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“Standing Guard for Faith and Order”

FROM THE STATE DEPUTY

Kenneth B. Unterbrink



The New Year is upon us. The celebration of Christ birthday has again come and gone. A new beginning for our country is in the making. Now we must evaluate our past successes. Our successes in our Order, in our jurisdiction, our districts, and our councils will need to be evaluated for our future actions. We are a jurisdiction of over 66,000 members and once were a jurisdiction of over 73,000 members.

Our celebration of the Eucharist is being attended less frequent by our youth. Our children are leaving the Catholic Church in an alarming rate. It is said that 30% of our Catholic youth that leave our Catholic Christian Doctrine or now the Catholic Faith Formation classes in our parishes, believe that the Eucharist is a Symbol of the Body and Blood of Christ. Our Catholic parents accept that cohabitation is a normal in our society. Marriage is later in life and divorce is at 50%.

We, as Knights of Columbus have been asked by our bishops of promote the Supreme Knight's Carl Anderson initiative of “Building the Domestic Church, While Strengthening Our Parishes.” Through this initiative, the Order will promote various programs that support Christian family life and encourage councils and families to more fully integrate with the sacramental and social life of their parish. We thereby hope to not only help each family participate in the Church's mission of evangelization, but to also strengthen our members and revitalize our parishes.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson states “The family as domestic church is central to the work of the new evangelization and to the future sustainability of our parishes. ... The Knights of Columbus is providentially positioned to play a key role in the new alliance between the Church and family.”

Councils are asked to promote some of the our current programs including: A Family Fully Alive, Consecration to the Holy Family, Father's Day Affirmation of Wedding Vows, Holy Family Prayer Program, 5th Sunday Rosary Program, Journey to the Inn, and Food for Families. These along with A Community of Prayer, A School of Faith and Charity, and A Mission of Evangelization are part of the strategy for the family.

We as Knights of Columbus, as fathers, as grandfathers are asked to involve ourselves more deeply in our families, with our children and our grandchildren. If we, the men of the family, are involved in the spiritual life of our families, then we will be successful in the mission of Building the Domestic Church, While Strengthening Our Parishes. We, as men are the key to success. I would invite all Knights of Columbus members to ask their council for a copy of the new 2015 version of ‘These Men Called Knights’ and read the pamphlet. Then ask your wife and children to read the pamphlet to know why you are a Knight of Columbus.”

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FROM THE STATE CHAPLAIN

V. Rev. William J. Turner, PhD, KCHS



Happy New Year to you all as we enter upon 2017!

With the end of the Holy Year of Mercy, we, as Knights have entered upon a new Initiative, directed by our Supreme Knight, to build up the Domestic Church (our families) in concrete and direct ways. Your State Council has been preparing such a program throughout this past fall, and it was announced and brought forward for action at the Winter Meeting in early December. It is the will of our Michigan bishops that we proceed enthusiastically with our plan and I have made known to all the District Deputies a methodology to be brought to each Council for implementation.

I would like to specifically note that this initiative was close to the heart of our former State Deputy, Robert Fox, who asked that I would make sure that it moved forward with the full support of our current State Deputy. Last summer we met with the bishops of Michigan who were very enthusiastic about Knights taking part in this program, and saw it as a great tool in the New Evangelization. Upon our return from the Supreme Convention in Toronto a committee was in place to provide all Councils with a clear plan for success and education on the initiative so that the direction of our Supreme Knight may be followed and that Grand Knights may be clear on how it can be easily enacted in each of their Councils. We met with the Bishops again on December 7 to inform them on our progress. I am pleased to tell you that this plan, will encourage not only our Knights, but all young men with families in the parish to form small support groups to proceed with an education on the basics of what every Catholic should know, and to be nourished and

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**It is a great time to be a Knight.
Thomas M. Wegener
Supreme Director**



At the beginning of this New Year, Joyce and I hope that your holidays were blessed with faith, family and friends. May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through!

It is January and the campaigns and election is over – Thank Goodness! The hype and promise now gives way to actual work by our elected officials. There are many issues that they will take up over the coming months, and we must pray that for the good of all the people, including the least among us, are all given the same considerations to protect and advance their futures.

As Knights and as Catholics we have our tasks at the start the new year. We continue to fight for Religious Freedom; the 44th Anniversary of Roe v Wade will be observed; and the assault of pornography and the decline of civility continues in our media and airwaves. Now, however, it seems we may have some greater influence in the political centers. With our continuing hard work and focus victories may be at hand.

As is our habit we take the beginning of the new year to take a hard look at our progress as Knights leaders, where we are in our membership and our programs. Throughout this issue of the Michigan Columbian there are articles and information for leaders and Knights to review. Please read them as they deserve our attention and our action.

I've often said that it is a great time to be a Knight. And that is true. The Order continues to increase its charitable giving in both dollars and hours. The Order continues to increase its protection of its members and their families. And it does so in a most ethical manner. The Order continues to be financial sound. And the Order continues to grow in members and in councils and in jurisdictions.

The Order also continues to bring its principles to our social fabric by supporting life, by supporting religious freedom, by supporting Christians in the Holy Land and by lobbying Congress on behalf of Christians in Iraq and Syria. The Order does this because they are the right things to do if you are a Catholic, Family, Fraternal Organization.

My Brother Knights and Ladies, the Order that we belong to is in need itself. It needs the help of Michigan Knights and its families. While Michigan is one of the largest contributors in Charitable dollars and hours, and our programs are annually recognized on an international level, over the last few years our membership has declined to a level not seen since June of 1980 at the end of PSD Bill Walsh's term.

The problem is twofold – 1. Michigan's gross intake each year has dropped by a third from just a few years ago. 2. Michigan's member's average age is now over 61 years old, and the we are getting older. Our dropping intake, compounded by not recruiting younger members, is causing our membership to shrink and to age.

Our Supreme Knight has reinforced that growth is our primary responsibility. A portion of the Supreme Knight's message is below:

“Our responsibility as the leaders of the Knights of Columbus is to assure the continued growth and sustainability of our Order. This is our first and primary responsibility.”

“While we have other goals and activities that are necessary, no other task is sufficient to advance the Good of the Order if we do not advance membership growth. Everything we do depends upon membership,” he added.

Today there is a challenge that has to be met, he continued. Supreme Knight Anderson pointed out that the Knights of Columbus must recruit younger men and fathers of young families. Our councils need to emphasize programs more relevant to families with young children and we need to use recruitment tools that rely upon enhanced Internet and web-based connectivity.

It is necessary, he said, to recruit younger members in ways that respect the more limited time they have to dedicate to volunteer activities and to schedule council activities in ways that respond to the more limited time young fathers have to participate in activities outside the home.

“Let's remember this: Father McGivney was not yet 30 when he founded the Knights of Columbus with what was described at the time as the 'young go-ahead men' of New Haven,” the supreme knight continued. “And I am totally confident that had there been a World Youth Day in 1882, Father McGivney would have been there with his brother Knights. Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus for the young working men of his day, to protect their families.”

Our charitable works, our programs, our stance as the right arm of the catholic church, in solidarity with our bishops and priests, these are baked into our very being. Now is the time to let others in on what we know – the Knights of Columbus is the place for every catholic man and his family.

As PSD Bob Fox promoted, we must encourage more faith formation in our council chambers, in our council programs and in our council members. This is what our younger men and family desire. As Michigan continues to implement the Building the Domestic Church Initiative, as we embrace the aspects that enhance the members' and councils' evangelistic

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From The State Treasurer William H. Chasse



Merry Christmas brother Knights and families, I hope you and your family have a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

This is the time of year when people need the most help from others. I hope all of us can find a way to help someone in one way or another. It could be a brother, sister, parent or just a friend. Whoever it is, help them, even if it is to simply pray for them. I promise that you will get more out of it then they will and you'll feel like you accomplished something really big.

I think at times we don't realize how fortunate we are with just the little things in life. My wife and I were reminded of this when our three sons came home this past weekend to continue our 30 year tradition; which

is to go as a family and cut down our Christmas tree. It's nice to get together and talk about what's new or who's doing what. It connects and grounds us as a family. I hope all of you get a chance during the holidays to have some time to cherish with your families.

During the Christmas season is a great time to work with your communities and give a little back. We as Knights of Columbus should always look for ways to let the community know we are here and will help in any way possible.

This is a reason why we need to replenish the army, and ask someone to join our organization. I don't believe in recruiting to achieve numbers, I strongly believe we need to recruit to help our communities and to keep our councils strong. If we do this our numbers will be there. Have you ever taken a minute and thought about the time you were asked to join the Knights of Columbus? Take a minute, look at all the good you've done, shouldn't we want that same feeling for someone else? We need to have faith in God and do the right thing. We need to make certain that our communities will always have members of the Knights of Columbus present to help when help is needed.

What new programs have we come up with? I think many councils work well with the existing programs we have, but we need to come up with some new ones so we don't go stagnate. New ideas will go a long way and may be long lived like other programs. We have to find ways to get our new members involved and stay involved. It all starts with a phone call to invite them to a function. I hope we find a way to find it within us to replenish the army. A strong army will defeat anything. I know members get tired of hearing this but we need to start taking it seriously. Without our members, we cannot help our church and communities, especially when they need it most. I hope you have a safe and Merry Christmas.
God Bless

FIJI PROJECT AS A RESULT OF THE WINSTON CYCLONE

On February 20, 2016, the Winston Cyclone hit the Country of Fiji as a category 5 Cyclone with winds of 145 mph and gusts of up to 190 mph. The Country of Fiji has a number of Islands. On the Island of Taveuni is a Village of Vuna. The village of Vuna is where the pastor, Fr. Kusitino Cobona was raised. Fr. attended Holy Cross Catholic Church in the village of Vuna. When the Cyclone hit the Island of Taveuni, it destroyed most of the homes and crops. Holy Cross Catholic Church was heavily damaged. Mason Council #9182, at St. James Catholic Cross, decided to help Holy Cross Catholic Church in Vuna. The Mason Council #9182 held a special Fish Fry after Lent for the project. With the funds raised from the Fish Fry, a Silent Auction, and donations from Council #9182 and other sources, we raised over \$18000.

