



# MICHIGAN COLUMBIAN



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## From The State Deputy William H. Chassé



Worthy Brother Knights,

Marybeth and I hope your Christmas season was filled with joy and happy times with your families. We hope 2018 was prosperous and that you will have many blessings in the coming New Year.

As we move into the midst of winter, our communities will look for help. This is the time of year people really need our support. If it's just a kind word, jacket or food, that's what we need to do.

Last month we held our winter meeting at the Crown Plaza in Lansing. Workshops were well attended and much was discussed. As a state we were able to bring in over 2500 sweatshirts, bath baskets, socks, sheets, mittens and over 11,000 in gift cards. Please thank your wives and all who participated.

We as a state have done a great job with our programs and if we were graded by the programs we do here in Michigan we would be at the very top.

Unfortunately we are not. We are graded on our membership intake and controlling suspensions.

I ask you this: "Do you not have time to put a coat on a little boy or girl that his or her parents can't afford?"

Do you not have time to work one hour to help with our tootsie roll drive?

Do you not have time to help with our Youth activities that you probably are already involved with?

These are a few questions you can have your membership team ask when they're told, "I just don't have the time right now".

Now is the time we show our commitment and stand proud to show our pride of being a Catholic Gentleman.

Worthy District Deputies please make sure the communication line is used and mentor your councils to a successful year.

Worthy Grand Knights you are more important than you know. Please ask your Council members, if they know anyone that would be able to do any of these things. Ask them to join you at an event. Get them interested in what we do. We can build our army from the ground up. Let them know it would be a good decision and they may get the feeling others have gotten after joining. Many have said; it will make you better Catholic, husband, and just all around better person.

Many times I get asked from other brother Knights, "How are things going?" My response is: Everything is going great. Attitudes are great, everyone seems to be positive and our programs are strong.

We just need to find a way to recruit new members. If every Catholic man knew what we do, why wouldn't they want to become a member of the Knights of Columbus? It is our duty to make sure all men realize what we do and help them help those in need by becoming a Knight of Columbus.

Things to think off

Please remember the SHMS Scholarship fund which is a 501 c3.

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## From The State Chaplain Rev. Paul E. Erickson



Whenever I look at a Christmas Crèche, I always have to keep myself from laughter. I do not know if I am alone in this feeling, but the whole scene has an aire of lunacy that I find incredibly funny. Here, we have all of the greatest Christian paradoxes smashed together and then stuffed, rather unceremoniously I might add, into a barn.

The scene is amazing, and begins with the universe itself. The Magi of the East have been following a star that ought not be there, a celestial event that was peculiar enough to them for them to gather an entourage and leave home laden with gifts literally fit for a king. What they find is that the king is a baby, who also happens to be the God of the universe, and that His parents are so poor and insignificant that they could not find room at an inn, so they were forced to have Him, their firstborn son, in a stables out back. And remember, this infant God has made Himself so helpless and pitiful that He is resting in a manger. So, in come these foreign kings to do homage to the newborn God-man, amidst livestock and all of those accompanying sights and smells. As if this were not funny enough, then in walk shepherds, followed in kind by a huge array of heavenly hosts outside, announcing to them the birth of Christ, peace on Earth, and goodwill toward men. Quite frankly, it is hilarious.

God made man. Kings, shepherds, and a carpenter. The virgin mother. The Mother of God. Angelic armies with herds of beasts. None of these belong together. This ridiculous scene should not exist. And yet we see it so often and so plainly that we are in danger of losing, not just the comedy, but the whole point of Christmas. The question at least

deserves to be asked, What could possibly bring all of these things together like this?"

The answer to this question is the point the God is trying to make. There is only one thing that brings all of this together. The answer is love. Only love allows itself to be so humiliated and at the same time exalted beyond all measure, relishing in both the humility and the praise.

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**From The State Deputy  
William H. Chassé**

Worthy Grand Knights this is a fund to help Seminarians. This fund will ensure that we won't lose a seminarian due to financial reasons. We are asking for 6.00 per member per year until we reach our goal of 1,000,000.00 this does not take place of the RSVP Program. Please consider going on our Bus trip to Washington DC for the March for life. January 17<sup>th</sup> returning home on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

The State Chaplain's Membership Tribute Banquet, will be held on Saturday, February 23 2019, at the DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center in Warren Michigan.

