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Christopher A Kolomjec
State Deputy



My brothers all and to all our family and friends,

Vivat Jesus! This has been a great year for the Michigan Jurisdiction. I could not be prouder of all of you and how well you have all restored the order to good health in Michigan. Our membership numbers have been outstanding. We have jockeyed back and forth with Texas to claim the number 1 spot in the most important division in the order. Beat Texas!

Our programs continue to shine and we have taken the number 1 spot in many categories with Supreme. This is what Michigan does best, excel in programs! It also has been the means to success in membership growth. We have always taken pride in creative and successful programs and that is what has ultimately attracted good men to join our ranks.

It is essential, however, that we all take a moment and really think about why we do programs and why do we feel so driven for membership growth. It is because in Michigan we take our faith serious! This seriousness of faith isn't just gimmick or marketing campaign. For over 300 years since the founding of Sainte Anne de Detroit Parish in 1701, our jurisdiction has been a center of Catholic culture and pride. The University of Michigan was founded by the Catholic Priest, Pere Gabriel Richard, who later went on to become the first Catholic priest elected to the U. S. House of Representatives and was the first Michigan congressman and served in the 18th Congress. Despite efforts of popular culture, Michigan is, was, and always has been a Catholic state. This fact has always been evident in the support we receive from all our Bishops in Michigan. And our Bishops have relied upon our support. Consider the appeal of Cardinal Mooney in the 1930s and the establishment of Boysville with the Michigan Knights of Columbus. It was this partnership that first established firmly the working relationship between our order Church leadership. We continue that commitment to our Bishops through our many programs such as those that support of Sacred Heart Major Seminary, the restoration of the Saginaw Cathedral, or just our presence at the many events

such as ordinations that show our priests and bishops they have our loyalty.

Nowhere is the partnership between our order and the Church more evident than at the State Convention each year on Mackinac Island. We continue to set the example in Michigan with unanimous support and participation of our Bishops at each year's convention. The business of the order is conducted in a setting beyond compare, but it is the masses and the Living Rosary which really expresses the true Catholic culture of our order in Michigan. Our State Chaplain, Fr. Aidan Logan, made the observation during his speech at his Tribute Banquet in February, "you brothers of Michigan don't realize just how special and lucky you are to have such a deep and profound Catholic culture here that just isn't found in other states."

We can never take this Catholic culture here in Michigan for granted. And we cannot assume that if it is not fostered and preserved that it will remain. This effort to fight the tide of secularism and relativism must be a central tenant of our efforts in Michigan as Knights. We must always preserve, protect, and defend, (to borrow a phrase) the God-given right to promote, practice, and live our faith. As Catholics, we cannot ever be ashamed or intimidated by the popular culture down play that faith which not only sustains us but gives us the very reason to live. Our Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, is eager to get all of us as Knights families to recommit ourselves to not just our faith but to the larger Catholic culture that can resist not only abortion and the culture of death but to all attacks on the Christian family. The surest way to help build the Catholic culture in your parish is to support the Supreme Knight's efforts to recommit to acknowledging and witnessing the True Presence of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Knights of Columbus will be an important part in each diocese in the coming years to encourage devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, please support any events or programs that your Bishop will be presenting in the future. We must set the example as Knights of Columbus and what an opportunity to do so.

In conclusion, on behalf of my wife and your First Lady Julie, and my children, Jackie, Madeline, and Christopher Jr, we want to thank you all for your kindness and support. Wherever we travel throughout the state, we are constantly humbled by the extraordinary hospitality and generosity we receive. Please continue to invite us to your council events and if I am unable to attend, I promise to send another State Officer or Past State Deputy to attend on my behalf. These council events are a great way for us on the State Board to stay in touch with the needs and desires of the membership. Don't forget us! Again, hope to see you soon, God Bless you and your families and keep up the good work! Recruit! Beat Texas! Vivat Jesus!

Christopher Kolomjec
State Deputy of Michigan

**From The State Chaplain
Fr. Aidan Logan**



A Good Confession

In these days of the “Triumph of the Therapeutic” even the most fervent Catholics cannot help but imbibe the attitudes of the surrounding culture of affirmation and self-congratulatory revelation. Celebrities vie with one another in pouring out narratives of their psychological and emotional lives. Nothing could be further from the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance and making a good confession.

Though Confession demands that I confess my sins it really isn't about me. Like all the sacraments, the Sacrament of Penance really is about God and His boundless mercy. This is the very opposite of therapy, counseling, psychoanalysis or psychiatry. It's not even Spiritual Direction, as good and necessary as that may be.

The best rule of thumb for a Good Confession is: Be Blunt; Be Brief; Be Gone.

1. **Be Blunt:** We are there to sincerely acknowledge our sins in number and kind. It is neither necessary nor desirable to go into specific details or an elaborate back-story. Confession is about my sins and not the sins of others. God knows all and the priest has no need to know. If the priest does need more information he will ask.
2. **Be Brief:** Have a clear idea of what to say before going into the confessional. After telling the priest how long it has been since our last confession and our state in life (married, single, engaged, etc.) a one or two word description is sufficient. This is an act of charity toward ourselves, the priest and those waiting in line.
3. **Be Gone:** If we really do believe that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven through the ministry of the priest, then, once we have sincerely confessed all our serious sins, received absolution, have a firm resolution to not sin again and fulfilled our penance, we should let go of our sins and any need to confess them again.

Sin is a deliberate act of the will in thought, word, deed or omission contrary to the law of God and His Church. We should avoid confusing sin with regret. This is especially true when things happen beyond our control (e.g.: missing Holy Mass because of a blizzard) or because of a sincere lapse of memory (e.g.: forgetting to abstain from meat on a Friday in Lent). We should certainly regret missing that Mass or eating that meat, but that does not make it a sin.

The anguish in our tell-all popular culture stems from a view of life divorced from God and His desire that *all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.* 1 Timothy 2:4 The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the great gift of God's boundless mercy in this fallen world. We are cheating ourselves if we fail to accept this gift.

The Law of the Church requires that we confess our serious sins at least once a year. But, as Knights of Columbus, committed to living as “Practical Catholics” this the barest of minimums. The saints and doctors of the Church agree that regular confession is indispensable for anyone striving to seriously live the Christian Life. If we are struggling with a serious and persistent sin weekly confession is certainly called for. For the day-to-day failings that bit by bit turn us away from God, monthly confession is a good rule of thumb. Like all good habits, the more we go to confession the easier it is and the deeper our experience of God's loving mercy and forgiveness.

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel Council 8902

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Council 8902 in Temperance, collected more than \$2,600 for two local pregnancy resource centers through a baby bottle drive at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. An Additional \$400 was contributed by the Supreme Council through the ASAP initiative.

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**From The State Secretary
Barry M. Borsenik**

My brother knights, ladies and friends of the Knights of Columbus,
Eating lunch in my car on a cold, cloudy day recently, I watched iron workers constructing the frame of a new 5-story school building in Saginaw. They were lifting huge beams into place with a crane, securing them in place. Others on another floor were welding segments together. One section was enclosed from the weather with workers inside. Piece-by-piece the building was taking shape. As I contemplate our order and the Michigan jurisdiction I see many parallels. Each of our programs and council activities come together to build up the impressive body of work that we represent. The individual components tied together, strengthen the whole. Our membership is the workforce needed to get the job done. Nothing would happen without the men doing the work. Like the crane, the right tool makes the job much easier. We have many tools available to help council leadership do great things without inventing from scratch. Sometimes we need protection from outside elements. Our insurance program and now asset investment options can provide security for our families and our councils. District, diocesan, regional and state directors are like crew leaders that guide, coach, correct and support. The vision or plan for the finished product is sometimes hard to see but steady work toward the common cause is worth the effort and will produce great results. Michigan knights continually build an impressive legacy firmly planted on a foundation of solid principles established by our founder Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney. Our State, Diocesan and Council Chaplains help keep us grounded in our Faith. Grab your tool bag, bring along some other workers and let's keep building!