The second part to the project was to collect clothing and supplies to be sent over to the Village of Vuna. St. James purchased a container measuring

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From The State Program Director Dale Schaedig

Here we are 6 months into the 2016- 2017 fraternal year. All the councils should have their form 185 (Council Officers elected) submitted along with their form 365 (Directors assigned) and your first half audit report. The second quarter of the MI-1 (Michigan Achievement & SP7 tracker) is due now which will tell me how well you are doing with your programs. This in turn will tell me how you are doing with membership recruitment.

There has been a major change in the requirement for the Columbian Award. The new requirement is that **at least four (4) of those programs need to be designated as "Domestic Church" programs.** Please visit www.kofc.org/domesticchurch to review the most up-to-date list of programs and activities. The following programs currently carry the Domestic Church designation:

- Journey to the Inn
- Father's Day Affirmation of Wedding Vows
- Consecration to the Holy Family
- Family Fully Alive Devotional Program
- Holy Family Celebrations (Diocesan-wide)
- Food for Families
- Keep Christ in Christmas
- Spiritual Formation Groups (Into the Breach)
- 5th Sunday Rosary Program
- Family Week Celebrations
- Family Fully Alive Devotional Program
- Holy Family Celebrations (Diocesan-wide)
- Food for Families
- Keep Christ in Christmas
- Spiritual Formation Groups (Into the Breach)

Please visit the www.mikofc.org website to see the new SP7 (Columbian Award) form. We are currently working on revising the MI-1 form to include these changes. We are targeting April 15th as the date the revisions will be complete. You will not lose anything you submit prior to that date so please continue to list your programs.

Remember to complete your 1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities by January 31st. This is the form that is used to maintain our charitable status.

Remember also to submit your Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics - #4584 - due January 31st.

This is the form that records the money and hours dedicated to the Special Olympics. The jurisdiction in Supreme that records the most hours and money for this will receive a check from Supreme for \$10,000.00 to be presented to Special Olympics. For the last 5 years Michigan has received this check so please get this submitted by January 31st. You can claim the hours and monies collected for the MI drive as the state uses their share to support Special Olympics.

In closing I would remind you to be visible when you are participating in K of C programs. This is one of the ways we can increase membership.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year.



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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**From The State Membership Director
Ken Krause**

INGREDIENTS FOR SUCCESSFUL COUNCILS

A successful Knights of Columbus Council qualifies for State and Supreme council awards because of the programs they offer, achieving membership and insurance requirements, being involved in parish and community activities, and having committed members who enjoy what they do in service to others. That's a tall order, but one that quality councils strive to achieve.

What's the magic formula that results in a quality council? The three main ingredients are programming, leadership development and communication. When councils focus on these, they draw new members, activate senior members, and develop leaders who will carry the council mission into the future.

At the start of the fraternal year in June or even at the beginning of the second half in January, council officers and directors need to project the programs they intend to do while evaluating the success of past programs. With the schedule planned, the chairmen, budgets and membership recruitment components can be put in place. This is essential for a sound organization to which men want to join.

If effective programs are to be held, they need leaders. This is where new and senior members need to learn what jobs entail and the responsibilities of chairmen and officers. The State and Supreme Council offers training on their websites. State training is provided in June, and is now being offered to districts throughout the fraternal year. Council leaders need to encourage their members to attend and put what they learn into practice.

The third major ingredient is communication. Council leaders must ensure they are in contact with their members through newsletters, websites, email contacts and invitations to participate in council sponsored and supported activities. It may be easier to ask the same men and families to work on projects, but it doesn't get new members and those who may not be active to feel a part of the council's work. When men aren't active and they don't feel a sense of belonging, it becomes easier to drift away and drop their membership. Financial secretaries need to make it a practice to periodically call senior members who don't attend council meetings and programs.

District Deputies receive training on developing successful councils. They bring ideas and a sense of direction that are guides for their councils. They want to be of help, but councils need to accept what is offered to them.

Thus far recruitment efforts in Michigan so essential to growing councils have been lacking. A gain of 675 new members is diminished by 367 who have left the K of C since July 1. The number who drop their membership can be reduced when men feel they are involved, useful and wanted. Encouragement and recognition cement members' commitment to the Order. Active councils with growing membership come through the ingredients of program, leadership development and communication. The other side comes through programs that men in the parish and communities want to be a part. Programs are the key to getting members while participation and communication give them a reason to stay.

These ingredients are the simple solution that take real commitment to make reality. Who can deny how important they are for success. Now the question is: Will councils do what's necessary? Do leaders believe that implementing these ingredients will result in their council's success? If the answers to these questions are "Yes," the Knights of Columbus in Michigan will grow and prosper.

Ladies Corner

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year Ladies,

We are here to "Serve" and are appreciated by our husbands.

The fraternal year is half past. We have seen our husbands take the oath of office for their duties in the Knights of Columbus. It was a wonderful time we had at the Installation of State Leadership in August. Your support was greatly appreciated. Thank you for being there.

The Fall season was a beautiful and busy. The Christmas season is the Most Wonderful Time of the Year. It is time to Keep Christ into Christmas, and say Merry Christmas without fear. I was able to decorate our home with a full array of Christmas. I have 7 different villages all set and lite, and a Christmas tree in every room. I loved sitting at night in a room and remembering my childhood dreams. How beautiful the world is with the snow and the Christmas music.

The children's Coats for Kids Program was a big success for the Children in Grand Rapids area, Flint area, and in Corktown and Southwest Detroit. The Knights helped the children pick a coat. The Knights distributed 1200 coats, and with many councils helping fund the coats for the underserved children, that's what it's all about. What a warm and great gift for each child. "Merry Christmas"

Winter Meeting was a success. The Sweat shirts, Bath Basket and Gift Cards were well received. The many Ladies that helped receive and pack up the items for Holy Cross Children Services, The Veterans of Michigan, and St. Louis Center. Thank you for support to the less fortunate people in our communities. "Serving is very important" Thank You Ladies for all you do to support the Knight of Columbus in Michigan.

Christmas is upon us. Time to "Keep Christ in Christmas" It is Merry Christmas not "Happy Holidays".

It is hard to believe that 2017, is here. So may programs in the making. "Building the Domestic Church, While Strengthening Our Parishes" is a very important to our Supreme Knight and out Bishops in Michigan. The Knights are asked to play a key role in the alliance between the church and family. Ladies you position in the family is a key issue. Please have your Knight inform you how is proceed with these programs and within his council. "You are needed"

The 44th Annual March for Life in Washington D. C. 1 / 26-28,2017. Building A Culture of Life. Please join us for the March For Life. The Knights of Columbus will always be at the forefront of the culture of life. -protecting life from it's beginning to it's natural end. This year, plan to attend the March for Life and encourage your husband Knight, family members, parishioners, and students to attend as well. There is more information on the State of Michigan Knights of Columbus website, www.mikofcr.org. We are hoping to see many Michigan Ladies on the bus and in the March. On February 26, 2017, there will be "The Year of Mercy Tribute Banquet at DeCarlo's. Awards will be presented to councils for their success during the first half of the fraternal year. Please join us.

St. Patrick's Day is March 17, 2017. There will be a Parade in Detroit. More information to come on the on the State of Michigan Knights of Columbus website, www.mikofcr.org.

The Michigan Knight of Columbus Right to Life Annual Dinner is scheduled for Thursday April 27th, 2017. The dinner will be held at the Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, Michigan. Reservations for this year's dinner is \$50.00 per person or a table of 10 for \$475.00. More information on the respectlife@rtl.org, or call 248-37-0466. Looking forward to see you Ladies there to support Right to Life.

A few other dates.- - 4- 14 2017 MI Drive (Palm Sunday Tootsie Roll Drive.)

4-22, 2017 State Charities Raffle Drawing-DeCarlo's

5 14, 2017 Mother's Day

5 25-27, 2017 State Convention- Mackinac Island.

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Due to the fact that we are unable to get the names of members and widows from our web page provider who have signed up in the past for the Michigan Columbian because of privacy issues, we are asking everyone who has signed up in the past and those who wish to sign up to fill out the form below.

The form below is to be mailed or emailed to the address on the form. Members need to make sure that they fill out the two areas with the * next to them. You need to make sure that you put the correct membership number on the form. You can find your membership number on your membership card.

Widows who wish to receive the form only need to fill out the name, address, city, state and zip portion of the form and mail or email to the address on the form.

Just as a reminder once you sign up for the electronic copy of the Michigan Columbian you will no longer receive the printed copy.

If you have any question you can call the state office at 586-883-9456 or my home number after 5pm at 586-939-3886.

Thank You

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“Year of Mercy” Membership Tribute Banquet

Sunday, February 26, 2017

DeCarlo’s Banquet & Convention Center

6015 East 10 Mile Road

Warren, Michigan 48091

Starts at 4pm

Dinner at 5:15pm with Program to follow

\$30.00 per person

Reservations are available through the Michigan State Office on a first come, first served basis. A check or money order must accompany all reservation requests. Make all checks payable to the Michigan State Council, in the memo line write “Tribute Banquet Tickets”.