I have received word from the Supreme Office, all councils who were non-compliant on the Safe Environment Program will receive if they qualify for the Father McGivney and the Founders Award.

Recruit and make Michigan great again.

God Bless to all  
Bill Chasse' SD

**From The State Chaplain  
Rev. Paul E. Erickson**

Only love breaks barriers between rich and poor, between king and shepherd and carpenter. Only love makes infinite power into a helpless child. Only love makes the virgin into a mother. Only love bridges the infinite gulf between God and humanity, between creature and creator, between Heaven and Earth. Love is the only thing that makes the scene possible. But more importantly, love is the only thing that turns this insanity into something believable.

G. K. Chesterton once said, "Truth, of course, must of necessity be stranger than fiction, for we have made fiction to suit ourselves." No human poet, playwright, author, or screenwriter has ever dared to posit anything like the Christmas story, for two reasons I think. First, I do not think that there has ever been a human mind creative enough to put it all together. But secondly, even should that mind arise, it would never think to put it down in writing because writers want their work to be credible. And that is both the humor and the point. Love makes credible what is incredible.

As we continue to bask in the joy of Christmas, I hope and pray that the gifts of God surprise you once again, that He fill you with wonder and awe, that He show you the outrageous depths of His love for you. May God bless you now and forever.



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**From The State Treasurer  
Christopher A. Kolomjec**



To all My brother knights, ladies and friends, Vivat Jesus!

I find myself writing all of you during this Holiday Season, Christmas and New Years is a perfect time to reflect upon all the wonderful gifts God has given us. As for me, I am so blessed to be serving you all as the State Treasurer. Julie and I have really enjoyed traveling the State and meeting so many familiar faces and even some new ones! But I am equally grateful serving you all with the current State Board and with Larry Grabowski and Gary Kolbicz who do so much. I cannot thank them all enough for all the advice, guidance, and true friendship that I have experienced this fraternal year. Losing Tony was a blow to all of us, but we have all become closer as a result, and that's how Tony always wanted it. He never met a friend that didn't become family! We are all a family in the Knights of Columbus, but I hope this State Board continues to shine as an example of how to be close brothers and meet the duties of our office entrusted to us. It is always easier to endure the hardships of life and the burdens of responsibility with people you truly love and respect. That is your State Board. We hope our example can show you how much fun you can have while doing the work of the order. That is the best recruiting model there is. Knights and their wives and families truly caring about each other and

reaching out to those in need while fostering our Catholic Faith is really what we are all about.

To be really successful in membership and getting men to join your council, make your council worth joining!! Nobody wants to take on more work. Nobody really needs to join our order to help their parish. But if you can be an example of Men and Wives and Families that truly do good works AND are able to have fun together, you won't have to recruit very hard. Men will want to join councils that have fun and where the men love and respect each other. Sometimes that takes work. Any family can be difficult at times, but if you make the effort to love, forgive, forget, and most of all laugh, then the fun comes naturally.

Father McGivney established not just an insurance program, not just a charitable works organization, no, he established a fraternity. He knew it was important for the Catholic men of his parish to actually like each other. He knew it was important for their faith that they socialize together. He also knew it was important to their families that they unify so they could take care of each other. We must work on the fraternal side of our order to increase membership, don't neglect it!

Finally, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year on behalf of my wife, Julie and my Daughters Jackie and Madeline, and of course my son, Christopher Jr. (Please wish him luck in his efforts to be the Charter Grand Knight of our newest college council at Michigan State University!) God Bless you all, Keep sending Walter, the State Secretary, the checks, not me!

**State Membership Director  
James N. Kraus**

**"I will show you my faith by my deeds"**

Adding new men to our Councils is key to the sustainability of the Councils across the state. Many times I have heard from my brother Knights, the State Council and Supreme Council only cares about the "numbers" (in this case new members). Let's ponder the importance of new members to our Councils for a minute.

