritual, educational and parenting support and resources.

Father Kramer Council 2835

We have several instances where a father and son are in the same council. But how many fathers and their sons, can lay claim that they are both Honorary Life members? May we introduce you to Eugene L Laskowski, and his son, Daniel E Laskowsk





On November 5 & 6, 2021, Knights of Columbus Thunder Bay Council in Ossineke, MI held a can and bottle drive to raise money for the Options Pregnancy Center in Alpena MI.

With help from Alpena Council 529 and Lincoln Council 4235 the project was a huge success. Pictured above Alpena Grand Knight Michael Kieliszewski and Ossineke Grand Knight Robert Sierota present a check for \$1,500 to OPC Treasurer Terry Denmark. OPC assists women with pregnancy decisions, connection to community resources and support by phone, text and in person appointments

Tip-Up-Town, USA

Photo left to right; Deputy Grand Knight Steve



Sandoval, Grand Knight Clyde Straub, Knight Jim Jaseck, Knight Jack Champagne

The Houghton Lake Knights of Columbus participated at TUT this year. We held a fundraiser/recruiting event inside the Merchant tent. We sold coffee, hot chocolate, and mini donuts on a donation basis. The proceeds from this event will be donated to the food banks within our community.



St. Francis of Assisi Council 4401 & OLS Dignity of Life Committee Baby Bottle Drive for AWPC

St Francis of Assisi Council 4401 and the Dignity of Life Committee partnered up to hand out baby bottles after every mass on the weekend of January 22 and 23rd. Both groups participated in the return collections prior to each mass the weekends of January 29 and 30th.

There is a tremendous synergy between the Knights of Columbus and Dignity of Life Committee, where 3 of the members of the DOL committee are Knights. A to- tal of **\$6386.05** were collected and provided to Another Way Pregnancy Center.

First Communion Sacramental Gifts St Francis of Assisi Council 4401



This fiscal year, Our Lady of Sorrows will have 109 first communicants receiving the Holy and Blessed Sacrament of the Lord for the first time. St Francis of Assisi council provides each of the candidates a Knights of Columbus Rosary and Guide on how to pray the Ro- sary, as well as holy cards of Pope Francis, Consecration to the Holy Family, Pope St. John Paul II, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Our Lady of Guadalupe prayer cards along with a K of C special coin and an invitation for the families to join our council. The packages will be blessed before they are distributed to the communicants.

St. Francis of Assisi Council 4401 South Oakland Shelter Homeless Meal

February 10 2022

During traditional times, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish hosts the South Oakland Shelter and houses and feeds struggling families that are having a difficult times. With covid changing everyone lives in March 2020, the program was suspended in February 2021.

This year, St Francis of Assisi rose and answered the call. We provided a warm roast beef meal with mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and a roll for 96 SOS individuals. We cou- pled our efforts with the RCIA team whom provided all of the desserts. This was done on Thursday February 10th this year. We were asked not to take pictures.

From The State Program Director Paul Palka

Walter Winkle and others I would never have thought about accepting the position of District Deputy. Just like asking a man to become a member of the Knights, we also need to help each other to rise Up and Answer the Call of leadership with our councils & state leadership. Please pray on taking the next step & don't be afraid to ask the advice of others as you continue to grow in the K of C family. I want to leave you with these final thoughts.

- 1. Have I reached my personal goals as a Knight and where do I see myself next year?
- 2. Have I assisted with the membership goals of my council? If not, what can I do to make sure we reach our goals?
- 3. Have I helped my council execute great programs that help our community? What can I do to continue the great programs we have and make them better?
- 4. Finally, what excellent program and what family should my council submit to be recognized by the State and possibly Supreme as Program of the Year and Family of the Year.

Make sure you Rise Up & Answer the Call!

Programs = New Members

State Program Director

Paul Palka

Upcoming events

- Return Donations to Sacred Heart Endowment Fund 4/15/22
- Return Donations to Take 10 for Charity 4/15/22
- Rosary at the State Capitol 5/14/22
- State Convention 5/25-5/27
- Special Olympics Opening Ceremony Mt. Pleasant 6/2/22
- Sp-7 Form Due 6/30/22
- Form 185 Due 7/1/22
- Summer Leadership Meeting 7/1-7/3
- Eagle Committee Golf Outing 7/23/22
- We Are One Golf Outing 8/20/22
- Installation of State Officers 9/10/22
- · 10784 Due After Every Event
- · 450 Due After Every Exemplification

Raffle



bronze medal. She is a 2020 USA Olympian who won the bronze medal in the 4x100 freestyle relay in Tokyo, Japan. Richard is the Director of Development for the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Monroe, Mich. They wish good luck to all the raffle ticket purchasers, knowing that their support goes to a worthy cause.