Mail checks to :

Michigan State Council

6025 Wall Street

Sterling Heights, MI 48312

There will be no Mass prior to the banquet. Our State Chaplain encourages your Mass participation at your home parish in line with our initiative to support our parishes with our attendance and involvement.

The State Chaplain is requesting the Knights that will attend the Banquet to write down on a piece of paper an act of mercy that they have participated in or have received from another and place it in a Box that will be provided at the Banquet. No names are necessary. The State Chaplain will calculate the results to be credited to the Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus for the “Year of Mercy”

Ladies Corner

The Knights of Columbus Ladies Raffle at the State Convention is in hands of the State Advocate Walter & Karen Winkle. Karen is the key person this year. The raffle is in support of Holy Cross Children Services and the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Fund.

It seems like a very busy few months. I/we appreciate all the assistance you Ladies can do to assist your husbands with the Knights of Columbus activities. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your families. “Keep Christ in Christmas” Mary is always there to listen and help one. Enjoy the “Winter Wonderland” This beautiful land we live in.

Ellie Unterbrink, Sue Vittorini, Mary Beth Chasse
Karen Winkle, Juli Kolomjec

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10x8x20 to send these items to the Village of Vuna. The items collected amounted to 502 boxes to fill this container to include building material, tools, plus boxes of clothing.

Holy Cross Catholic Church has used the funds to re-build the church that was destroyed. The container has finally arrived in the village after being held up in customs.

Date of the Degree	Start Time of Admission Degree	Start Time of "Formation" Degree	Start Time of "Knighthood" Degree	Location of Degree	Council Number	Host DD	Host DD Phone No.
1/28/17	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Rochester Hills	10343	Timothy Dunning	248-879-2148
1/28/17	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Rockford	7761	Zane Rice	616-513-0044
2/4/17	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Utica	2950	Jason Meyers	586-383-0284
2/11/17	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Macomb	7200	Michael Mejia	586-321-9491
2/11/17	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Waterford	13600	Robert Brines	248-842-8943
2/12/17	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Caro	3224	Bill Laerman	989-551-7735
2/12/17	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	10:20 AM	Allen Park	3774	James Pease	313-909-9888
2/16/17	None	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Clawson	4188	Mark Brezenski	248-227-8120
2/18/17		10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Ortonville	6824	Joseph Brenner	773-631-8497
2/19/17	1:15 PM	2:15 PM	3:15 PM	Pinckney	11761	Matt Wierzgac	734-323-5888
2/19/17	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Davison	4090	Larry Prevo	810-664-0003
2/25/17	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Sterling Heights	5460	Richard Abernathy	586-306-1296
2/26/17	STATE	DEPUTY	TRIBUTE	DINNER			
3/11/17	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Harrisville	4235	Mike Maturen	989-335-1661
3/11/17	None	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Jackson	9301	Jeff Thomas	517-416-9677
3/18/17	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Sterling Heights	12102	Brien Dux	248-219-8254
3/18/17	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Temperance	11430	Kenneth Dressel	734-888-1192
3/22/17	None	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Saint Clair	2251	Michael Cousins	586-610-6497
3/25/17	None	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Muskegon	13035	Garret Kelenske	231-744-8126
3/26/17	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Dearborn	3860	Tom Kramarz	313-410-2796
3/30/07	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Dewitt	7237	Terry Rouse	517-582--0441
4/1/17	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Lansing	788	Michael Wegener	517-331-3959
4/8/17	Patroitic	Degree		Gaylord		Mike Stanchaina	989-848-5322
4/22/17	Patroitic	Degree		Grand Rapids		Barry Borsenik	989-295-1266
4/22/17	Patroitic	Degree				David Buick	517-927-8044
4/23/17	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	12:30 AM	Roseville	3797	Kenneth Warzybok	586-343-9972
4/27/17	None	5:45 PM	6:45 AM	Kingsford	1585	Dennis Divoky	906-875-0093
4/30/17	9:30 AM	10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Saginaw	4232	James Callahan Jr.	989-714-7768

**It is a great time to be a Knight.
Thomas M. Wegener
Supreme Director**

role, our councils must adapt and embrace the same aspects. We must inwardly be what we outwardly profess to be - councils that infuse our faith in charity, unity and fraternity, in our words, actions and deeds.

We must appeal to eligible Catholic men that will create a desire for them to join us. In turn we must welcome these new members and their families wholeheartedly. If they are worthwhile to be members, and when on their timeframe they are ready, then they are worthwhile to be directors and officers in our councils.

Supreme Knight Anderson said "Our Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish initiative combines two great traditions of the Knights of Columbus: building up Catholic family life and strengthening parish life." Parishes are the natural home of Knights of Columbus councils and where they thrive best while strengthening the parish community as a whole, he added.

"And these programs will do one more thing: They will help make our parishes more family friendly, especially for young families," the Supreme Knight said. Along with this, he continued, the Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive program includes monthly themes, meditations, Scripture readings and activities for the whole family. It is a program for all families, but it is designed especially for young families. It can help families that need new ways to bring the light of the Gospel into their homes.

This then is our task. This is what our focus is to be. Advancing the Building the Domestic Church Initiative, embracing the Family Fully Alive program, encouraging faith formation for our current members and our fellow parishioners, all while continuing to be good councils and Knights. This then is our New Year's Resolution. One that together we can and we will accomplish.

Michigan's 37th Ultrasound



On Oct 27th Fr. Evelio Ramirez Pastor Holy Angels Church, GK Council 2508 Scott Hopkins, FS 2508 Richard Yesh, IPSD Robert W. Fox, Kalamazoo Diocesan Program Director Lou Scohy, DD Jim Highfield, Andy Boyd, Board President, Carol Stuckey Director, both of Pregnancy Helpline of St. Joseph county and many other Brother Knights, gathered with State Pro Life Chair Couple Tim & Cindy Donovan for the dedication of Michigan's 37 ultrasound to the Pregnancy Helpline of St. Joseph county in Sturgis.

President of the facility Andy Boyd and Carol Stuckey the Director graciously accepted the check to pay the balance of the cost from GK council 2508 Scott Hopkins unit with IPSD Robert Fox participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The Ultrasound Initiative is a Supreme program providing half the cost of the unit while the local councils provide the remainder of the funds. Link to [Ultrasound Initiative](#) for the Supreme information. Since 2009 Michigan has provided ultrasound machines for 37 centers throughout the state. After the placement of a unit in a center, donations are always needed to maintain and support the operation. You may view of the locations [here](#) with their contact info.

Michigan Pro Life Couple Tim and Cindy Donovan 517-214-5120, t.donovan@mikofc.org



There was a donation of \$10,000 from our Bishop Baraga Council 1585 to Bishop John Doerfler, Bishop of the Michigan Diocese of Marquette, for vocations. Those presenting the donation were Mike Bennett and Pat Spice- council Grand Knight.

MICHIGAN COLUMBIAN PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

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MARCH 1st.....	APRIL 2017
JUNE 1st.....	JULY 2017
SEPTEMBER 1st.....	OCTOBER 2017
DECEMBER 1st.....	JANUARY 2017

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FROM THE STATE CHAPLAIN

V. Rev. William J. Turner, PhD, KCHS

encouraged in their roles of leadership in our families. Knights and our Catholic men may act as visible witnesses to their faith in the strengthening of the family. We all realize that the family is under attack from many sources, and we experienced this fact in the policies and directions that flowed freely in the past election campaign.

The plan will proceed thusly: Each Council will receive two pamphlets that lay out the action to be taken within the parish to support the Pastor's initiatives. I am suggesting the Chancellor of each Council be the point man in the implementation. I ask Councils to purchase more of these pamphlets at a minimal cost. Indeed the entire program is based on the Pastor's enthusiastic support and his knowledge of the program. I have asked the Diocesan Chaplains to be proactive in this. The initiatives are: The New Evangelization through the parish initiatives and our Knights becoming a spiritual leaders and mentors. There is basic educational material found in the publication "These Men Called Knights." Knights may support the Pastor's programs through their fundraising efforts. Knights are asked to become a "hospital" for those who are struggling with their faith, pointing the way to education on such things as the decree of nullity for marriages and providing sponsors for the RCIA program. I encourage Grand Knights and all of our men to be in constant contact with their pastors, acting as a great support to them.

This initiative must succeed. I will be doing everything in my power to promote it and assure that it takes place in our Councils. Please pray for its success and in thanksgiving for such a wonderful response from our Bishops of Michigan. May the Venerable Michael McGivney intercede for us and for our priests!

V. Rev. William J. Turner, PhD, KCHS

State Chaplain

State Council/Community Activities Director

My brother Knights:

With the first half of the fraternal year complete, I want to thank all the councils that have submitted MI-02 reports for the Knight of The Month. Also, thanks to the councils that have purchased Casey Bears.

With that being said, we are falling very short of councils reporting for Knight of the Month. Only 102 councils out of 400+ have reported. It is important to recognize brother knights monthly even though the requirement is quarterly. It only takes a few minutes to complete the certificate or have a plaque made. When you send the MI-02 report to me, please send it as a .pdf file. When you send it as a jpeg, I either can't open it or I can't read it. Remember...Knight of the Month is a requirement for the Michigan Achievement Award.

"Casey the Bear that Cares" is a great program to comfort all in our parishes and communities. I ask that you please use Casey the Bear to bring recognition to the Knights of Columbus. Remember, people always recognize us by seeing the color corps. Why not have people know us by seeing and using Casey the Bear.

Right now, only 43 councils have submitted MI-18 blood drive reports, and 7 MI-20 food drive reports. No councils have submitted Habitat for Humanity reports. Thank you to the councils who have reported.

Let's all try to do a better job for council and community activities the second half of the fraternal year.

Fraternally Yours

Jeff Gapczynski

State Council/Community Activities Director

“SOCKTOBERFEST.”