The need for on-going recruitment of new members is not necessarily about growing the membership of the Council. The need to replace ourselves and to introduce new men and their families to the joy of membership in our Order should be our driving force. Replacing ourselves is so important as we need to have many hands to do the good works within our Councils, Parishes and Communities. In Michigan on average we lose about 225 members each month or 2700 per year. About half of this number is by death and the balance from withdrawal, transfer to another state or suspension.

Without new men and their families joining, it is very easy to wear out the hard-working members of the Council and then realize no one is volunteering for the projects and charitable works we are known for. The State's goal for sustainability for this fraternal year ending June 30, 2019 is 2700 members. Stated otherwise, we are hoping to break even on our normal losses for the year.

It is the responsibility of the Council leadership team to make a firm commitment and pledge to make membership and sustainability a year-round process, not just when the Financial Secretary has presented the committee a list of brothers who are in arrears with their dues. Every event, every Mass you attend and each Catholic man you speak to is an opportunity to sustain your Council's membership by asking the two important questions: "Are you a Knight?" and if not "Has anyone explained to you the benefit of joining the Knights of Columbus?"

Keep in mind, the start of sustainability actually begins when a member becomes initiated into the order at their First Degree. From that day forward, until that member's funeral, it is the responsibility of the Council to keep members active and interested in Council programs and activities. Consider this:

**James 2:14-18**

**What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?**

**Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.**

A good deed is making new members must feel welcome at meetings and events. They should be introduced during their first Council meeting, and greeted by (especially by senior) members after the meeting. All members should be encouraged to become active in leadership roles. Councils must make a deliberate effort to encourage and expand programs to include family members. Ongoing communication using newsletters and emails with all members throughout the year is a good way to keep them involved and attract others who may be interested in joining.

### From The State Program Director William Leveque, SR

Faith in Action is alive and well in the State of Michigan, I get reports every day on how councils are participating at more Parish level programs as participates and are opening more council events to participation from parish members. We need to remember that when we are participating at Parish events, we are there with like minded Catholics, maybe they would be interested at helping at more of our council events, many hands make lite the work.

Supreme Council has been releasing more Faith in Action forms that will be helpful in recording and planning council events, you should take look at [KofC.org](http://KofC.org), they are the best I've seen come out from Supreme, they are easy to use and can make filling out future forms a breeze.

We have several important reports to keep in mind currently, 1728 council survey of Fraternal activities, this is important to help keep our commitments to Charity. It also provides a look at what we do as Councils, Districts and State. Form 4584 Special Olympics, Michigan has a rich tradition of being number one in participation in division one, let's not break that tradition. See the following article about Special Olympics.

From Rick

On Friday September 28, 2018 the State Fall Games for Special Olympics Michigan kicked off with a Bang over at the Kensington Hotel in Ann Arbor starting with the Young Athletes Festival, approximately 1,600 athletes participated in Team Sports, Soccer, Flag Football and Softball.

Individual Sports that Included Golf, Cycling and Kayaking and Skills Events which included Golf, Soccer and Softball, with 1,000 volunteers along with friends and family in attendance the event over that weekend was nothing less than Spectacular.

There are several micro sites that host several of the events that take place over that weekend, I had the pleasure of being at Independence Park for the Soccer event where I had the opportunity to speak with Robbie Waclawski who is the Special Gifts Manager for Special Olympics Michigan up at Central Michigan University, Robbie has been trying to bring me up to speed as to what we as Knights can do for SOM as an example District Deputy from District 14 Hans Hansen along with many other members and wives from the Knights of Columbus took on the challenge of preparing and serving all of the food that day to all the Athletes and Volunteers at Independence Park, there hard work help defray the cost and saved SOM over \$5000.00 that day so as you can see there are many different ways to organize and help with any of the different programs around the state.

Please feel free to contact your SOM area director or myself for any help you may need to participate.  
Special Olympics Director Rick McCloy Jr.

Coats for Kids was a great success this year with over 5,000 coats given away, with several more drives yet to be done, shout out to Dan and Betty Searle for a job well done. Dan is working on a summer camp outing this year stay tuned for more details. We would like to see a great turn out we need to have better challengers for the State Deputy who will be defending his been bag championship. Once again thanks to all who participated in these and upcoming events.