Houghton Lake Council 6548



Photo L - R; James DeArmond and Grand Knight Clyde Straub

The Knights of Columbus of Houghton Lake is pleased to present a \$500 award to the Lion's Den of Roscommon, MI to help promote their **continued on page 18**

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May They Rest In Peace

Sanford Council 8043 Robert Meyette Whittaker Council 8113 Thaddeus Grekowicz, PGK Montrose Council 8669 Raymond Anders, PGK Ann Arbor Council 8989 Howard Zeck, FDD Lansing Council 11099 Ray Michaels, William Parker Harbor Beech Council 11432 James Swartz, Field Agent **Port Huron Council 11756** Todd Leveille

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

LASTING REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DEPARTED

Memorial Plaque:

A beautiful and lasting remembrance is to have your loved one enrolled in the Knights of Columbus Vocations Committee Memorial Society Plaque, which now hangs in the chapel of Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. Memorial plaques can be obtained or a tax deductible gift of \$25 a line – maximum 4 lines per plaque (\$100). <u>APPLICATIONS FOR 2021 WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL OCTOBER 15, 2022.</u>

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.

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Applications are available at:

- 1. Michigan Columbian
- **2.** By contacting Bob Garstka at rjgars@comcast.net (586) 484-0781. Sponsored by the K of C Detroit Archdiocese Vocations League

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MICHIGAN STATE COUNCIL CONTACTS

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

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Daniel fuller, State Membership Director, <u>d.fuller@mikofc.org</u>

Paul Palka, State Program Director, <u>p.palka@mikofc.org</u> For further information about E-membership go to: <u>www.kofc.org/joinus</u>

Knights of the Month

Canton Council 16169 Timothy Woods Deacon Pat Conlen Washington Twp. Council 16630 Reynold Sagert, John Sabina, Jr.

Edward Sachs,III *cky



Pictured L- R : Larry Casale, Grand Knight Clyde Straub

Habitat for Humanity store at Houghton Lake sells building and restoration products, appliances, and furniture at very low prices. The local community can donate items to the store for reuse. Habitat, along with the cooperation of local area service organizations has built homes for those in need. The \$500 check funds were derived from the K of C Council Scrambles Golf Tournament at the Pineview Highlands Golf Course at

Houghton Lake. Please go to Habitat's Website for more information about how you can help.

Programs = New Members

Knights of Columbus Insurance Named to Forbes' America's Best Insurance Companies 2022 List

NEW HAVEN, Conn. - Knights of Columbus Insurance has been named to the Forbes *America's Best Insurance Companies 2022 List.* The award is presented by Forbes and Statista Inc., the world's leading statistics portal and industry ranking provider. *America's Best Insurance Companies 2022* were identified in an independent survey based on a vast sample of over 16,000 U.S. citizens with at least one insurance policy. Knights of Columbus ranked #6 on the Forbes list among life insurers who issue permanent life insurance.

Houghton Lake Council 6548

Christian-centered ministries to help individuals with difficult life choices. Please visit the Lion's Den website for more information about the humanitarian work they are doing in our community. The funds were derived from a K of C Council 6548 fundraiser at the Pineview Highlands Golf Course of Houghton Lake and the contributions of Gordy LaFontaine, the Pineview owner.

Rise Up and Answer the Call for Life!

At every opportunity our unique position for Building a Culture of Life within the Knights of Columbus and our parish communities is stressed. That position incudes the initiatives supporting Prayer, Taking Action, Standing Up and Giving all for the purpose – Defending Life. With over 400 councils supported by nearly 62,000 members, we are a driving force for not only those we are in close contact with, but the general public at large.

With the Dobb's v. Jackson Women's Health Organization hearing and deliberations well underway, another significant movement is underway. That movement, lead by Planned Parenthood, American Civil Liberties Union, and Michigan Voices, has introduced a ballot petition that would lay the groundwork to overturn Michigan's 1846/1931 Amendment banning abortion. The first step of the "Reproductive Freedom For All" is acquiring the required 425,000 valid signatures by July 11th for placement on the November 2022 ballot.