The State Convention is coming soon and I hope your council will be sending at least one delegate as your representative. Hold them accountable! Make sure they share what they experience and what they learn. There is a great exchange of information and programs that is intended to benefit councils, not just the attendees. Learn from the success of state program award winners and celebrate the common goals we achieve in Michigan. If we're doing well at a state level, it's because of your contributions at a council level. If your council is lagging, then it should be inspiration to the potential we all have.

We are looking for leaders. We are looking for men who have the potential to rally others to a common cause. There are men in your parish who have skills and abilities that would benefit our effort to do "more good" as Knights of Columbus. As a sales manager (in my day job) I am constantly looking for good talent. As a state officer I am constantly looking for those that have a passion for our Church and the principles we hold dear and who may be willing to share their talents. If this is you... or you know such a person, please contact me or send me your recommendation.

From our family, including my wife Mandy and daughter Olivia, we wish you a fulfilling experience as part of the Knights of Columbus family. I look forward to seeing many of you at the State Convention as well as future state and diocesan meetings or local council functions. We are blessed to represent you and to work with you in our common cause.

State Secretary,
Barry Borsenik

St Paul of Tarsus Council #11689

The last several months have been successful and rewarding for Council #11689: In October and November, the Council helped raise \$8500 through a Baby Bottle Drive. The funds were evenly distributed to Gianna House and Abigail Ministries both of which support unwed mothers and abused women and children.

The weekend after Veteran's Day the Council collected 104 worn out American Flags and delivered them to a local veteran's organization for proper disposal.

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**From The State Membership Director
James Escott**

The year has flown by. I can't believe we're already 3 quarters of the way through this fraternal year. We have lots of successes to be proud of. Thanks to all your efforts, Michigan is on track to hit our Circle of Honor membership goals around the time of the state convention. I couldn't be prouder of everything you've accomplished.

For the last quarter of the year, here are the items I'd like to ask you to think about and take action. I very much believe it is in our power to have more Star Councils and Star Districts than ever before. This is what I need you to do:

First, convert those e-members to council members. They don't "count" for your councils/districts unless they attend an exemplification and join your council.

Second, plan "at least one" major recruiting event in the last quarter (April, May or June). Invite men to join. Schedule in in the CAT system. See your District Deputy if you need help scheduling it.

Third, complete your required Fraternal Benefit Events. You need 2/council. Again, ask your District Deputy if you need help.

Finally, review your Columbian award status and fill in any/all missing items including programs AND youth protection requirements.

If there was ever a year to reach Star Council (or Star District), this is the year. Let's do it!!!

I'm always here to help if you need me. Please don't wait until the last minute. That makes it harder on all of us.

**Dexter and Chelsea Knights of Columbus
Prayer Service and Walk For Life**



Dexter and Chelsea K of C Walk for Life Participants

Led by (Front, Center) Chelsea's Deacon Wayne Slomiany and Dexter's Deacon Larry Deford. Chelsea PGK Ken Kloovsky (Front, Left), Dexter GK Bert Wagner (Rear, Right)

The Chelsea St. Louis Guanella Council 3092 and the Dexter Council 2959 Knights of Columbus co-sponsored a community Prayer Service and Walk for Life in Dexter, MI on Sunday, January 22, 2023. The 12:15 pm Rosary for Life at St. Joseph Parish, Dexter, was followed by a 1:00 Ecumenical Prayer Service during which a representative from the Family Life Services Pregnancy Center in Ypsilanti shared the story of an actual patient who was helped by that Center recently. About half of the group (shown above) gathered to Walk in song to the Gazebo in the Downtown Dexter Park. There, in the midst of the Dexter Ice Festival, they sang, prayed and heard papal encyclical Excerpts about LIFE. Returning to the church basement for refreshments, the group learned about LIFE ministries from ARBOR WOMAN HEALTH and FAMILY LIFE SERVICES/SIENNA WOMEN'S HEALTH representatives. For examples of the materials used for this program, contact Dexter K of C's Life Director, Keith Gallagher (313 530 3599, Shamrock5@aol.com).

Programs = New Members

**From The State Program Director
Paul Palka**

Finish the Year Strong

As we move into the last quarter of the year, I am going to remind you of three important items you need to take care of before the end of the fraternal year on June 30. The first one is to review your council's youth compliance status. Second is to complete and submit your SP7 Award application. The third item is attending the new officer training that will be taking place in each diocese beginning in May and completing in June. These are the main items I want you to concentrate on in the final months of this year.

Our first item is reviewing your council's youth compliance status; are any of your four officers due for their 3-year refresher training? Our State Youth Protection Director R. Terry Carl maintains the list of those who are deficient in their roles. Please refer to your monthly Star Tracker to make sure you are compliant and remain that way. Remember to wait to submit your councils 365 form until July 1st; if submitted earlier it may cause a non-compliance issue if you are changing any key roles.

If you have your 16 categories completed for the SP7 Columbian Award Application, please submit it as soon as possible. If there is an issue, Supreme will have time to notify you and you can make corrections. If you have been diligently completing your 10784 forms completing your SP7 form this will be an easy task to complete. Every month I send out a list of 10784 forms completed to date for the fraternal year. You can search the spreadsheet using your council number to find out what programs you have completed this year. The SP7 no longer has any required programs, but if you complete the featured programs they count as 2 points in their category. Complete this as soon as possible so that if there are any issues Supreme can catch them and return the form to you to make any adjustments needed.

Are you ready for the next fraternal year? Have you discussed who will fill leadership roles next year? If you have committed to, or even if you are considering running for, a particular office, please sign up and attend New Officer Training in the month of May or June. William Leveque, our Chief of Training, will be working with your SDRRs and Diocesan Program Directors to schedule two May training sessions and two June sessions. We are working with your Supreme General Agents to see if we can have a fraternal benefit event the day of the training. More information will be forthcoming.

With your youth compliance completed, your SP7 form completed, your two Fraternal Benefit Nights completed and your new council officers trained, you will be in great shape to start the year strong! The only thing left to do is recruit your membership quota and you can achieve Star Council. You will have the men needed to have more programs, and to strengthen our church, which is why we are members to begin with. Finish the year strong!

Paul Palka
State Program Director

Father Edmund Battersby Council 7586



Pictured above is a group picture from Father Edmund Battersby Council 7586 Exemplification on Sunday 2/19/2023. It includes the new member Steve Richter, Tim Cournay, Jack Dziewit, the state degree team, Jim Kelly District Deputy, Jim Chuck Grand Knight, Todd Diffenderfer Insurance Agent, and council members. Also, first-degree members became third-degree members George Miller and Ed Miski.

Ladies Corner

Dear Ladies,
Time sure flies by! Thank you to everyone who attended the annual Tribute Dinner, this year honoring Fr. Aidan Logan, our State Chaplain. Congratulations also to all those who received awards.

It is hard to believe that in less than two months we will be back on the beautiful Mackinac Island for the 123rd Annual State Convention. We are planning a few "new" events during the three days of the convention. We hope to be able to communicate these in the very near future once they are finalized.