That Man is You Program, I would like to thank Mike DiCosola for coming to the winter meeting and share how the program has helped him as a Catholic Man, our State Chaplain along with Our Diocesan Chaplains would like to encourage you to join or start this program at your Parishes. They have a special program called the Lenten Journey. It will fulfill your required Faith program for the Colombian Award.

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### Ladies Corner

Happy New Year! We hope you were able to enjoy the winter meeting with your husband. Thank you for all that you do and for coming to the winter meeting. For those of you who want a copy of Father Paul's "How to pray with renunciations and declarations", please email me at [mchasse@mi.kofc.org](mailto:mchasse@mi.kofc.org) and I will send it to you. Thank you Father Paul for a great experience!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the buying, collecting, transporting of the sweatshirts, bath baskets, socks, sheets, mittens and gift cards. Please pass on our thanks to those who may not get this paper. We took in over 2500 sweatshirts, \$11,000 in gift cards, 500 gift baskets, 80 pairs of mittens, 135 hats, some socks, 130 bed sheets and 60 scarves. More continued to come in after the weekend! It was a great success and greatly appreciated. If you get the opportunity to make it to any of the locations receiving the items, please do so, it is a worthwhile experience. It truly represents what the season is about and supports Father McGivney's efforts to help those less fortunate.

A big thank you to the ladies and men who helped package and load the items to be distributed to the various clients across the State of Michigan. You are appreciated!!

Looking ahead to 2019, please join us on the RTL bus trip to Washington DC, you will not regret it. It is a wonderful experience.

Please continue to support your husband's efforts and if you ever have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

With Gratitude and Blessings for the New Year,

Marybeth, Karen, Julie, Mandy and Pam

### Breakfast for a Cause



L-R-  
Michelle Massa,  
Andrea Massa,  
Tony Massa,  
Linda Massa,  
John Rodgers

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council 7444 of Milford held a pancake and sausage breakfast for one of their members daughter who has cirrhosis of the liver. The member is Tony Massa and his daughter is Michelle "Massa" Dove.

The breakfast was served at St. Mary's Church after the 8am, 10am and noon Masses. As of the writing of this article the council raised a total of \$4,500.00 dollars. A big thank you to Greg and Jimmy Holinski for the donation of the sausages. Also "THANKS" to the following Knights who worked the breakfast: Doug Sordyl, GK Peter Essenmacher, D.G.K. Paul Castiglione, Bob Sobczak, Harlan Thome, Mike Opalko, Gus LaRuffa, Jerry Klemmer, Bob Bozak, Larry Chudzinski, Don Green, Steve Battle, Ed Barbone, Anthony Barbone, Ken Hulewicz, Bob & Carolyn Dickinson, John Rodgers. Past State Deputy Bernard Gerke (1980-1982) told me "If you join the Knights get active".

Submitted by  
John Rodgers

### State Membership Director James N. Kraus

Perhaps another good deed is to reach out to the former members personally and ask them to once again become involved in your Council. Your Financial Secretary should be able to provide a listing of all members suspended or inactive from your Council.

Another proven good deed is to appoint a few men to contact a few members each month - members you have not recently seen at an event or a meeting. Ask them how their family is, their health, if they would be able to attend the next meeting, do they need a ride, would they be able to help at the upcoming events, do they have an e-mail address, do they know someone that would like to join the Knights, etc. Encourage members to be active and involved as this is key sign of a healthy Council and a Council that will meet or exceed its sustainability goals. We all want to feel needed.

During the first three months of the fraternal year, we recorded 303 proposers bringing in 406 members. Four men have earned membership in the newly formed "Ambassador Club" by recruiting five or more new members in first month of the fraternal year: Lawrence Binder, Fr. Arnold Kosco Council 12808, continues to lead the State by recruiting 12 new members in the first three months of the year Council 12808 in West Bloomfield has reached Double-Star already! Congratulations to GK Peter Duggan and his hard-working team at Council 12808.

Each Council is being asked to plan a Parish Campaign in January and then again following Easter Sunday to share information about the benefit of joining the Knights with men of the Parishes. This can be a church drive as these a proven to help gain new members in each of your Parishes. Successful church drives require planning beforehand and a discussion with your parish priests. Please start your planning now to hold a successful drive in each of your Parishes by ordering from Supreme the church drive kit (CRD-KIT-G). The best part is the kit is FREE.