Planning ahead for the cold winter days in Michigan, **Riverview Council 13980** and our families sponsored a brand new event. During the month of **SOCKTOBER 2016**, new socks and shoes were collected to help warm the **“Soles and Souls”** of needy men, women, and children with our first annual **“SOCKTOBERFEST.”**

The least and most needed items donated to homeless shelters are socks. With over 85,000 homeless people in the State of Michigan, approximately 40% living in the Detroit Metropolitan area, a sock drive seemed not only a necessity, but also long overdue.

Thanks to the generosity and kindness of the wonderful parishioners of St. Cyprian Church, 2991 pairs of socks, and 69 pairs of shoes were donated to St. Vincent de Paul, local charities, safe havens, and homeless shelters. With each sock/shoe covering one foot (12 inches), a grand total of 6120 feet were covered....that's a whopping 1.16 miles (or 1.86 kilometers to our metric friends).

Starting from the heart of the City of Riverview, traveling 1.16 miles lead us right to the altar of St. Cyprian Church. Truly a gift from God!!!!

Iron River Council 2300

Knights of Columbus Council 2300 of Iron River, Michigan Host a Red, White, and Blue Mass.

On Sunday,

October 30, 2016, the Knights of Columbus Council 2300 of Iron River, MI hosted a Red, White, and Blue Mass in conjunction with their Corporate Communion at St. Agnes Parish, in Iron River, to honor the local Firefighters, EMS Personnel, Police Officers and all their family members for the unselfish service that they provide to our local communities. The Mass was celebrated by Pastor Reverend Fr. Gregory Veneklas, assisted by Deacon Robert Kostka.

The Firefighters, and Police Officers that were in attendance along with Knights of Columbus family members were led into Church. Eleven Sir Knights of the Knights of Columbus Patriotic Degree formed an Honor Guard to salute them as they processed in.

The Mass was followed by a light brunch. The brunch was provided by Council 2300 and was served by the ladies from the St. Agnes Altar Society, and St. Anne's Society of St. Cecilia Parish.

The event was chaired by Financial Secretary Terry Verville and Grand Knight Rick Commenator.

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

Coats for Kids Program – With State Youth Director Kevin Rowley coordinating the Supreme Coats for Kids this November 25th Black Friday event there were 1200 coats distributed throughout five locations in the state. Coats were distributed in the Grand Rapids area, the Flint area and three locations in Corktown and Southwest Detroit. The Supreme Council donated one half of the coats while the councils were asked to pay for the other half. The Coats for Kids events were for the members to set up distribution tables and help the children pick out the coat they wanted. But that is what the program is about, not just writing a check and giving the coats to another organization. Personal involvement with our families involved.

Council and District Newsletters - Our members deserve to be kept 'in the loop' when it comes to the news, events and going on in our councils and districts. An informed member is an active member. Active is also when he or his family reads the council or district newsletter. All are members and their families are part of our domestic church. We pay dues and have a want to be kept informed.

Membership for the sake of our Order and the Church. - If we are not growing, we are dying. This is said for business, or the Order. The data shows that the members from eighteen years of age to forty years of age are far far less than those members from sixty years of age on up. Do the math. Our mission for the Order and the Church is to provide programs in our councils for our families, our young men. Have our councils invited the young men to be involved in our councils and develop programs for today's young men and families. Each council should have a sub set of those knights under forty to provide leadership for the council for programs for our young families.

Maintaining our members. Suspensions are an issue in our councils. The majority of members be suspended are Admission (1st) Degree members and Associate (non-insurance) members. For a member to be involved in our councils is for the member to take ownership in the Order. Let the members know that you love them as brothers and provide that love through programs and inclusiveness in those programs and leadership of the council. Maybe, suspend after the district can maintain Star District. Remember we are an Order of charity.

Membership Recruitment from the Leadership of Michigan - the Leadership of Michigan is called upon to recruit one (1) new member before the first of June 2017. The leadership is: all council officers and Past Grand Knights; District Deputies and Former District Deputies; State and Regional Directors and Former State and Regional Directors; State Officers, State Deputy and Past State Deputies. Above all, the Patriotic (4th) Degree – all Assembly officers and Past Faithful Navigators, District Masters and Former District Masters and if they hold another office or position, then you are special and asked to recruit another new member.

You all have served and recruited before and are called to duty to recruit again. Many have said that Church Drives do not work for you. I ask that whatever works for you, is how you can serve the Order. The Building the Domestic Church, While Strengthening Our Parishes is also about Building the Order, While Strengthening Our Parishes. You are not asked to march in the streets, but to serve the Faith through the Order.

Our State Convention is upon us for this coming May 25, 26, & 27, 2017. Delegates are chosen at the February council meeting and sent in a.s.a.p. for documentation. Paperwork is necessary and to be filled out in full and accurate. Room assignment at the Grand Hotel is reviewed by council membership intake. There is a reservation date on the reservation form. All incoming forms are date stamped. Hotel assignments are reviewed by date of reservation entry date.

We pray each and every day for our Church and Order to grow and prosper. The bishops of Michigan support the Knights of Columbus and our diocesan chaplains are at our call to serve our councils.

We have initiated a Training Team to go throughout the state to train and retrain our councils and its officers with the duties and obligations of their office. Avail yourself of this training team, our Diocesan Membership and Program Directors, our State Directors, for they are at your service. We ask nothing of you that we would not do ourselves. Our Faith is a 24-7-365.

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MICHIGAN COLUMBIAN

**76th Annual
Michigan Knights of Columbus
Bowling Tournament**

We are pleased to extend to you a most cordial invitation to participate in the 76th Annual Michigan State Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament, which will be hosted by Bay City Council #414.

Tournament dates: Officers' Tournament February 11, 2017 & February 19, 2017

Team event cost is \$100.00 per team.

Open Division begins February 18, 2017 to March 19, 2017

Squad times we be 10:00 am for Singles, Doubles and Team events.

Entry fee, \$20.00 per man per event, \$5.00 all events optional. (\$65.00)

Bowling Center: LeFevers' Family Bowl, 6220 State St. Saginaw, Mich. (989)793-3010

Headquarters: Ramada Hotel & Suites, 3325 Davenport Ave. Saginaw, Mich. (989)793-7900
Group rate for the tournament \$79.00 (King) \$99.00 (Junior Suite) plus tax.

My contact information is available on the front of this letter for anyone interested in participating in Michigan's largest fraternal bowling tournament. Get those entries in early so you can be assured of a spot.

The location of the tournament is selected by the bowling association board of directors at its' annual meeting. 2018 tournament will be in Lansing, hosted by Richard Council #788. Councils hosting the tournament have reported making \$20,000.00 or more. Funds which can use to support the programs the Council sponsors. The tournament can be hosted by individual councils or by district as was done last year in Monroe. The location of the 2019 and 2020 tournaments have not be selected. . If your council is interested in hosting a tournament I will be happy to meet with you and discuss what is required.

George A. Lechy, Secretary
Michigan State, Knights of Columbus
Bowling Association

The following are the winners for the "Family of the Month" contest, obtained through a random drawing held at the Supreme Council office from among many nominees submitted by councils throughout the Order.

August 2016	Family of	Family of	Family of
Family of Eugene & Kathy Staelgraeve Council 1266 - Monroe	Frederick & Connie Riplo Council 4404 - Conklin	Brent & Martha Williams Council 9182 - Mason	Peter & Grace DeJong Council 12985 - Montague
Family of William & Patricia Galen Council 2733 - St. Clair Shores	Family of Conrad & Joni Ausmus Council 7413 - Erie	Family of Joe & Judy Brown Council 10542 - Lansing	

**Proposer Incentive Program
State Membership Director
Ken Krause**

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<u>PROPOSERS NAME</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>
James R. Highfield	Pope Paul VI Council 4141
David Micklash	Holy Cross Council 2739
John D. Wojnar	Msgr. Oliver J. O'Callaghan 649
Jimmy C. Szott	Holy Cross Council 2739
Mark A. Windy	Reese Council 9305
Edmund L. Matuszewski	Msgr. Eugene A. Forbes Council 3590
Arnold C. Robinson	Queen of the Holy Rosary Council 3830
Donald R. Price	Fr. F. B. McCormick Council 7545
Jeffery D. Thomas	Queen of the Miraculous Medal Council 609
Jermain L. Jones	Blessed Sacrament Council 8118

Clinton Township Council 11689 purchased and distributed 25 coats to local needy children under the Koats for Kids Program.

One member per council per month

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What Happens If You Live? The Security of Long-Term Care Insurance

Thanks to marvelous innovations in medical technology and advances in living and working conditions, many of us will enjoy long, prosperous lives. With average life expectancies on the rise, there's a lot to be grateful for and look forward to. But living longer also comes with added responsibilities that we must take seriously.

Typically, when thinking about insurance products, we think about "what ifs." For life insurance, we think: What if we die? For auto insurance, we think: What if we get into an accident? For medical insurance, we think: What if we get sick? For disability insurance, we think: What if we get injured?

But for long-term care, the question is different. It's not just what happens if something happens to us, but what if something *doesn't* happen? What happens if we live?

"So what?" you say. "I won't need long-term care." But the statistics tell a different story. Seventy percent of individuals over the age of 65 will need some type of long-term care services during their lifetime. And, just as you would imagine, paying out-of-pocket for long-term care is neither brief nor cheap. The average duration of long-term care needed per individual is three years, at an annual cost of \$83,000 for private nursing home care and \$60,000 for at-home nursing care.