In the meantime, it is never too early to remind everyone of our annual charity raffle at the State Convention, with proceeds going to various charities supported by our Michigan Knights of Columbus. The raffle would not be a success if it wasn't for donations from our councils, assemblies and individuals throughout the State of Michigan. Please ask your councils and assemblies to consider donating a basket, gift cards, etc. to the raffle. Donated items should be brought directly to the Art Gallery in the Grand Hotel on the first day of the convention along with a registration form.

Ladies – we need your help! Please consider donating an hour or two of your time and help sell tickets for the raffle. As they say – "many hands make light work". By donating an hour of your time to help sell tickets, you are donating to the success of the raffle! And, it is a great way to meet other ladies. They will be your friends forever! If you able to help or want to donate, please contact our State Advocate's wife, Christy Miron, who is responsible for the raffle this year. She can be reached at (906) 201-0673 or at c.miron@mikofc.org.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the 123rd State Convention on the beautiful Mackinac Island.
God Bless,

Julie, Mandy, Pam, Christy, Kara and Karen



Early Bird, Seller Incentive Drawing



On Wednesday, December 28, 2022 Executive Secretary, Larry Grabowski, Michigan Columbian Editor, Gary Kolbicz, State Raffle Directors, Kevin Rowley and Mike Haughey gathered at the State Office to conduct the first of four \$250.00 Early Bird, seller incentive drawings.

At 1:00 pm, with all tickets processed and up to date, Gary Kolbicz gave the barrel a final spin and State Raffle Director, Mike Haughey reached into the barrel and pulled the winning ticket!

The \$250.00 Winner - Brother Knight, Richard Marecki of Warren, Michigan.

Congratulations Brother Knight, Richard Marecki and thank you for supporting our Michigan Knights of Columbus, State Charity

Raffle!

Council's Benefit

To date, through your efforts, we have collectively raised over \$40,000.00 for local councils, through the sale of State Charity Raffle tickets. Remember, \$1.00 of every ticket you sell goes directly to your Local Knights of Columbus Council. (One sold book equals a \$12.00 donation to your Council on your behalf)

A little Trivia

Did you know the bar code on the bottom of your ticket stubs are unique to you. The bar code contains your Council number and membership number. This allows us the ability to track ticket sales by member and Council.

A sincere thank you to everyone for your participation and strong support of our Michigan Knights of Columbus Charity Raffle.

Fr. Casimir Szyper Council 6657



Council #6657 of the Posen Knights of Columbus awarded a \$1500 check to "Helping hands of Presque County", an organization that serves mentally and physically impaired citizens. The Funds were raised through then Annual K of C Tootsie Roll Drive in October.

"Helping Hands of Presque Isle" has helped to develop the social skills of handicapped youth and adults for 52 years. The organization, an idea that first originated with local social service agencies for only five individuals at a personal residence has become a long-lasting commitment to serving persons with special needs from the county.

Over the years from its humble beginnings, the organization has grown to include donations from various businesses, K of C Councils, and individuals and now serves over 250 individuals every year. All Monies collected provide an annual celebration and a social outing for participants. The funds raised provide gifts, dinner, a visit with Santa, and a band for entertainment and dancing at the Posen Community Center during the Christmas Season. Community Volunteers along with students from St. Ignatius School assist in providing a meal and Christmas for



Participants.

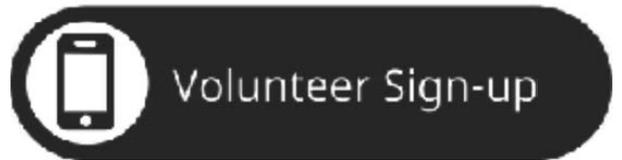
The Pictures above include the Christmas gifts, a visit with Santa Claus, and a meal provided by community members.

St Paul of Tarsus Council #11689

In February, the Council conducted a gently used winter coat drive and collected nearly a thousand coats and numerous sweaters, sweatshirts, and mittens and gloves.

All items were delivered to the Capuchins in Detroit.

Also in February, profits from a Euchre Tournament and a Pancake Breakfast (\$800) were donated to the St Paul of Tarsus Food Pantry.



Christmas for the Seminarians



On Saturday morning while the men were attending sessions at the Winter Leadership meeting, the ladies were busy preparing Christmas gifts for the seminarians. Thanks to the overwhelming



response for monetary donations from our Michigan councils, the ladies filled 105 customized travel toiletry bags which had both the Knights of Columbus emblem and the crest of Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Each bag also included hand written notes by elementary students. The bags were delivered to the seminarians at Sacred Heart Major Seminary the following week during their exams. This is just

another example as to how our Knights and their wives support vocations and faith formation.

A special thank you to all the councils who helped make this project possible.

Programs = New Members

Memorial Mass Detroit Archdiocesan Vocations League

Each year the Knights of Columbus with the Detroit Archdiocesan Vocations League sponsor a Memorial Mass held at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. It is a very moving event and the name of every Brother who is being memorialized on a plaque is read aloud and also printed in the program. The Mass is attended by the State Officers, Fourth Degree Color Corps and all brother Knights and their families who wish to attend. This is followed by a brunch where we get to meet some of the current seminarians and future priests.



This year's Mass is going to be held on Sunday November 5, 2023

Time: 10 am, please be seated by 9:45

Location: Sacred Heart Seminary 2701 Chicago Blvd. Detroit, 48206

Enter on Linwood south of Chicago.

If you wish to memorialize a Knight from your family or Council fill out the plaque application that can be found on the State Website

<https://mikofc.org/resources/council-materials>

or contact Mike Cousins: m.cousins@mikofc.org 586-610-6497

Father Edmund Battersby Council 7586



Father Stan, Jim, Chuck G. K. along with members of Father Edmund Battersby Council 7586 went to Pregnancy Aid Center in Eastpoint, Michigan on Monday, February 20 to deliver the many boxes of diapers, baby wipes, and monetary gifts.



We took vehicles worth of baby supplies and a monetary gift of \$385.00. Nancy Anter, the facility director says a big thank you to the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish, South Lyon, Michigan for our support.

Escanaba Council 640



Knights from Escanaba Council 640 collection of non perishable food from weekend Mass at the five local parish during the 40 days of Lent. The Food for Family state program help the Knights stock their local St. Vincent be Paul. On average the Knights collect nearly 2000

pounds each lent.

The Michigan Knights of Columbus Endowed Scholarship Fund At Sacred Heart Major Seminary

*This will provide a stable and permanent source of funding
for vocations to the Priesthood.*

Agreement to Establish the
Michigan Knights of Columbus Endowed Scholarship Fund
At Sacred Heart Major Seminary

Introduction

The purpose of this agreement ("Agreement") is to summarize the mutual understanding of the Michigan Knights of Columbus ("Donor") and Sacred Heart Major Seminary ("Seminary") regarding a charitable gift as described in this document.

Description of the Gift

The Donor wishes to make a gift ("Gift") of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000).

Purpose of the Gift

The purpose of the Gift is to establish an endowment fund ("Fund") that will be used to provide financial assistance to seminarians preparing for the priesthood at Sacred Heart Major Seminary that are a member of the Knights of Columbus in Michigan.

Terms of the Gift

The Donor agrees to make installment payments from time to time in partial satisfaction of the Gift in the Donor's discretion presented at the S.H.M.S. Archbishop's Gala each year.

Administration of the Fund

The Fund will be managed by the Board of Trustees ("Trustees") of the Archdiocese of Detroit Endowment Foundation in accordance with the Foundation's investment and disbursement policies. The Fund may be combined in a line item with the Foundation's other assets for investment purposes. Scholarships to seminarians will be disbursed by the Seminary administration in accordance with its prevailing policies governing seminarian scholarship distributions.