In the face of this movement, our mission is to **Stand Up for Life** by staying focused on the following:

- Stay informed on the Supreme Court proceedings with the Dobb's case
- 2) Educate yourself on the Michigan "Reproductive Freedom For All" petition wording
- 3) Make known your stance to decline signing this petition
- 4) Look into and participate in local efforts to discourage signing "Reproductive Freedom For All" petition

Your efforts in **Taking Action for Life** by supporting the Ultrasound initiative is inspiring. To date 75 Ultrasound dedications have taken place throughout Michigan. With six Ultrasound dedications waiting in the wings and four others at the beginning of the process will lead to 85 Ultrasound placements potentially by the end of this fraternal year! It should be noted that as Supreme announced the placement of the 1,500th Ultrasound in the Order, Michigan played a prominent role in making the achievement happen.

A thank you for those who attended the 44th Annual Respect Dinner held on Tuesday, April 5 and making a special effort in the **Giving for Life.** At this critical time for pro-life initiatives your Giving for Life is a testament to our drive Building a Culture of Life.



Standing Up for Life - From the Roe v. Wade Memorial & March at the State Capital (January 19, 2022) to the 49th March for Life in Washington, D.C. (January 21, 2022) the Knights of Columbus presence was made.









Prayer for Life – pray for our Supreme Court Justices to make the right decision for Life. Do this through individual prayer and a Council Novena for Life. Lead or support a Mass for People with Special Needs.

More Giving for Life – continue to support your local pregnancy center and RTL affiliate through your time and talents or generosity of funding. Giving of blood at your parish or local blood drive. Support of Christian Refugee Relief program.

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Thank you for purchasing over 1,100 **"Created in the Image of God"** baby blankets. These blankets with the Knights of Columbus logo and inscription **"Created in the Image of God"** help support local pregnancy centers, make wonderful parish baptism gifts, or bring comfort to local hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU).

As a final note, this is the year for your council to submit a Service Program Award submission to highlight and recognize your council's Life efforts at the state and potentially national level. We've seen the outstanding work Defending Life by online Novena's for Life, sponsoring blood drives, breakfast and dinner for the Christian Refuge Relief fund or participating in the Life Matters Abortion Cross tribute display to name a few. Take this opportunity to highlight your council's Life efforts and share with potential members why they should join the Knights of Columbus.

Thank you for Rising Up and Answering the Call for Life!



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Knights March for Life

mothers in need and their children, both unborn and born, is at the core of who we are as Knights." Knights have served as volunteers at the March for Life since its founding, assisting with management of the event, distributing signs, and providing funding and logistical support for attendees.

"I'm especially proud of the Knights' involvement in the march since 1974. This year, the usual seriousness of the march is brightened by the hope that the Supreme Court will finally overturn *Roe v. Wade*," stated the supreme knight, who previously served as chairman of the board of directors of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund.

A new Marist Poll, commissioned by the Knights of Columbus, shows that 71% of Americans support legal limits on abortion and 81% believe our laws should protect both the mother and her unborn child. These findings come as the Supreme Court weighs *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the most significant challenge in many years to *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark case that legalized abortion in all 50 states in 1973. Oral arguments in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization were heard in early December and a decision is expected in the coming months.

Happy Thanksgiving, Vets Returning Home!

The COVID pandemic had made for challenging times at the Vets Returning Home shelter in Roseville. Precautions against the virus had not permitted Vets Returning Home to conduct several of its normal fundraising activities throughout the year. It had also impacted the businesses that would normally supply the shelter with meals, causing their food pantry to dwindle significantly. In addition, Vets Returning Home had lost all of their grants due to the pandemic. Their need had become dire. Vets Returning Home had even resorted to placing collection jars in various business locations asking for donations in an effort to raise the money needed to stay in operation.

Meanwhile, 800 meals a week needed to be served through their kitchen to the veterans who reside there. The shelter also helps to supplement many families in the veteran community. Thus, Vets Returning Home was, and continues to be, in desperate need of money. Money to pay utility bills. Money to buy fresh meat, produce, and diary. Money to purchase needed household items. Money to pay for needed maintenance and repairs. Money to provide the veterans residing there with an enjoyable and memorable Thanksgiving dinner.

St. John Neumann Knights of Columbus Assembly 478 decided to assist those veterans by conducting a virtual food drive to raise the sorrily needed funds. A virtual food drive allowed the Assembly to collect funds instead of collecting canned and boxed items that potentially could be out of date as well as difficult to collect and deliver.