Traditional and government medical insurance programs don't usually provide enough help, either. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, Medicare only pays for long-term care services for a maximum of 100 days, and that's only if you meet certain criteria. Medicaid does pay for long-term care, but only if your income is below a certain level and you meet state requirements. As for employer-sponsored or private health insurance plans, they typically cover a limited range of services, similar to that provided by Medicare.¹

Subsequently, many of us are left drawing from our own resources or our family's resources to cover long-term care costs. It can be an expensive proposition just when cash resources need to be preserved for retirement.

That's why long-term care insurance should be considered part of an overall sound insurance protection strategy, and that's why the Knights of Columbus is

proud to offer long-term care insurance to our members and their eligible family members.

Simply put, long-term care insurance is designed to help cover the cost of your long-term medical needs.

Available in 3-year, 5-year, and 10-year benefit periods, our flexible plans come with a number of different options and ways for you to customize your long-term care coverage to help fit your unique needs and budget.

You choose a daily benefit amount that the policy provides, as well as specify whether you want to be covered for care in an assisted-living facility or at home.

You may also elect to purchase a Compound Inflation Rider, which will increase your maximum lifetime benefit by 3 or 5 percent each year.

And, should you choose to apply for long-term care insurance with your spouse, each of you will receive a 30 percent discount through our Spousal Discount program.

There are many other factors and considerations that go into the crafting of a Knights of Columbus long-term care policy. Your agent can help explain your options.

Contact us today at www.kofc.org and select "find an agent" to help ensure that your family and your assets are protected from the unexpected and substantial cost of long-term care.

After all, you have always taken care of your family. You don't want to worry about what would happen to them if you could no longer take care of yourself.

Long Term Care insurance contracts contain certain exclusions, limitations, and other terms. Your contract and licensed Knights of Columbus field agent can provide you with complete details. The Knights of Columbus reserves the right to ask questions about your health and review your medical records. Benefits are subject to underwriting. Premiums may increase.

¹U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Clearinghouse for LTC Information, March 3, 2014.

CLARIFICATION ON HOW TO CONDUCT THE ADMISSION DEGREE

by
GENE MURAWSKI, STATE CEREMONIAL DIRECTOR

I have been asked a couple of questions about how an Admission Degree should be conducted. The first question has been "Do Priests, Deacons or Seminarians take the Degree by observation or as a regular candidate?" The answer is that Priests always take the degree by observation whether he is wearing his collar or not. A Deacon or Seminarian takes the Degree by observation if he is wearing a collar. Some Dioceses allow Deacons and Seminarians to wear a collar, but some do not. If a Deacon or a Seminarian does not wear a collar, he goes through the Degrees as a regular candidate.

Another question that has been asked me is "Can a 17 1/2 year old Practical Catholic join the Knights of Columbus?" We all know that the Constitution says

you must be Male, 18 Years Old, and a Practical Catholic. Well, Supreme has said that you can initiate a 17 1/2 Year Old, Male, Practical Catholic if you get permission from your State Deputy, and he has gone through your Admission Committee and was approved.

I really hope you had a Very Merry and Holy Christmas. The birth of our Lord Jesus Christ is why we celebrate Christmas. We are now starting a New Year. Let's look at our council rosters, and see who has not yet gone through the Formation and Knighthood Degrees. The new ways are so religious now. What an experience and a chance to strengthen our Catholic religion.

State Culture of Life

Reverend Fathers, Brother Knights & Ladies

As we approach this very Holy time of the year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, what better time is there than this to pray for those struggling with decisions that have them in turmoil.

It's hard to believe that 2017 is just a few short weeks away which draws us that much closer to the 44th Annual March for Life in Washington DC. By the time you read this letter the deadline will have already passed which may be unfortunate for those of you that weren't informed. Please know that communication has been on the Michigan State Knights of Columbus website, www.mikofc.org for about six weeks. I mention this only so you will hopefully visit this website more often for future events.

The Michigan Knights of Columbus Right to Life Annual Dinner is scheduled for Thursday April 27, 2017. This year's venue will be at the Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150. Reservations for this year's dinner is \$50 per person or \$475 per table of 10. For more information please contact Barbara at respectlife@rtl.org or call 248-371-0466.

Once we have more information to share about the Guest Speaker, we will posit on the website so please visit www.mikofc.org for updates on this and other events throughout the State.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Tim & Cindy Donovan, Michigan State Council Pro Life Couple

St. Louis Center Corner



MI K of C State Deputy Kenneth Unterbrink presents Fr. Enzo Addari, SdC. with a check from the State Council.

By Fr. Enzo Addari, SdC.

Our Founder, St. Louis Guanella, spent his life caring for people with disabilities, and felt strongly that we all have a responsibility to care for those who cannot care for themselves. In his own words, he said “We walk together with the people entrusted to our care. Every step of the way, we bring to them the heart of a father or mother, of a brother or sister, traveling the same road towards their greater well-being. Therefore, we stand by their side as journey companions, not superseding, but respecting individual freedom and harmony.” As we enter the season of Advent, we thank the Michigan Knights of Columbus and their wonderful Ladies, who stand firmly at our side as our “journey companions,” helping us to realize our dream of creating a new St. Louis Guanella Village on the property we own here in Chelsea, Michigan.

The new St. Louis Guanella Village will be an effort where together, we will build an “intentional community” where all of the service elements we provide will be brought together for the people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who call SLC their home. This includes children’s services, direct care for adults, assisted living for people with I/DD, and family homes for parents raising a child with I/DD who would like to live independently within our Village.

Several milestones occurred this fall to set the wheels in motion. First, our Groundbreaking Ceremony took place on September 29, 2016 with 275 people and members of the State Council in attendance (see IPSD Bob Fox’s column). Then at the beginning of November, Stante Excavation arrived from Northville, MI to begin re-shaping the land and laying out the infrastructure for the new Village; including roads, water, and sewer. Our warm Michigan November actually helped us to move quickly on our project as these huge earthmoving machines carved out the engineering designs that have been years in the making.

Finally, the financial commitments that we have received from the Michigan Knights of Columbus have been critical to our future success, and we couldn’t be more grateful. Our State Council Officers have committed to support the St. Louis Guanella Village Project in the amount of \$250,000 over the next ten years, (\$25,000 per year), and the successful fundraising efforts that come from the annual MI Drives help to the pay for these pledges. The State Council was also recently present at our Annual Fall Dinner Auction at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Chelsea, and State Deputy Kenneth Unterbrink presented us with a \$25,000 check to help us purchase a new generator.

Our residents can see their dreams coming together as they look out their windows each day at the farm fields shaping their new homes, and they know that their prayers are being answered when they ask Our Lord to look over them. As Fr. Guanella said, “It is God who Works.” May our communion of Saints, led by St. Louis Guanella and Fr. Michael J. McGivney, continue to bless and watch over the Michigan Knights of Columbus and their families, and all of their good works, for the people in the world who are abandoned and have no one. Thank you all for sharing in our journey of faith, for being part of our family, and for caring so much for “God’s Special People.”

Dearborn K of C donates bicycles to veterans through “Wheels for Warriors” program



They’ve helped protect the country’s freedom, and now are getting some freedom of their own.

Four local veterans’ daily lives will be a little easier, thanks to some new wheels from members of the Msgr. Schulte

Assembly Knights of Columbus.

The group marked Veterans Day by giving bicycles to the four men — who served in Vietnam, Kosovo, Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom — through the “Wheels for Warriors” program.

The nonprofit organization enriches the lives of local veterans by providing a means of transportation, exercise and rehabilitation. More than 97 percent of donations are used to put bicycles in the hands of veterans for travel to work, grocery stores, doctor’s appointments and other daily activities.

Robert Mincel, navigator of Msgr. Schulte Assembly Knights of Columbus, and purser Don Brezovsky were instrumental in organizing the bicycle donation. About \$2,000 was raised by allocating portions of members’ annual dues.

“We’re the Knights of Columbus fourth degree, which is considered the patriotic degree, so we were trying to do something for our vets for a few years,” Mincel said. “In December, we put wreaths on the veterans’ graves at St. Hedwig Cemetery, and while we were talking about that, we decided to do something for the vets who are still living.”

They came across the Wheels for Warriors program, which has its local headquarters in Livonia, and invited a representative to explain the organization’s purpose at one of their meetings.

“With most of our vets, the main issue for them is transportation,” Mincel said. “They have no way of getting around. The bicycles enable them to get to work, school, doctor’s appointments and various things.”

The bikes came from D&D Bicycles in Westland, which agreed to service them for the next three years.

“Say if a veteran wants to bring their bicycle in and get it checked, they will fix flat tires and provide all those types of services,” Mincel said.

Holy Redeemer Council 16092 in Vanderbilt, with the help of family members, performed the fall cleanup of the parish grounds in early November. Annually, the council also participates in their local “Adopt a Road” program and cleans over three miles of old US Highway 27.

Monroe Council 1266 built and installed 150 white crosses for St. Michael the Archangel Parish. The 150 white crosses represent the total number of abortions taking place every hour of every day. Council 1266 also sponsored the informational sign accompanying the two-month display.

FROM THE STATE DEPUTY
Kenneth B. Unterbrink

May God keep you in the palm of His hand.

Knell in prayer with your wife, your children and grandchildren. It is not always easy to be a Catholic, but it is the one true church. Maybe that is why many make other choices.

Fraternally in Christ,
Kenneth Unterbrink, State Deputy

St. Louis Center Liaison Robert W. Fox, IPSD



Christmas came early for the St. Louis Center this year. The goal and planning for the St. Louis Guanella Village was no longer a dream. On Thursday September 29, 2016 following a gracious reception the celebration began. In front of a packed house including Congressman Tim Walberg (R 7th Dist.), Legacy Campaign Chairman Norm Newman, Judy Rumelhart of the Towsley Foundation, John Thorhauer CEO of the Chelsea United Methodist Retirement Community, Knights of Columbus State Officers and many others, gathered in the gym for the official ground breaking ceremony.