Sacred Heart Major Seminary

The Seminary represents that it is a qualified charitable organization (federal ID 38-1358214) under section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code which may entitle the Donor to charitable contribution tax deductions.

Recognition

The Fund will be named the Michigan Knights of Columbus Endowed Scholarship Fund. The Knights will be recognized by name in the Seminary's Annual Stewardship Report and will receive ongoing recognition as appropriate at Seminary events and in Seminary publications including its website.

Future Considerations

It is the Donor's wish for this Fund to exist in perpetuity. The Donor recognizes that, though unlikely, future unforeseen circumstances may alter the academic plan of the Seminary. In such an event, the Trustees shall direct that its principal and income be devoted to purposes they deem to be most consistent with the wishes of the Donor.

What is asked of you, my brother knights, is a voluntary \$6.00 a member per year. Your Financial Secretary should have included the option of a donation as part of your annual dues notice.

Personal or corporate donations can be sent to: State Secretary, Barry Borsenik – 9673 Downing Rd. – Birch Run, MI. 48415. Donations can be made to the Michigan Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. a 501(c)(3) corporation for contribution tax deductions. Memo Line: SHMS Endowed Scholarship Fund.

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St. Louis Center

Thanks and Opportunities

Dear Brother Knights,
St. Louis Center has been blessed by the many Knights of Columbus councils throughout the State of Michigan. Over the last 10 years, the Knights have donated over \$1.7 million to the Center.



Your time spent asking for donations during the annual Tootsie Roll Drive makes a very tangible difference in the lives of people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD). You directly impact the day-to-day care of those who live at St. Louis Center, helping to bring new activities, maintain programs, and continue the high standard of facility upkeep. You share happiness and fulfill many lives!

As you may know, the Center has to raise at least \$2.3 million annually to continue to run effectively. Your gracious support has helped in reaching this goal in the past. There are many worthy organizations to consider, and St. Louis Center wishes to be among them. Please consider helping the Center in reaching its goal again this year when you decide how to allocate your Tootsie Roll Drive funds.

As we near the Easter celebration, St. Louis Center wishes to thank you for your ongoing support. We've received a large amount of support from the Knights of Columbus, and their efforts have contributed greatly to the Center's goals and success since the beginning, through generous donations. Residents and staff are grateful for all the ways the Knights of Columbus continue to support the Center and its mission.

St. Louis Center also thanks the State Council for its ongoing support and love.

With gratitude,

Fr. Enzo Addari

Fr. Enzo Addari, SdC
Your Brother Knight



Read more
about the history of the Knights of Columbus Drive and St. Louis Center here:



<https://bit.ly/SLC-tootsie>

OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS

April 30, 2023

St. Louis Center wants to acknowledge the incredible impact the Knights have had by inviting you and your family to the Center for a day of family fun. Attend Mass, have lunch, tour the campus and enjoy family friendly games. See the flier on the next page for more details.



Alaska Cruise Raffle

Another way to support operations of the Center is by purchasing raffle tickets to win a trip for two to Alaska for an amazing 7-day cruise, along with a 3-day land tour in Denali National Park. This trip is valued at \$7,500, and the winner may take the cash option instead. Tickets sell for \$25



each or 5 for \$100. The drawing will take place during the Golf and Glory Outing at University of Michigan Golf Course on Monday June 26, 2023.

More information can be found on our website by scanning the code at left.

2023 GOLF OUTINGS

Golf and Glory Outing

Join the Center for a day of golf and fellowship.



Date: Monday, June 26, 2023

Place: University of Michigan Golf Course

You will enjoy continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch at the turn and

dinner to book end the day.

Memorial Golf Outing

The 36th Annual Memorial Golf Outing will be honoring Elizabeth Hollo, late wife of SK Richard Hollo.

Date: Saturday, July 15, 2023

Place: Pierce Lake Golf Course in Chelsea MI. Enjoy a round of golf on this stunning course, lunch at the turn and dinner before awards are presented.



To register or learn about sponsorship opportunities for these or any of our events, visit our website at

<https://stlouiscenter.org/have-fun-here/events/>





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®



St. Louis Center Welcomes Knights of Columbus Councils and families to a day of thanks, fun, and discovery April 30, 2023



GET TO KNOW THE CENTER

Your Council has given support to the St. Louis Center for many years, for which we thank you. Please come with your families! See first hand how your support helps better the lives of St. Louis Center residents!

MASS AND ACTIVITIES

Join the St. Louis Center priests and residents for Mass, or join after Mass at your local parish. Then, enjoy the fellowship of other Councils as you tour the campus, a picnic lunch, and then enjoy family oriented games.

EVENTS FOR THE DAY

- Mass will start at 11 am (limited seating for Mass please RSVP)
- Picnic Lunch 12:00 - 2:00
- Games and Activities 12:30 - 3
- Tours of St. Louis Center Campus 12:30 - 3



PLAN YOUR VISIT

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RSVP for this FREE event at:



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Ann Arbor VA Hospital



“After” Lady Ruth Yanok-PFN, Laurie Ferguson (VA Staff) Sk John Yanok, Kelly Pearse (VA CDCD Chief), Gusto Hernandez (VA Staff), SK John McLellan, Justo Hernandez (VA Staff). SK Joe Yekulis Master MI

A COVID outbreak in the Ann Arbor VA Hospital CLC (Community Living Center) Ward prompted the lock-down of the Ward, preventing hand carrying of Christmas presents to veterans in the ward this year.

Despite this set-back, VIVAT JESUS! The Knights of Columbus took action to ensure there would be Christmas gifts for the veterans confined to the CLC Ward. On Tuesday, a team of Knights assembled in Sir Knight John Yanok’s “man cave” to load and transport gifts to the Ann Arbor VA Hospital lobby to be distributed by hospital staff.

These gifts included 42 large shopping bags filled by goodies funded by the Msgr. Fedewa Assembly (2050) and the St Mary Magdalen Council (12295). These gifts were procured and placed in festive Christmas bags by Lady Ruth Yanok. These gifts featured blankets and caps, knitted by the St Agnes ladies knitting circle, lead by Lady Maresco. Also included in the packages were puzzles, crossword books, pens, toiletries, cosmetics, toothpaste and toothbrushes, crossword books, pens, toiletries, cosmetics, toothpaste and toothbrushes, crossword books, wool and cotton socks, playing cards and signed Christmas cards for each veteran in the CLC ward. Finally, SK John ensured every veteran would receive a Christmas toy, a Hot Wheels hot rod or muscle car from the 60’s and 70’s (Mustangs, Chevelles, Corvettes, Road Runners and Chargers).

In addition to the packages from the Msgr Fedewa Assembly, bundles of presents were delivered from the Cardinal O’Hara Assembly. These included sleeping blankets, clothing and \$250 in gasoline cards.

Finally, Joe Yekulis, Master Michigan District 2 brought lap blankets prepared by the Ladies of Michigan District 2.

A special Thank You goes to everyone that made this effort possible, especially members of the Msgr Fedewa Assembly, St Mary Magdalen Council, The Bishop Albers Assembly, the Ladies of the St Agnes Sewing Circle and the Ladies of Michigan District 2....and special shout out to Lady Ruth to pull it all together.

Truly, the Knights of Columbus took action to ensure our veterans were not “left behind forgotten, and ensured the Spirit of Christmas extended to our hospitalized veterans.