Parish Campaigns / Church Drives require some planning and working with your Parish - but the opportunity to introduce a man to our Order and help him and his family grow in their Faith and in Service to their Parish is so important to us. The work needed to host a drive is so worth it. Remember the easiest way to gain a new member is to have him join on-line and then invited him to a 1<sup>st</sup> degree when his schedule allows. Promote and share with your Parish communities the link for on-line membership: [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus)

Thank you for the amazing work being done across the state in supporting those in need, supporting our clergy and our Parishes – the work being done is witness to our Faith and our dedication to the goals of our founder, the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney.

### **HAPPY TO BE A 3<sup>RD</sup> DEGREE KNIGHT**

By

Gene Murawski, State Ceremonial Director

Yes, we are happy to be a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight. Once you learn the lessons of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, we Knights then know what is expected of us.

This past year, in my travels and talking to the new 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights, it is just amazing what comment we hear. These Knights are so happy that they finally did the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and know what is expected of them.

Should you be one of those 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Members who have not yet taken the plunge, think about doing it when the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree come to your District or neighboring District.

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### From The State Program Director William Leveque, SR

Now is the time to start working on service program awards. This year at our State Convention we will be announcing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners asking them to stand and be recognized only 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will be asked to come up on stage. This is new, we feel that we should share more of the programs that were considered for the award and give more councils an avenue to share their program.

There is a lot going on In Michigan and our Programs are helping Make Michigan be a shining example of Colombianism.

Please feel free to contact your SOM area director or myself for any help you may need to participate.

Pray for me as I Pray for you. God Bless

Bill LeVeque SPD

### Gauging Your Council's Success

The most obvious gauge of a council's success is whether your council is growing. Growth is so much more than a number on a paper — it proves that the Knights of Columbus is pertinent to today's parishes and families. Growth shows that today's men still believe in Father McGivney's vision enough to share it with others.

How can we do this in our councils? First, take a look at your past programs. Which of them has had most engagement among your members? Has one been particularly appealing to younger participants? What's caught the attention of your members' families?

Every program is an opportunity to gain new members. Each program should be so fun and engaging that everyone who sees it can't help but want to be involved. Participation should be something to be proud of and an experience everyone wants to share.

To accomplish this, take another look at those successful programs. Ask yourself how they were different. Was it their audience? The time of year? Whatever the reasons, keep a running list of successes. When planning programs in the future, be sure to refer to this list and determine how to apply what you've learned.

Your growth will be the first sign of your success.

### Star Council Deadlines

- *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity* (#1728) — Forms must reach the Supreme Council office by Jan. 31.
- *Columbian Award Application* (#SP-7) — Applications must reach the Supreme Council office by June 30.
- *Service Program Personnel Report* (#365) — Applications must reach the Supreme Council office by Aug. 1.
- All program-related forms must be submitted by the deadlines for that particular form. Please review each programs' form requirements when planning your council activities.
- All membership and insurance transactions must be received, processed, recorded and released at the Supreme Council office by June 30.

## State Chaplain's Membership Tribute Banquet

**Saturday, February 23, 2019**

**DeCarlo's Banquet & Convention Center**

**6015 East 10 Mile Road**

**Warren, Michigan 48091**

**Social Hour Starts at 4pm**

**Dinner at 5:15pm with Program to follow**

**\$30.00 per person**

Reservations are available through the Michigan State Council 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.**

Checks are to mailed to:

**Michigan State Council**

**6025 Wall Street**

**Sterling Heights, MI 48312**

Tables for ten (10) may be reserved by individual Councils, Assemblies or groups.

**No tickets will sold at the door.**

**Admittance by reservation only**

This year 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.

We hope to see as many Councils as possible represented at this event. Grand Knight's invite your Council Membership Director and his wife. In addition we encourage all Grand knights to invite their Council Chaplains as well.

Quick Start Awards and State Chaplain Tribute Awards will be presented to those Councils that have qualified and are in attendance.