What was to be an outdoors event did not go as planned. Mother Nature threw a curve ball, RAIN! Not to be deterred three kid's swimming pools substituted for the outside and the "ground breaking" proceeded.

Included in the evening's festivities was the presentation of a check in the amount of \$25,000.00 to the St. Louis Center, the initial check of the Michigan Knights of Columbus pledge on the building of a Children's Home by Immediate Past State deputy Robert Fox.

The project is now well underway. With the unseasonably weather crews have been hard at work installing underground utilities and cutting in the roadways. The St. Louis Village is becoming a reality.

I would like to share some information with the new brother Knights, and even those of long membership, who possibly might not know St. Louis Center.

St. Louis Center was founded in 1960 by the Servants of Charity Congregation of missionary priests and brothers working worldwide on behalf of the poor, the abandoned and individuals with intellectual and development disabilities (I/DD). The Center's mission is to be a caring, residential, family living and learning

environment providing for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs for children and adults with I/DD.

Historically adults with I/DD passed away well before their parents. As a Result, many parents thought they would out-live their child, but in fact, with much better care radially available and the children living more active lives they are now out living their parents. These adults with I/DD, now without parents to look after them, face a crisis of major proportions, most are unable to communicate their plight, and most end up being wards of the state.

The number of adults with I/DD age 60 years or older is projected to nearly double from 641,860 in 2000 to 1.2 million by 2030. Over 75% of people with I/DD live with their families. More than 25% of family caregivers are over the age of 60 years; 38% are between 41-59 years. An estimated 2,874,604 people age 55 and older were caring for a family member with I/DD or significant functional limitations in the U.S. in 2005 and the numbers have increased significantly. Individuals with I/DD for the most part do not have a voice. They cannot articulate their situation. They can only rely on someone advocating for them. This is particularly true as they age and suddenly require special care. This we need to recognize that if it wasn't for our goodwill and generosity these adults with I/DD would be left to fend for themselves which they cannot do.

I would like to share something I have witnessed at my home parish, Holy Redeemer in Jenson MI, for many years, on which exemplifies the Centers mission.

I have watched Joe, little Joe as we call him, for some time now. Joe lives in a group home but attends Sunday mass with his parents. This past Sunday we sat behind Joe and his parents. His attitude during mass is what all Catholics should have. He listened to the readings, not planning what they would do with their day. He was not on the cell phone. His hands held as in prayer, not stuffed in their pockets or folded across their chest, or playing with their hair. Joe was at MASS, something very important to Joe. Many Catholics could learn from him. Did Joe completely understand? I would believe in his world he did, certainly in the eyes of God he did. To me his attitude during mass and prayer in general is one which all Catholics should have. Joe is one of God's special children. We need to display our faith as Joe does.

the problem that Joe, now 46, and many others with I/DD face is the reason for St. Louis Guanella Village. Please take time to learn more about St. Louis Center and the St. Louis Gaunella Village.

for more information contact the centers web site at www.stlouiscenter.org.
Vivat Jesus.

Building the Domestic Church a Family Message

As I recall several of Michigan's programs including Take 5, Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), Casey the Teddy Bear, support for Holy Cross Children's Services and St. Louis Center, Life Ethics Chair at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Ultrasound initiative and many more all demonstrate our passion and drive to fulfill the pillars of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Next our passion and drive should include that of Building the Domestic Church that we as Brother Knights and our families are in the perfect position and time to do so.

Since my appointment as State Family Director this fraternal year, one of my significant goals has been sharing Supremes' initiative, "Building the Domestic Church." This initiative pairs with "The Family Fully Alive" devotionals and provide wonderful reflections that can deepen our awareness within our families.

St. John Paul the Great was often heard saying, "Families, become what you are." He meant becoming the "domestic church" that we are called to be. He meant accepting our mission in evangelization by living our daily lives as a Christian family.' As Sir Knights, it is important that we know this and we strive to live this.

One way we can live this is by continuing to show that 'the love between a husband and wife, sanctified through the love of Christ, radiates to each member of the

family. This must be also shared with our Christian families that are fragile, wounded and broken.'

While reflecting on that challenge from St. John Paul the Great this Advent, another way we can live this is by sharing with your councils Supremes' booklet, "The Family Fully Alive." This is a booklet of monthly prayers, meditations and activities to enrich your family life (order #10162 - 10/16).

At the Michigan State Council Winter Leadership meeting a new Building the Domestic Church kiosk and popular Catholic Information Service books was on display. These books focus on family formation and spiritual life is the perfect way to share with our parishioners how the Knights of Columbus are playing an important role in supporting our families and Building the Domestic Church. This featured program display was highlighted in Supremes' October 2016 Knightline publication. The complete set can be ordered for the special price of \$150 including shipping and handling. To place an order email cis@kofc.org or call 203-752-4267.

I ask that your council leadership teams look at these initiatives and share them within your parishes and communities. Let's work together to Build Our Domestic Church!

Ed Strach
State Family Director

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Families of the Month**Marquette Council 689**

Charles Crotty family
Fritz Henke family
John Archambeau family
Steve Richards family
Will & Kathleen Hagard
Tim & Fae Presley

Marine City Council 856

Tom & Sandy Schwehofer

Big Rapids Council 1300

John & Maryann Somers
Mark & Monica Schriner

Utica Council 2950

James & Suzanne Adams

Pinconning Council 2986

Fred & Betty Koth

Wayne & Joann Jasman

Jeffrey & Annette Szyperski

Lincoln Park Council 3078

Joe & Carol Hudak

Join & Mary Thomas

Chris & Jenny Sass

Plymouth Council 3292

Eric Totzkay family

Saginaw Council 4232

Joseph & Amy Murowski

Sandusky Council 4693

Mark & Patty Roberts

Taylor Council 4872

Ruben & Teresa Plascencia

Timothy & Margaret Henderson

Terry & Ann Cauley

Matthew & Jennifer Heading

Gladwin Council 5280

David Greayes, Donald Kingery

Arden LaPalm

Roscommon Council 6593

Bill & Darlene Kopko

Bob & Dot Wolfgang

Glenn & Melva Stuart

John & Nan Abke

Posen Council 6657

Kevin & Jess Szott

RJ & Paulette Bordeau

Victor & Carrie Zaborney

Swartz Creel Council 6694

Ken & Linda Klungle

Bob & Marchell Weld

Roy & Jeanne Beville

Sterling Heights Council 7011

Joe & Sonia Honce III

Brighton Council 7304

Patrick & Peggy McDonald

James & Gloria Osborne

Daniel & Amy Zimmerman

Kevin Roach family

Steven & Marie Schafer

Ralph & Delores Yackley, Sr.

Donald & Audrey Sucher

Fenton Council 7418

Robert & Beverly Julip

Harrison Council 7571

James & Rose Evans

James & Marlane Combs

Durand Council 7955

Don & Sean Mellott

Caseville Council 8042

John & Colleen Krohn

Sanford Council 8043

Dan & Suzanne Reinke

Marty & donna Westmeuller

Flushing Council 8489

Jon & Mary Smith

Matt Kassuba family

Joe & Kim Cozart

Auburn Hills Council 8659

Mike & Mary Alice Merlo

Barry & Cheryl Doherty

Montrose Council 8669

Donald & Gloria Weber

Anthony & Eloise Sovis

Mason Council 9182

Gordon Terwilliger family

Jim Powers family

Toby West family

Lansing Council 11099

Ricardo & Michelina Cantu

Donald & Gayle Gardner

James & Judy Kenny

John & Beth Gordon

Daniel & Lou Ann Dowsett

Harrison Twp. Council 11658

Ken & Diane Steil

Dave & Olga Simcoke

Tom & Nicole Fournier

Clinton Twp. Council 11689

Joseph & Joan Phillips

Shelby Township Council 11957

Paul & Claudine Taurine

Vicksburg Council 13305

Scott & Amy Block

Leo & Devon Swiat

Midland Council 13452

Bill & Lisa Owens

Marc & Jennifer Laurin

Ted & Nancy Wolanin

Grosse Ile Council 13475

Bill & Pat Mynster

Council Officers 2015-2016

Pat Coakley family

Tom & Donna Plegue

Farmington Council 13673

Brien & Lynn Gulick

Jon & Rochelle Esper

Gerald & Kathleen Smith

Tom & Nancy Lacey

Shelby Twp. Council 13983

Joe & Lynn Kuligowski

Ray & Pat Williamson

St. Sebastian Council 14642 in Byron Center made the final payment on its \$25,000 pledge to the parish's St. Sebastian Building Fund. Thanks to hard work and an array of events — including Sunday breakfasts, raffles, and beer and wine tasting — the council made good on its pledge 18 months ahead of schedule.

West Huron Centennial Council 8042 in Caseville completed a two-year project to install two new energy-efficient and handicapped-accessible doors at St. Roch Church. The new entry replaced outdated and overworked doors.

St. Peter Council 6534 in Eaton Rapids constructed a wheelchair ramp at the home of a Knight who had undergone an emergency leg amputation. The council had held a Mexican dinner fundraiser to cover the \$1,500 cost of the ramp installation,

but due to its success, an additional \$3,100 was raised to help pay medical bills following the Knight's long hospital stay.

St. Catherine of Siena Council 6980 in Portage sponsored its annual Blue Mass, this year celebrated by Bishop Paul Bradley of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, at St. Catherine of Siena Church. After the Mass, the council provided the main course of a luncheon hosted for the first responders in attendance. The event was organized by Knight and police officer Steven Clark.