Submitted By :
SK John Yanok – Knights of Columbus CDCE Representative – Ann arbor Hospital

COUNCIL-SPONSORED BABY SHOWER

Knights from **St. Paul Council 2632 in Redford, Mich.**, organized the council’s second annual baby shower to benefit a local pregnancy resource center. The drive collected \$1,000 in cash donations and more than \$2,000 worth of diapers, strollers and other baby supplies.

Au Lac Council 10724 Youth of the Month

Avery Whitenight - Immaculate Conception School
Elizabeth McKenzie - Cardinal Mooney School

Sacred Heart Major Seminary



**Michigan Knights of Columbus
SHMS Endowed Scholarship Fund**

Please -- \$6.00 a year per member or more

***To be able to provide a stable and permanent source of funding for vocations to the priesthood**

1. Priest who have a heart for the wounded.
2. Priest who help Christ to be known and loved.
3. Priest who are leaders.
4. Priest who are true shepherds of souls.
5. Priest who proclaim, teach and defend the Faith effectively.

**Write the check to: Michigan K of C Charities, Inc.
Memo line: SHMS Endowed Scholarship Fund**

Send your contribution to:

Barry Borsenik, State Secretary
9673 Downing Rd.
Birch Run, MI. 48415

Houghton Lake Knights of Columbus Awards Habitat \$500



The Knights of Columbus of Houghton Lake awarded \$500 to Habitat for humanity to help in their commitment in helping others. Their mission is to eliminate substandard housing in our county. Out of our love for Christ we will reach this goal by providing safe, decent, affordable housing for low-income families in need. The resale store is located at 1861 W. Houghton Lake Drive, Prudenville.

Any items that you would like to donate can be picked with the Habitat truck by calling 989-366-6993. Habitat was founded by Millard Fuller and has promoted volunteerism to help remodel and build homes.

Photo L-R- Grand Knight Clyde Straub & Executive Director Lori Roberts



From Our President and CEO

To the Knights of Columbus, friends, and family, Spring is almost here! God has a beautiful way of building hope into the very structure of our world: after the winter, spring will come. Accordingly, our brains are designed to hope. When we are safe and healthy, we dream about the future. We hope to get that job, that our baseball team wins that game, that our child aces that test.

Trauma has an interesting impact on our brain's capacity for hope. We can become so very frightened that our natural ability to hope shatters. We don't dream about that job, because our bodies are fixated on survival. We don't imagine a life in love, because trust feels far too risky.

For many people, once trauma strips us of our natural ability to hope, finding hope again is a difficult journey. We're charged with rewiring our brains through repeated loving interactions and repeated proof that our bodies are safe. It's that constancy that helps our bodies restore our God-given ability to hope. At Holy Cross, we have been in this work long enough – 75 years! – to know that everyone has hope built into their very being, and that through love and continuous safety hope will blossom for everyone. We are blessed to live such a mission.

This spring, we have so very much to hope for. Holy Cross has new programs sprouting: family-friendly sheltering for families experiencing homelessness; after school and summer programs for older youth in foster care; intensive family services to prevent child removal and foster care system engagement. These are all new partnerships and new operations for our team this spring. These new services complement our sheltering and child welfare programs across the state. They will enhance our ability to meet children and families wherever they are in life, and to walk alongside them, caring and steady. To invite hope back in.

At Holy Cross we are also blessed to receive the same love and constancy provided to us by the Knights of Columbus. Fear is the greatest barrier to our work, and your partnership has helped us remain brave in even the most difficult circumstances. These last few years have not been easy, but our hope for the future has never wavered.

We don't give hope – God built each of us with it already there. We just help people find it in themselves. Thank you to the Knights for keeping Holy Cross's hope fully in bloom.

Susan Rosas

Susan Rosas, she/her
President/Chief Executive Officer, Holy Cross Services

THANK YOU
For Growing Hope With US

HOMELESS NO MORE 2023



Thank you to our donors and everyone who supported our Homeless No More event on March 2nd to celebrate the New Hope Community Center in Lansing. Your generosity will allow us to continue to provide, warm meals, emergency shelter and veteran services to our unhoused neighbors.



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855-38-HEART ♥ info@hccsnet.org ♥ www.holycrossservices.org
HCS Knights' Liaison Mike Fontana: m.fontana@mikofc.org – 248-224-5583



Raffle Calendar Winners

Winners announced monthly on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/HolyCrossServices1/>

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
JANUARY CALENDAR WINNERS**

Week 1
Elly Smyczynski

Week 2
Patrick Callahan

Week 3
Carmen Armbrustmacher

Week 4
Shawn Simmons

Month End
Steve & Marie Schafer

February Calendar Winners

Week 1
Kellee Birchmeier

Week 2
Ellen Davis

Week 3
Anna McIntosh

Week 4
Joel Thelen

Month End
Kevin Galligan

Congratulations March Calendar Winners!

Week 1 Germaine Smith	Week 4 Diane Ferguson
Week 2 Thomas Atkinson	Week 5 Gary Simon
Week 3 Robert Brinkman	Month End Delores Malinowski



St. Nicholas Council Announces Pro-Life Poster Contest Winners



The Knights of Columbus (Council 7011) is pleased to announce the winners of our 2022 Pro-Life Poster Contest-“NEXT STEPS: MARCHING IN A POST-ROE AMERICA “. 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 Faith@Work. Other winners in each Group received a Participation Certificate. This year we were pleased to have a total of 10 contestants.

The first place winners were LETTA NATZKE, REBEKAH GIROUX, and ALIA NATZKE, respectively. The second place winners were JOY SIMON, GRACE SIMON, and ZANDER NATZKE, respectively. The third place winners were GRACE MARIE GIROUX, JOSEPH BALTRINIC, and BRIDGET ABBOTT, respectively. The Participation Certificate winner was TIA NATZKE.

An Awards Ceremony honoring all the winners was held on December 11, 2022 with many students, family members and Knights attending. We wish to thank all winners and their families for their participation and support for this important contest. We hope these and many others will participate next year.

Homeless Care Kits



Bishop Gallagher Council 2569, Royal Oak, collected items for Homeless Care Kits .

These were bags filled with socks, gloves, granola bars, trail mix, hand warmers, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, water, chapstick, peanut butter crackers.

These were provided to The Royal Oak Police Department to hand out during their interaction with the homeless. For people experiencing homelessness, a care package is more than just a bag that contains the things they need the most. It's also a symbol of hope and a way to let them know that someone still cares.

Our mission with this program is to let them know that the Knights of Columbus have compassion for all of God's people.

Programs = New Members

**St. Francis of Assisi Council 4401
Coats for Kids Nov 18, 2022**



Above is a photo showing some of the kids trying on their new coats along with Deacon Michael Heard, Christina Kus, Principal of Fisher Elementary, Jason Bobrovetski, Superintendent of South Redford Schools, and Knights Mike Kandah, Henry Testa, Ryan Arndt, Tom Rancour & Mike Evangelista.

On November 18th, a contingent of Knights from OLS St. Francis Council 4401 were joined by Deacon Michael Heard to bless and present winter coats to students at Fisher Elementary School in South Redford. The children were very excited to get these coats, especially with the onset of some very cold weather. A total of 144 coats were provided through the generosity of all our Knights who chipped in during a "Coats for Kids" drive. The State of Michigan K of C was of tremendous help as well, as they matched our local donation. A total of 288 coats were delivered and the total combined donation was over \$6,400. This is the 3rd consecutive year St. Francis Council has helped these deserving students. This is an example of how our Lord and Savior provides!