For those who may be interested a block of rooms have been reserved at a special rate of \$109.00 at the

**Hampton Inn & Suites**

**32035 Van Dyke**

**Warren, Michigan 48093**

To make your room reservation please call 586-826-3800 and let the agent know that you are reserving the room under "Tribute 2019". Deadline date for room reservations is Friday, February 2, 2019.

Shuttle Bus Service is available for all patrons to and from DeCarlos Banquet and Convention Center.

## "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!



Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist join members of National Shrine of the Little Flower Council 12408 in Royal Oak, at the "Catholic Corner" of the annual Woodward Dream Cruise classic car show. The "Catholic Corner," in front of the Shrine, is staffed during the cruise weekend by numerous Catholic organizations from southeast Michigan.

**In Memory Of  
Most Reverend Joseph R. Cistone  
Bishop of Saginaw  
May 18, 1949 - October 16, 2018**



Bishop Cistone was born on May 18, 1949. He was the second of three sons born to Josephine R. (Altomare) and Daniel A. Cistone, Sr. He was baptized and grew up in the close-knit Italian parish community of Our Lady of Consolation in Philadelphia. He received his elementary education from his parish school and later graduated in 1967 from Father Judge High School for Boys.

That same year, he entered Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Overbrook, Pa., where he earned his Bachelor's degree in philosophy in 1971 and Master's of Divinity in 1975. Bishop Cistone was ordained to the priesthood on May 17, 1975, by John Cardinal Krol for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

On June 8, 2004, Pope (now Saint) John Paul II appointed then Monsignor Cistone to become an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Bishop Cistone chose for his episcopal motto a phrase from his daily devotion to Philadelphia's Saint John Neumann: Father of Mercy and Love.

Bishop Cistone was appointed Bishop of Saginaw by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI on May 20, 2009. Two months later, on July 28, at St. Stephen Catholic Church in Saginaw, Bishop Cistone was installed as the sixth Bishop of Saginaw.

Soon after his arrival in Saginaw, parish leadership called upon Bishop Cistone to address the need for parish restructuring. In 2011, as part of an overall plan to strengthen the Church of Saginaw and position parishes to better engage in the work of evangelization, Bishop Cistone announced the historic undertaking, Planning Tomorrow's Parishes. The strategic planning process, designed to engage parishioners to assess the state of churches across the 11 county Diocese of Saginaw and develop recommendations to enhance the vibrancy of parish life, led to Bishop Cistone's decisions in January 2013 to restructure parish communities and designate use of churches to better serve the faithful.

Bishop Cistone encouraged the faithful to trust in the Lord's plan, a message he first shared in his pastoral letter, "A Future Full of Hope", in 2011. In it, he shared his vision for a complete revitalization of the diocese, which included a commitment to evangelization, vocations, lifelong discipleship and promotion of a deeper love, appreciation and understanding of the gift of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The hallmark of his leadership is reflected in the restoration of the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption in Saginaw.

Bishop Cistone enjoyed spending time among the people, providing public witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ as he celebrated Mass, led Holy Hours, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation, particularly to the youth, traveled with pilgrims to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., hosted guests at the Bishop's Ball and Golf Classic, prayed outside the abortion clinic, ministered to migrant workers, spoke at community events, visited Catholic schools and much more across the Diocese of Saginaw.

In addition to his many commitments within the diocese, Bishop Cistone served as a member of the Board of Directors for Catholic Relief Services, and traveled to El Salvador and Ethiopia on the organization's behalf. In November of 2017, Bishop Cistone was elected as Chairman of the committee on national collections for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He also served in other leadership positions on the national and state levels for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Michigan Catholic Conference.

For the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Cistone served on the following committees: Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People, African American Affairs, Budget and Finance, Catholic Relief Services as well as the Audit Committee on Budget and Finance. Bishop Cistone served on other boards including the Board of Directors of the Michigan Catholic Conference, the Religious Sister of Mercy of Alma Finance Committee, the Sacred Heart Mercy Health Care Center Advisory Board, Our Sunday Visitor Institute Advisory Committee and the Dow Company Community Advisory Panel.

Surviving are two brothers, Daniel (Joann) Cistone Jr., Anthony (Margaret) Cistone; nieces and nephews, Joann (Mark) Chiavon, Daniel Cistone III, Andrew Cistone; great-nieces, Stella, Alessandra, Francesca and Mariella. Bishop Cistone was preceded in death by his parents, Daniel Cistone, Sr. and Josephine (Altomare) Cistone.