The Assembly was able to raise \$1,828.00 as a result of their efforts. A check for that amount was gratefully received by Vets Returning Home.

Father Peter Robertson Council #7582



During the summer of 2021, the Father Peter Robertson Council #7582 in Freeland, Michigan repaired the community nativity figures. Nature took its toll over the years and the figures were in drastic need of repair. Body parts were falling off and the paint was very faded and chipped. Steve Harrand completed the body work and joined Jim and Kay LaMay and Frank Tomsich to paint them. That was nearly 100 service hours to get this done and they look great





location is at the Freeland United Methodist Church as more people can see the Creche there due to its location.

On December 4th, 2021 Council 7582 set up the creche and it was blessed by Father Andy LaFramboise of St. Agnes Parish, in Freeland.

1,500th Ultrasound MachineDonated This initiative has allowed more than 1 million moms to see their unborn babies

The Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative surpassed a major milestone today, placing its 1,500th ultrasound machine through its signature donation program.

The machine was donated to the First Choice Women's Resource Center in New Brunswick, N.J., and blessed by Bishop James Checchio of the Diocese of Metuchen during a dedication ceremony attended by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly.

"Knights of Columbus believe in the dignity and worth of every human life," said Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly. "Our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, devoted his life to the care of widows and orphans. We continue the Order's mission by working tirelessly, through prayer and action, to support mothers and their children, both unborn and born."

Since 2009, the Knights has placed ultrasound machines in all 50 U.S. states — with more than 100 in Florida, California and Texas. Through the initiative, the Order covers the entire cost of this life-saving technology for the center — local councils raise half the purchase cost, and the Supreme Council contributes the balance. The total value of these machines now stands at more than \$72 million. Beyond the Ultrasound Initiative, local councils have donated funds and supplies worth nearly \$14 million, and members offered more than 1.3 million man-hours, to assist pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes from 2018 to 2020.

"Now is a crucial moment for life. Our compassion, understanding and generous support are all essential," Kelly said. "Our bold witness is needed to change not only laws, but also hearts and minds."

Knights of Columbus also put their pro-life beliefs into action through many other pro-life programs, including Marches for Life, diaper drives, Special Olympics, Masses for People with Special Needs and more.

Free E-Membership Extended One More Time!

The online or e-membership code to honor Fr. Michael J. McGivney has been extended again! Until June 30th, 2022 the free online membership code is MCGIVNEY2020 Here's how it works:

- Direct prospects to kofc.org/joinus
- Enter promo code <u>MCGIVNEY2020</u>
- Enter your membership number for sponsor credit
- Invite e-members to your Council's next Charity/Unity/Fraternity Exemplification
- Or use the On Demand Exemplification through officers online at <u>kofc.org</u>
- Or schedule in to District Exemplification or recorded virtual

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY Sunday May 8, 2022

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.



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HAPPY FATHERS DAY Sunday June 19, 2022

With these three words, "Dear Heavenly Father," I begin my every <u>prayer</u>, 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.

Wreaths Across America





On December 18, 2021, members of Pope John XXIII assembly 1536 Color Corps and members of Msgr. Schulte assembly 0492 Color Corps were joined by Archbishop Alan Vigneron, State Chaplain Paul Ballien, State Deputy Walter Winkle, State Advocate Charlie McCuen, Brig. Gen.

(ret.) Carol Ann Fausone and Dearborn Hts. Mayor Bill Bazzi for Wreaths Across America at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. After the ceremony, over 700 wreaths were placed on veterans graves to help remember the service they gave to our country.



Back Row: - Paul Thorn - SDRR 5, Seminarian, Fr. Zachary Mabee -Instructor of Philosophy, Student Advisor, & Pastor at St. Joseph Shrine in Brooklyn, Fr. Steve Pullis Archdiocesan Evangilization Team, John Hundiak -State Special Olympics Director, Dan Fuller - State Membership Director Middle Row, Jim Escott - State Training & New Council Director Jim Escott Front Row Travis Baker - DD120, Nicholas Holoman - Supreme Council Manager of College Councils (to Walter's right), Walter Winkle Jr. - State Deputy, others are new members.

Congratulations to the eight newest Brother Knights who were exemplified at Sacred Heart Major Seminary! I'm proud to have served on the Staff which presented this ceremony, giving the discourses on Unity and the Rosary to the candidates. I always enjoy being on the Exemplification team.

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