A SPECIAL BLESSING



Father Ryan Lerner, pastor of St. Mary Parish in New Haven, Conn., blesses a set of K of C vestments at the tomb of Blessed Michael McGivney. **Father John R. Day Council 2659 in Howell, Mich.,** purchased the

vestments for Father Gary Koenigsnecht, pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church and council chaplain, and a Knight traveling to the East Coast brought the vestments to be blessed in the church where the Order was founded.

**The Michigan Knights of Columbus Endowed Scholarship Fund
At
Sacred Heart Major Seminary**

As we learn the 1st Degree – Charity is a duty. The seminarians who will be: Priest as leaders; Priest who are true shepherds of souls; Priest who proclaim, teach, and defend the Faith effectively. Priest who pursue a life of virtue, Priest who help Christ to be known and love.
Yes. Councils and Assemblies are called to donate from their charity fund.

Early Bird, Seller Incentive Drawing



On Saturday, January 28, 2022 Executive Secretary, Larry Grabowski, Michigan Columbian Editor, Gary Kolbicz, State Raffle Directors, Kevin Rowley and Mike Haughey gathered at the State Office to conduct the second of four \$250.00 Early Bird, seller incentive drawings.

At 10:00 am, with all tickets processed and up to date, Gary Kolbicz gave the barrel a final spin and State Raffle Director, Mike Haughey reached into the barrel and pulled the winning

ticket!

The \$250.00 Winner - Brother Knight, Donald Knapp of Livonia, Michigan.

Congratulations Brother Knight, Donald Knapp and thank you for supporting our Michigan Knights of Columbus, State Charity Raffle !



On Tuesday, February 28, 2022 Executive Secretary, Larry Grabowski and Michigan Columbian Editor, Gary Kolbicz, gathered at the State Office to conduct the third of four \$250.00 Early Bird, seller incentive drawings.

At 2:00 pm, with all tickets processed and up to date, Executive Secretary, Larry Grabowski reached into the barrel and pulled the winning The \$250.00 Winner - Brother Knight, Michael Myers of Canton, Michigan.

Congratulations Brother Knight, Michael Myers. and thank you for supporting our Michigan Knights of Columbus, State Charity Raffle !

Bishop Joseph A. Albers Council 4090



Members of Bishop Joseph A. Albers Council 4090 in Davison, repair and clean the chairs used in the hall at St. John the

Evangelist Church. With its chairs refurbished, the hall can be used for more church functions and rented out to help

Fr. John W. Howard Council 8500

Since 2014, Father John W. Howard Council 8500 in Highland has sponsored Knight's Bikes to provide bicycles to children and adults in need. The program repairs and refurbished unwanted bicycles and purchases new bicycles to provide them to others. The program distributes more than 125 bicycles each year.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

My Brother Knights and Families, as State Family Director I am pleased to announce the Winners and Runners up of the State **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster** contest, 2022. This year we had a wonderful turn out of posters, and I would like to congratulate all the children and Councils that participated.

Here is the list a the winners that have moved on to the Supreme Competition along with the runners up.

K-2 winner Carly Patterson
Council #11689

K-2 runner up Eden Klukowski Council #15495

8-10 winner Kaelyn Ytem
Council #744

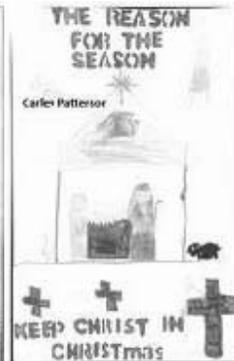
8-10 runner up Lillian Schulz
Council #7891

11-14 winner Sophia Calhoun Council # 3848

11-14 runner up Tessa Feldpausch Council #14642

Thank you once again for participating and thanks to all the parents and familes that helped make this a successful program.

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



Programs = New Members

“I’m the Guy” (Author Unknown)

I’m the guy who asked to join your organization. I’m the guy who paid his dues to join.

I’m the guy who stood up in front of you and promised to be faithful and loyal.

I’m the guy who came to your meeting and no one paid attention to.

I tried several times to be friends, but they all had their own buddies to talk to sit next to.

I sat down several times, but no one paid any attention to me.

I hoped very much that someone would have asked me to take part in a fund raising project or something, but no one saw my efforts when I volunteered.

I missed a few meetings after joining because I was sick and couldn’t be there.

No one asked me at the next meeting where I had been.

I guess it didn’t matter very much to others whether I was there or not.

The next meeting, I decided to stay home and watch TV.

The following meeting, I attend, but no one asked me where I was for the last meeting.

You might say I am a good guy or a “good family man” who holds a responsible job and loves his community and country.

You know who else I am? THE GUY WHO NEVER CAME BACK.

It amuses me how the heads of organizations and the members discuss WHY the organization is losing members.

It amuses me to think that they spend so much time looking for NEW members when I was there all the time.

All they need to do was make me feel needed, wanted and WELCOME!

Prince of Peace Council 6593

Roscommon (Mich.) Prince of Peace Council 6593 collected \$500 for the Life Choices Resource Center in West Branch with a drive at St. Michael Catholic Church. An anonymous donor contributed an additional \$500.

NOTE: FOR GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCIL PR CHAIRMAN

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Knight of the Month

Lansing Council 788

Arnie Rios, Mike Gyeskey
Paul Connors

Monroe Council 1266

David Heilman,*cky
Neil Barkarr, Harley Aichler
Samual Liparoto, PGK
Tom Notario, Steven Richardville

West Branch Council 2022

Leonard Brage *cky
Rich Gillette *cky

Thomas Hollenback *cky

Portland Council 2168

Gary Fedwva, Dan Nowicki
Mike Cook, Doug Smitgen

Gaylord Council 2781

Michael Rola, Larry Young
Dominic Puroll

Westphalia Council 2890

Tim Thelen, Austin Fox
Nick Martin

Utica Council 2950

Jim Ososkie, Nathan Vaneste
Carlos Pertusi

Pinconning Council 2986

Thomas Shoemaker, Alan Gurdial

Lincoln Park Council 3078

James Schafran, Robert Jacob
Fr. Stephen Mutie

Fremont Council 3111

Frank Konkle

Southgate Council 3956

Tony Chiro, Walt Kabalka
Frank Cuschieri

Gladwin Council 5280

John Kolhoff, Bob Brinkman
New Baltimore Council 5981

Jay Strassburg, Lee Arnold
Paul Johnson

Posen Council 6657

Greg Mulka*cky,
James Kendzorski*cky

Jerry Talaska, Tom Lietzow
Robert Greenman

Roscommon Council 6593

Jim Johnson, Mike Gammicchia
Michigan Center Council 6687

Rodney Dickinson

Swartz Creek Council 6694

Luke Hawrylo, Dan Cross,II
Lance Wildman

Sterling Heights Council 7011

John Brady, Kevin Normile
John Schnellbacher

Birch Run Council 7233

Pat Wedding, Robert Trudell
Caledonia Council 7341

Doug Fedewa, Dave Flower

Ray Council 7561

Toby Campbell

South Lyon Council 7586

Shawn Mac, Jason Berkopec
Ed Miski, Fr. Stan Tokarski

Phil Weipert PGK, Dan Martin

Hillman Council 8041

Eugene Marino, Paul Kortier
Lloyd Peltier

Sanford Council 8043

Bob Yahrmarkt

Howell Council 8169

Mark Roma, Daniel Burke
Dave Kleiner

Flushing Council 8489

John Howe, Matt Hartmann
Tont Tallman

Auburn Hills Council 8659

Mike Kurkowski, Joseph Cichon
Deacon David Fleming

Sam Crowl

Montrose Council 8669

Patrick Bisson Jr., Dan Heath
Curt Palinsky, Jerry Mead

Saginaw Council 8808

Tim Wozniak, Vito Demone
Tom Banaszak

Temperance Council 8902

Phil & Lois Wesley

Mason Council 9182

Patrick O'Connor, Donald Kill, Sr.