May They Rest In Peace**Marine City Council 856**

Robert Beauvais, Ralph Nichols

Detroit Council 2739

Casimir Cudnik Jr.

Lincoln Park Council 3078

Ralph Telesz, Victor Bonora

John Mosella Sr., Ronald Hodges

William Radiger, Mark Winger

Robert Solano, Peter Vukovich

John Thomas, Donald Ibershoff

Taylor Council 4872

Donald Stitt

Oscoda Council 5083

Joseph Pat Copland FDD

Posen Council 6657

Edmond Kapa

Michigan Center Council 6687

Charles DeBoe, DD

Whittaker Council 8113

Rev. Edmond L. Ertzbischoff

Lake City Council 8556

Rev. James Van Tobel

Mason Council 9182

Ross Ried

Shelby Twp. Council 11957

Daniel Montpas

AROUND THE STATE



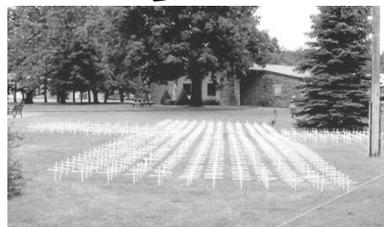
Council #8118 presented a \$500 check to the Home Visitors of Mary in support of their mission work in Nigeria. From left: Joe Schmidt member #8118, State Deputy Unterbrink, Sister Farentina Home Visitors of Mary, Howard Weathington, GK, and Tim Cholyway of Council #8118.

St. Joseph the Provider Council 13942 in St. Joseph, and Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 1120 and Father Baroux Assembly, both of Benton Harbor, teamed up for the second year to host a memorial golf tournament in honor of all deceased members of the Knights of Columbus. Proceeds were donated to the Catholic Community Center in Benton Harbor, which provides a caring Christian presence to the people of the area through community outreach services; personal support; and assistance with food, utilities and other basic needs.

St. Michael of Sterling Heights Council 13799 assisted both its parish and a brother in need. The council built a ramp for a wheelchair-bound Knight to help him get to and from medical appointments, and they also re-landscaped his yard with low-maintenance plants. Turning these skills to their parish, they also helped create a Peace Garden at St. Michael Church and hosted an ice cream social for parishioners at the gardens dedication and blessing.

Several times a year, **Bishop Kevin M. Britt Assembly** in Jenison invites the veterans of Grand Rapids Veterans Home to enjoy ice cream served by the Knights.

In June **Council 11689** purchased and distributed 1150 rosary rings to the members of the St Paul of Tarsus Parish. The Council held a Pancake Breakfast in September and raised \$1400 for MCREST.



Mio Knights of Columbus Council 7329 placed crosses on the grounds of St. Mary Church/Our Lady of the Woods Shrine in Mio from August 10th thru the 17th. Eight hundred crosses represent one fourth of the daily abortions in the United States.



65th Annual Posen Potato Festival Parade.

Swartz Creek Council 6694 held its annual "Bob Smeets' Coney Night" fundraiser. The proceeds from hot dogs and sides sold at the picnic supported the Swartz Creek Fine Arts Association's program of free concerts.

Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Council 5492 in Livonia coordinated a Drop-off Day, during which parishioners donated nearly two dozen loads of household items that the Knights sorted, moved and tested for Habitat for Humanity's local ReStore. The council also served breakfast and lunch for 30 candidates and their wives at a deaconate formation event at St. Colette Parish.



St. Michael Knights of Columbus Council 7311 Grand Knight Ron Pioch presents 25 KC bears to members of the Grand Ledge Fire Department. The bears are presented to children whose homes have been affected by fires or emergency incidents.



Members of **St. Francis of Assisi Council 15937** in Lewiston take a break after installing new windows in the rectory of their parish. For insurance reasons, the previous windows had to be replaced with windows that would allow a person room to exit in case of an emergency.



Pictured L-R- State Deputy Kenneth Unterbrink, Faddi Faddoul, Grand Knight Ken Klouski

On November 2, 2016 a First Degree ceremony was held at **Council 3092** in Chelsea, MI. As part of the Council's plans to support Christians in the Middle East, one of seven candidates received into the Order was Faddi Faddoul of Bethlehem. He is shown here after his ceremony and attendance at his first Council Meeting with State Deputy Kenneth Unterbrink and Grand Knight Ken Klowski. Brother Faddoul returned to his home in Bethlehem in December and will act as a roundtable coordinator between his Council in Chelsea MI and St. Catherine Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem as Chelsea Council 3092 moves forward with other initiatives of support for the Christians in the Middle East.

In November **Council 11689** sponsored another Pancake Breakfast and raised over \$1400 for VETS RETURNING HOME.

Also in November, Members of the Council assisted a local neighboring Anglican Church in fulfilling the needs of providing logistical support for MCREST. This was done during Thanksgiving week.



The **Iron River Knights of Columbus Council 2300**, held their first black cow project on Saturday, October 8, 2016 at the Iron Mountain veterans hospital by serving approx. 75 patients, visitors and aides with cookies, root beer floats and ice cream sundaes. Everyone appreciated the event. Servers were 4th degree sir knights, Arthur Aregoni, chairman Stu Adair, and Robert Remondini. The 4th degree is the patriotic degree of the Knights of Columbus, thus serving our veterans was very fulfilling and honorable.



St. Michael Knights of Columbus Council 7311 Grand Knight Ron Pioch presents 25 KC bears to Detective DeWitt and Officers Morrison and Ringold of the Grand Ledge Police Department. The bears are presented to children who have encountered police officers during incidents.

St. John Neumann Council

16169 in Canton held a concert called "Knight ROC" at Plymouth ROC Bar & Restaurant. The concert featured Knights performing Christian Rock and Classic Rock favorites and raised \$2,340 to benefit the Plymouth-Canton Special Olympics.

In October **Council 11689** brought Trunk or TREAT for Halloween. Almost a hundred kids came to enjoy the games, free food and, of course, candy.

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Alpena Council 529

Patrick Gapske, Joseph Bleau
James Hubert

Battle Creek Council 575

John Knapp, Edward Thomas
Brett Cutshall, Maximilian Stark
Richard Vitale, Jeffrey Zdebski

Marquette Council 689

Nick Aho, Ned Stockard

Marine City Council 856

Corey Johnson, Msgr Brown
John Wagner

Monroe Council 1266

Mark Sobol

Kingsford Council 1585

Deacon Don Christy
John Gaudette, Francis Antonetti

Warren Council 1874

Rodney Ratliff, Harry Crile
John Festerman Sr.

Hart Council 2199

Rev. Norbert Leyrita, Wally Carrier

Howell Council 2659

Harold Aardal

Standish Council 2724

Mitch Pula

St. Clair Shores Council 2733

Michael Lavis, Daniel Corcoran

Gaylord Council 2781

Ken Tomaski, John Sera
Thomas Wojtkowiak
James Steward

Utica Council 2950

John Ternes, Terry Donoan

Grand Haven Council 2975

Terry Johnson, Dieter Tober

Pinconning Council 2986

Richard Compeau, Ernest Turmell
Dennis Michalik

Lincoln Park Council 3078

Ron Lott, Mark Lukasik
Ronnie Roush. Sr.

Crystal Falls Council 3082

Frank Siewiorek

Grand Rapids Council 3104

Richard Nawrocki, Richard Hanson

Plymouth Council 3292

Gregory Zdan II

Ruth Council 3823

Douglas Klee, Ronald Roggenbuck

Walled Lake Council 4064

Richard Sefcovic

Saginaw Council 4232

Dan Porath, Robert Franz
James Church, Mike Berent

Concklin Council 4404

Mark Kline, Randy Graftema

Sandusky Council 4693

Mark Roberts, Richard LeGault

Taylor Council 4872

Ruben Plascenia Michael Shoniker
Timothy Henderson, John Bunarek

Oscoda Council 5083

Brian Connors

Gladwin Council 5280

Donald Kingery, Arden LaPalm
David Geaves

New Baltimore Council 5981

AAaron Scarpelli, Brian Yacks

Brooklyn Council 6223

Edward Broich, George Hoffman
Don Rostago, Jim Scuddu

Roscommon Council 6593

Marv Peplinski, Sr., Greg Milne
Donald Croff

Posen Council 6657

Dave Purgiel, James Kendzorski
Louis Urban

Swartz Creek Council 6694

Jerry Klein, Tom Roke
Dave Scheonfield

Grand Blanc Council 6742

Rev. Gary Koenigsknecht
John Prosniewski, Jayson Richert

Sterling Heights Council 6865

Mark Bruski

Sterling Heights Council 7011

Joe Honce III, Bill Siffin

Anthony Fiorelli

Brighton Council 7304

Thomas Steller, Benjamin Derocher
Michael Moorman, Frank Woody

Gary Delamielleure

Indian River Council 7365

Mike Litzner, Don Rosenski
Fr. Varn Dlmer, DFM, Danial Miller

Fenton Council 7418

John Thomas

Jenison Council 7487

Thomas Parrish, Richard Olszowski
Nathan Topie

Armada Council 7561

John Harris, Darwin Martindale
Ron Elwart

Harrison Council 7571

Ralph Conrad, James Evans

Milan Council 7587

Chris Overbeek

Hale Council 7623

Donald Rem, Bernard Lorenz
Andrew Micklash

Lowell Council 7719

Robert Schultz, Nate Fisk

Rockford Council 7761

Aaron Sweeney, Richard Lupico

Remus Council 7869

Harry VandenBrink, David Minkel
Richard Klenk, David Martin

Durand Council 7955

Gayle Stee

Caseville Council 8042

John Nofs

Sanford Council 8043

Barry Skutt, Jr., Frank Allbee, Sr.
Bill Carey

Howell Council 8169

Dr. William Metz, Eric Ross
Verne Buehler, Mike Rozewski

St. Helen Council 8390

Clarence Dupis, Robert Berg
Ricky Maynard

Flushing Council 8489

Larry Maniak, Jim Burns
Matt Hartmann

Lake City Council 8556

Fr. Bryan Madlin

Auburn Hills Council 8659

Mike Kurkowski, Ron Steinmayer

Montrose Council 8669

Raymond Anders, Roger Feckovics
Frederick Domine

Morrice Council 8735

John Esper

Cass City Council 8892

Ronald Brzuchowski,
Tom Osantowski

Mason Council 9182

Ross Reid, Anthony Orlando
Al Schulien, Tom Trimmer

Paul Schnipke, Deacon Tom Feiten

Lansing Council 9711

Steven Forgey

Okemos Council 10006

Brian Beck, David DeKoninck
Carl Boehlert

Burton Council 10170

Greg Girard, Steve Carroll
Timothy Donlan

Rochester Hills Council 10343

Mark Nica

Lansing Council 10542

Steve Tews

Lansing Council 11099

Steve Simonson, Samuel Riley

Marne Council 11581

Mark Amaya, Bob Gatt

Shelby Twp. Council 11957

Ralph Williamson

Sterling Heights Council 12102

Jim Martin, Al Shulin, Mike Padalino

Brighton Council 12295

Edward Loniewski, James Kronk
Leo Mayer

Montague Council 12985

Tom Bart

Vicksburg Council 13305

Donald Amstead, John McGoff
Chuck Colligan, Greg LaPrees

Sterling Heights Council 13340

Robert Rucinski, Robert Brent
Mario DiPonio

Howell Council 13450

Paul Gotelaere

Midland Council 13452

Mark Robertson, Todd Lovely
Donald Dice

Troy Council 13453

Gary Smith, John Carry

Grosse Ile Council 13475

Pat Coakley III, Albert Marson
Knights Working Baccalaureate Bkfst.

Vito Atonazzo,

Grand Rapids Council 13499

Gary Novak, Russell Danhof

Farmington Council 13673

John Davis, Peter Becks

Clio Council 13703

Keith Barkiewicz, Eric Barton
Rex Kincaid, Jerold Terrell

Sterling Heights Council 13799

Bill Edward

White Cloud Council 13939

Richard Skowronski

Pontiac Council 13950

Steve LeFaivre,
Arnold Vandercruyssen

LASTING REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DEPARTED

Memories are the legacy of love. A beautiful and everlasting remembrance is to have your loved one enrolled on the Knights of Columbus Vocations Committee Memorial Plaque, which hangs in the Chapel of Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. Those enrolled will be remembered at the daily Mass, in prayers and the good works of the Priests and Seminarians at the Seminary.

A nameplate will be placed on the plaque for tax deductible donation of \$100.00 (4 line nameplate) or \$25.00 (single line nameplate). Proceeds from your donation will go to aid seminarians, postulates and novices in need of financial assistance.

Please complete the form below for a Memorial Plaque.

Memorial Plaque Application

In Memory of: _____

Date of Death: _____ Gift of: _____

Requested by: _____

Phone No. _____ Council/Assembly No. _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-Mail Address (if applicable): _____

Make should be made checks payable to: DAVL

Mail form to: John Beirne
DAVL Treasurer
30237 Taylor St.
St. Clair Shores, MI 48087

The Best Presents Can't Be Wrapped

This holiday season give the gift of yourself within your council, community and family. Give these or similar presents of friendship, understanding, kindness, love and compassion:

- Serve or prepare meals at a soup kitchen.
- Bring presents to children or elderly people in the hospital.
- Clean, repair and refurbish a church in a poor neighborhood.
- Visit someone who's shut-in.
- Send a Christmas card to someone you have not seen or talked to in years.
- Invite a friend or neighbor who will be alone to share your Christmas celebration.
- Reconcile with a friend or relative with whom you have quarreled. Apologize if you were wrong.
- Provide transportation to shelters for homeless people.
- Wish people you meet a good day and a happy and holy Christmas.
- Get the family together to clean out all the closets and dressers. Donate usable clothing, shoes, blankets and other items to a program for needy families.
- Send care packages to military personnel stationed overseas.
- Sing Christmas carols at nursing homes or hospitals.
- Collect baby clothes, blankets, food, diapers or money and donate these items to an organization that helps needy people.
- Supply car seats or cradles to underprivileged mothers.
- Sponsor a drive for children to donate their old toys to youngsters.
- Be a part of the holiday spirit by undertaking one or more of the items listed above and help make Christmas merry for someone else and yourself.

YES I wish to enroll in the Guild and to receive the newsletter.
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Country _____
 Please list below the names and addresses of any family or friend who might be interested in the Guild's work.
 Name _____
 Address City/State/Country Country _____
 Name _____
 Address City/State/ _____

 MONTHLY MASS FOR GUILD MEMBERS
 Please remember these specific intentions at the monthly Mass for Guild Member.
 1. _____
 If you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to support the mission of the Guild, checks should be made payable to The Father McGivney Guild, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, Ct _____

Casey Teddy Bear Order Form

Council No. _____ Council Name _____

Order Qty. _____ Total Order (Number of Bears x \$10)

Ship To:
Name _____

Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Checks Payable to: Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus
Memo: Casey Teddy Bears

Send to:
Jeffrey J. Gapczynski State Council Activities Director 41240
Scarborough Ct., Clinton Twp., MI 48038



**One Shining star to make the world bright,
One infant child on that wonderful night,
One little prayer for those we hold dear,
To bless you at Christmas
And all through the year**

Merry Christmas & Happy New year

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

**State Deputy
Kenneth & Eleanor Unterbrink**

**State Secretary
Antonio & Sue Vittorini**

**State Treasurer
William & Marybeth Chasse**

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

**State Warden
Christopher & Julie Kolomjec**

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

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

**Detroit Archdiocesan Chaplain
Rev. Paul Ballien**

**Gaylord Diocesan Chaplain
Rev. Matthew Wigton**

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

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

**Lansing Diocesan Chaplain
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Steve Szubielski, Tom Westerland
John Moore, Tim Meyer

Northville Council 14427
John Yungman, Dave Kramarczyk
Al Goscinski

Allendale Council 14586
Joel Dykstra
Grand Rapids Council 15495
Richard Meyers, Frederick Kraemer

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Kentwood Council 16223
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1st Charity Prize
Alaskan Cruise



2nd Unity Prize
Atlantis Paradise Island



3rd Fraternity Prize
Cancun



4th Patriotic Prize
Washington D.C.



2017 Joint Fundraiser For Council And State Charities

Brother Knights:

It's that time of year again for the Joint Fundraising Raffle. We have put together memorable vacations with cash, and 26 cash prizes.

As you can see from the long list of charities that the State Council has supported on your behalf, the need is sometimes overwhelming. Selling more than 1,12 pack of tickets is not. So, do your best like you always have and we will continue to make a difference, our children, persons in need, and our charities are depending on us.

This raffle is a "win-win." Please call for extra packs of tickets, which will make you a star in the eyes of the people who need our help the most, and could help make more "Star Councils". Last year the top council earned \$2,387.00.

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

1st Charity Prize - Alaskan Cruise, for 2, 7 days, balcony cabin, with airfare transfers, taxes, and fees and \$5,000 cash.

2nd Unity Prize - Atlantis Paradise Island - Beach Tower, 7 nights terrace room, 2 course dinner plan for 2 with airfare, transfers, taxes and fees with and \$3,000 cash

3rd Fraternity Prize - Cancun All Inclusive Dream Puerto Aventuras Resort & Spa 7 nights for 2 with airfare, transfers, taxes and fees, and \$1,000 cash.

4th Patriotic Prize - Washington D.C. for 2, 3 night hotel, with guided tour with airfare, transfers, taxes and fees , and \$500 cash

5th - 7th Prize \$1,000 each

8th - 10th Prize \$500 each

11th—20th Prize \$250 each

21st - 30th Prize \$150.00 each

"ALL FLIGHTS DEPART DETROIT METRO AIRPORT"

"Trips are transferable to another trip or person."

Grand prize Drawing held at DeCarlo's Banquet Center
6015 East Ten Mile, Warren, MI 48091

Grand Prize Drawing on April 22, 2017, 2:30pm

Kenneth B. Unterbrink—State Deputy

State Fundraising Director

Gary A. DeCarlo

586-436-0121

The Biggest Winners are
THE CHARITIES THAT WE SUPPORT



Sacred Heart Major Seminary

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City, State Zip _____ Date _____
PAY TO Michigan State Council \$ _____
MEMORANDUM _____ Dollars
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A FEW TIPS TO HELP YOU RETURN YOUR TICKET STUBS

The envelope that is enclosed is ONLY for state raffle ticket stubs, check or money orders. We are not responsible for returning anything else (dues, personal bills etc.) that is sent in the envelope to the state office.

"The sales persons are responsible for listing the council number on the ticket stubs"

Make sure all checks are made out to: Michigan State Council
On memo line please state: State Raffle

KNIGHTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

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

De Carlo's Banquet Center

Doors Open at 12 noon

A light lunch will be provided

Cash Bar Available

Drawing Held at 2:30pm

2017 JOINT FUNDRAISER FOR COUNCIL AND STATE CHARITIES RAFFLE DERBY INCENTIVES

Top individual Sellers

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

Top Councils

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

Top District Deputies

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

Top Diocesan Program Directors

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

Prize Ticket Sellers

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

Gross Ticket Sales

20% of your council gross ticket sales go back to your council for council charities.

Return all sold and unsold tickets no later 11am on April 22, 2017, to the State Office.

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