Ira Township Council 10724

Ted Stawiasz, Todd Parski
Bob VanDriessche, Brian Lents

Stan Sommers, Dave Quinn

Mark Kehoe, Jeff Shields

Pat Bohr

Ann Arbor Council 10963

Steven Andrews, Greg Kapolnek
Michael Laird

Lansing Council 11099

Robert Carlin, Robert Murphy
William Currie

Clinton Twp. Council 11689

James Daris, Greg Csernai
Thomas Gray

Gaines Council 12186

Brent Cole*cky, Harold Demot
Brighton Council 12295

Dec. Jim Chevalien, Larry Pfeil

Clinton Twp. Council 12403

James Gajewski, David Bean
Sterling Heights Council 13340

Daniel Downey, Brian Finn
Jakub Shonka*cky, Bill Cosnowski

White Cloud Council 13939

Gary Wendlowsky, William Koch
Shelby Twp. Council 13983

Roger Quitter, Mike Powers

John Dziwanowski*cky

Southfield Council 14928

Ernest Gargaro

Comstock Park Council 15548

Deacon Jerry Roersma
Robert Haskin

Cedar Springs Council 15889

Zane Rice

New Membership Tribute Banquet Honoring State Chaplain Reverend Aiden Logan



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Families of the Month**Lansing Council 788**

Dane & Michelle Jurkovic
Mark & Christina Gentile
Matt & Betsy Crippen

Algonac Council 856

James & Patti McPhee
Jacob & Leslie Demeulenaere
James & Rose Santer

Monroe Council 1266

Ernest & Katherine Renaud
Todd & Rebecca Smith
Clifford & Sharon Venier
Hon. Terrence & Loretta Bronson

Tom & Kim Stoddard

West Branch Council 2022

Jeff & Darlene Gauci *cfy
Joe & Lori Rebh *cfy

Portland Council 2168

Brian & Nancy Wohlscheid
Ken & Karen Stevens Schneider
Mike & Sue Fox
Mike & Ann Kissane

Standish Council 2724

Vincent & Elaine Christie
Theodore & Marlene Pesture
Ron & Jackie Krzyzaniak

Gaylord Council 2781

Patrick & Linda Oliver
Edward & Dawn Leichtnam
Gerald & Patricia Moran

Westphalia Council 2890

Mike & Mallory Huhn
Austin & Trina Pline
Scott & Vicki Noeker

Chesaning Council 2943

Leroy & Marcia Westrick
Randall & Amy Nietling
Dennis & Steph Henige
Clint & Anna Galvas

Utica Council 2950

Mark Gapczynski family
James Adams family
John Mattos family

Pinconning Council 2986

Larry & Rita Revord
Michael & Terry Stevens

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Mike & Joni Cygeirt

Southgate Council 3956

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Dec. Charles & Debi Dault
Larry & Liz Ridenour

Gladwin Council 5280

Peter Van Der Elzen
Fred & Connie Baumann
Ty & Mary Medlay
Phil & Martha Bauman

New Baltimore Council 5981

Kenneth & Jeanette Morrow
Duane & Cheryl Gaedcke
Jared & Julie Proctor

Roscommon Council 6593

Ed & Yvonne Bird
Tim & Deb Harris
Mark & Kathy Mack

Posen Council 6657

Dan & Irene Momrik*cfy
Greg & Geri Mulka*cfy
Ernie & Teri Romel

Pat & Kasha Zwolinski

Leo & Denyse Romel

Michigan Center Council 6687

Todd & Alicia McEllis

Swartz Creek Council 6694

Jim & Sue Drummond
Wayne & Mary Ann DeShane
Stephen & Beverly Tranchell

Holland Council 7115

Chester & Christine Pawlak
Ted & Colleen Mullally
Marty & Shirley Hunley

Carl & Donna Tuberman

Birch Run Council 7233

John King Family

John & Wendy Pullis

Caledonia Council 7341

Brett & Vasicek
Don & Janet Regan

Ray Council 7561

Ed Seefried, family
David & Laura Corrion

South Lyon Council 7586

Dan & Kit Martin
Ken Michalik & Maggie Kurtzweil
John & Rose Joseph
Terry & Cathie O'Dea
Mark & Michell Zarem
Bob & Andrea Donehue

Durand Council 7955

Don & Jeanne Mellott
Thomas & Connie O'Brien
Randy & Dianae Weller
Ben & Jenifer Strong
Michael & Diane Pelky

Hillman Council 8041

Elaine Ablei Dinger family
Scott & Susie MacArthur
David & Ellen Stewart
Herman & Judy Elkie

Sanford Council 8043

Bill & Karen Carey

Howell Council 8169

Douglas & Colleen Moren
Robert & Carolyn Rammage
Jeff & Dawn Lubeski
Burt & Nancie Wakeman

Jackson Council 8392

Jim & Cathy Mcallister

Flushing Council 8489

Scott & Tina Phillpotts
Hank & Mary Jo Thoma
Harlan & Sharon Vance

Auburn Hills Council 8659

Mike & Molly Mueller
P. Jim & Karen Leja
Charles & Winifred Kemler

Montrose Council 8669

Charles Stone family
Chester & Gloria Ptasnik
Partick Bisson family

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Chris & Whitney Swanson
Ellen & Geri Vernier
Rene & Michelle Meldrum
Lajuana Clancy family

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Shane McAuliffe, family
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Sterling Heights Council 13340

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Bob & Mary Rucinski*cfy
Edric & Shyen Swincicki

White Cloud Council 13939

Tim & Susan Frisbie
John & Susan Osterman

Byron Center Council 14642

John & Mandy Vanderbaan

Comstock Park Council 15548

David & Dianna Rottiers
Brendan & Valerie Kelly
Steve & Jill Miller

Bryan & Abbigale Alt

Cedar Springs Council 15889

Kim Hunter family
Joe & Michelle Jensen
Katie Mendenhall family

St. Edward Lake Odessa Council 14404

St. Edward Lake Odessa Council 14404 worked with members of a local Lion's Club to hold a diaper drive and raffle in conjunction with their pancake breakfast. Their efforts brought in more than 900 diapers and \$500 in cash donations for a local pregnancy resource center.

AROUND THE STATE

St. Sebastian Council 14642



The new Bells in the Bell Tower were blessed by the Most Reverend Bishop Walkowiak, and rang out at St Sebastian's Church on Christmas Eve for the first time with the help of \$30,000.00 from Knights Council 14642. Money was raised over two years by our Annual Auction.

Father Edmund Battersby Council 7586



Jim Kelly, District Deputy, presented the Star Council Award to Jim Chuck, Grand Knight Father Edmund Battersby Council 7586 January 6th, 2023 at their business meeting at St. Joseph Church, South Lyon, Michigan

Oxford Pregnancy Center Support



Grand Knight Frank Kramarczyk presents \$500 check to Executive Director Jeanne Tuski and Oxford Pregnancy Center team members

Participating in the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) Program, Lake Orion Council 4764 recently donated \$500 to the Oxford Pregnancy Center. In 2014, the Council contributed an ultrasound machine, which continues to be used at the Center's new facility. Knight members are parishioners of Lake Orion's St. Joseph and Christ the Redeemer Catholic Churches.

FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

St. Michael's Council 9909 in Coopersville, Mich., held a fall festival at St. Michael's Catholic Church, inviting families to enjoy a haunted hayride, pumpkin carving and free treats. Knights at the event also collected 400 grocery items for the Coopersville Cares food pantry.

Programs = New Members

Queen Of Apostles Council 6548



Photo L-R- Knight Jack Champagne and Debbie Morse a parishioner from Our Lady of the Lake Parish

The Knights of Columbus Council 6548 sponsored a blood drive at the Houghton Lake Library on Thursday January 12th from 1 to 5 PM. BERSITI of Michigan in a joint venture with other blood organizations of Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan were on hand to administer blood donors in our area. The team lead Cora Blanton said this was a very successful drive by late afternoon. This team came up from Saginaw, their home base. Cora went on to say that one pint of blood can save up to three lives. The Knights of Columbus thanks all those who participated in this life saving drive.

The Man of the Shroud Exhibit



The K of C Au Lac Council 10724 sponsored The Man of the Shroud exhibit at Immaculate Conception Parish in Ira Township on November 11-16, 2022. The exhibit contained a replica of The Shroud of Turin along with many educational displays and a video. Over 300 people viewed the exhibit and many of them said they were deeply moved by the experience.

TREKKING ALONG

St. Athanasius Council 7571 in Harrison, Mich., donated 50 pairs of boots to local students, splitting the donations between Larson and Farwell elementary schools.

Dr Thomas A Dooley 5492.



Photo L-R- Knight Jack Champagne and Debbie a parishioner from Our Lady of the Lake Parish

On January 12th they were presented with Council of the Month award pictured left to right DD Charlie Rosum in back, Richard Shelt SDRR, GK Tom Jackett and DPD Hans Hansen

Escanaba Council 640



Escanaba Council 640 welcomed two new knights and their families in an exemplification on October 24th held during their monthly social meeting with 50 council family members in attendance. All gathered for a social luncheon.

St. Michael's Council 13799

St. Michael's Councils has raised funds for the Abigayle Ministries from the Baby Bottle Drive since 2017.

The Abigayle Ministries assists homeless pregnant women and their children who are at least 18 years old and are seeking a life change. They help by introducing them to the gospel of Jesus Christ and equipping them to be self-sufficient through its residential and educational program.

All services are provided by professional staff and volunteers with no charge.

The Council passes out about 500 empty baby bottles after mass and asks the Parishioners to return them two weeks. Since the start of the program the council has donated over \$40,000, which is an average of \$6,000 per year. This takes about 14 volunteers once a year.

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Queen Of Apostles Council 6548



The Houghton Lake Knights of Columbus, Council 6548 has awarded one thousand dollars to Big Brother and Big Sister mentoring programs. Receiving the check is Robert Brotebeck, board director for the organization serving Roscommon County. Big Brothers Big

Sisters of America (BBBSA) is a mentoring program that matches an adult volunteer, known as a Big Brother or Big Sister, to a child, known as a Little Brother or Little Sister, with the expectation that a caring and supportive relationship will develop. Our programs defend, empower and ignite potential. For more information search the internet for Big Brother and Big Sister in your area.

Houghton Lake Knights of Columbus Awards \$500 to Food Pantry



Photo Left to Right K OF C Grand Knight Clyde Struab, Mary Hill lead volunteer, Chris Ashcraft, Executive Director

The Knights of Columbus of Houghton Lake awarded \$1000 to the Roscommon County food pantry at the Houghton Lake distribution facility at the Save-A-Lot plaza on Loxley Road and M-55. The executive director Chris Ashcraft said that will accept any kind of food donations to help those in need. Their mission is assuring that all the residents of Roscommon County never go hungry. We are a volunteer, non profit organization. Every dollar, item of food or volunteer hour donated to the Food Pantry directly assists residents of Roscommon County. They are open on Monday and Wednesday from 10 AM to 2 PM and on Thursdays from 2 to 5 PM. You can reach them on those days at 989-202-4889.

St. Nicholas Council Announces Pro-Life Poster Contest Winners



The Knights of Columbus (Council 7011) is pleased to announce the winners of our 2022 Pro-Life Poster Contest-“NEXT STEPS: MARCHING IN A POST-ROE AMERICA “. 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 Faith@Work. Other winners in each Group received a Participation Certificate. This year we were pleased to have a total of 10 contestants.

The first place winners were LETTA NATZKE, REBEKAH GIROUX, and ALIA NATZKE, respectively. The second place winners were JOY SIMON, GRACE SIMON, and ZANDER NATZKE, respectively. The third place winners were GRACE MARIE GIROUX, JOSEPH BALTRINIC, and BRIDGET ABBOTT, respectively. The Participation Certificate winner was TIA NATZKE.

An Awards Ceremony honoring all the winners was held on December 11, 2022 with many students, family members and Knights attending. We wish to thank all winners and their families for their participation and support for this important contest. We hope these and many others will participate next year.



SDRR Richard Shelt presented Robert H. Jones Council #3078 with Council of the Month for January. Pictured GK John Difrancesco and Richard Shelt SDRR. PS this council is on way to being double Star.

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St Juan Diego Council # 13930



Tuesday January 10th, it was my pleasure to present to St Juan Diego council # 13930 their third, in a row, star council award. congratulations to a job well done.

Pictured left to right Richard Shelt SDRR, GK Alejandro Rivera, and DD Joseph Langhauser.

Programs = New Members

Wreaths Across America, St. Hedwig Cemetery



On December 17, 2022, members of Msgr. Schulte assembly 0492, Pope John XXIII assembly 1536, and 2136 St. Francis of Assisi Color Corps were joined by the American Legion Post 32 Livonia Honor Guard, State Chaplain Aidan Logan, State Deputy Chris Kolomjec, Archdiocesan Chaplain Paul Ballien, and State Warden Dan Fuller 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.



Au Lac Council #10724 Youth of the Month Award

Congratulations to Elizabeth McKenzie on being named the Au Lac Council Youth of the Month for February, 2023. She is the daughter of Frank and



Jacqueline McKenzie and a senior at Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School. Elizabeth is a member of the choir and is very active in the Shine youth group at Immaculate Conception Parish in Ira Township. We thank her for the great example she gives by her service to our parish and in helping others.

COATS TO UKRAINE



Grand Knight Mike Trundle (left) and other Knights from **Swartz Creek (Mich.) Council 6694** present coats from its Coats for Kids program to representatives from Helping Hands Ukraine. The organization provides items of need to Ukrainian soldiers and Ukrainian children who have become orphans due to the war.

Bishop Murphy Council Supports Gianna House



On Wednesday, February 8, 2023, Grand Knight Dennis Thomas from Bishop Murphy Council 3257, presented Joella Bush, Executive Director of Gianna House, with a check for \$5,000 as a donation from his council. The council's generous donation will be augmented by an Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) donation from K of C Supreme in the amount of \$400, bringin the total contribution to Gianna House to \$5,400.

Bishop Murphy Council is also the home to the Archdiocese of Detroit chapter of Knights on Bike, whose fundraising efforts with the council helped make this generous gift possible. About Gianna House:

Gianna House provides a safe residence for at-risk, pregnant young mothers-to-be and mothers with their newborn infants who are homeless and/or housing insecure. We provide spiritual, educational, financial literacy, and parenting support skills and resources to our young moms as well as to other underserved women in the community. www.giannahouse.org

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