### Five Things to Tackle in 2019

As we head into January, we're halfway done with the fraternal year. Here's a list of priorities to tackle before the year's end.

1. Aim younger: Make a concerted effort to recruit younger men into our councils.
2. Be more family-centered: Develop programs that focus on families.
3. Generate increased awareness of who Knights are and what they do :Make it a goal that every Catholic man, no matter his age, knows who we are and what we do
4. Develop strong relationships with the clergy: This should occur Orderwide, but it particularly applies in Canada.
5. Make spirituality our key focus: We need to embrace a masculine Catholic spirituality, making it a part of our programs and culture.

### Dates to Remember

**State Chaplains Membership Tribute Banquet  
- Saturday February 23, 2019  
Ash Wednesday - March 6, 2019  
Palm Sunday - April 14, 2019  
Good Friday - April 19 2019  
Easter Sunday - April 21, 2019  
State Raffle Drawing -  
Wednesday April 24, 2019  
Mothers Day - Sunday May 12, 2019  
Memorial Day - Monday April 27,2019  
State Convention - May 23-24-25, 2019  
Flag Day - June 14, 2019  
Fathers Day - Sunday June 16, 2019  
Summer Meeting - June 21-22-23, 2019**

150 Years of Combined Service

It is not often we have three of our Past State Deputies reach their golden anniversary date in the Knights of Columbus within weeks of each other. According to the Supreme Office two of our Past State Deputies reached their 50th anniversary date in the Knights on the same day. (12-1-1968)

Kenneth B. Unterbrink, PSD



Joined the Knights of Columbus on 11-1-1968  
 Recording Secretary early 70's  
 Elected Deputy Grand Knight in 1977  
 On the Home Court in the early 80's  
 Bingo Chairman for 15 years  
 Grand Knight 1990-1992  
 Financial Secretary 1992-1995  
 Council Retention Chairman 1994-1995  
 District Deputy 1995-1999  
 Council Retention Chairman 1997-1998  
 Council Recruitment Committee 1998-1999  
 Council Faith Director 1999-2001  
 State Marian Hour/Faith Director 1999-2008  
 Financial Secretary 2000-2007  
 Council Life Director 2001-2004  
 Council Retention Chairman 2004-2006  
 Council Recruitment Committee 2005-2007  
 Council Membership Director 2006-2009  
 Council Director 2006-2011  
 State Warden 2008-2010  
 State Advocate 2010-2012  
 State Treasurer 2012-2014  
 State Secretary 2014-2016  
 State Deputy 2016-2018  
 Immediate Past State Deputy 2018-

Robert C. Stebler, PSD



Joined the Knights of Columbus on 12-1- 1968  
 Grand Knight 1975-1978  
 District Deputy 1979-1981  
 State Program Director 1982-1984  
 State Warden 1984-1986  
 State Advocate 1986-1988  
 State Treasurer 1988-1990  
 State Secretary 1990-1992  
 State Deputy 1992-1994  
 Immediate Past State Deputy 1994-1996  
 Supreme Director 1995-2004  
 Council Lecturer 1996-2001  
 Council Warden 1998-2001  
 Council Recruitment Committee 2003-2004  
 Council Lecturer 2006-2011



Michael J. Malinowski, PSD



Joined the Squires in 1973  
 Elected State Chief Squire 1967-1968  
 Joined the Knights of Columbus on 12-1-1968  
 Joined Council Ceremonial team in 1969  
 Diocesan Squire Director 1972-1980  
 Council Recorder Early 80's  
 Elected Deputy Grand Knight 1984-1986  
 Elected Grand Knight 1987-1989  
 Council Retention Director 1994-1995  
 Council Advocate 2000-2001  
 District Deputy 2000-2003  
 Elected State Warden 2004-2006  
 Elected State Advocate 2006-2008  
 Elected State Treasurer 2008-2010  
 Elected State Secretary 2010-2012  
 Elected state Deputy 2012-2014  
 Immediate Past State Deputy 2014-2016  
 Council Advocate 2015-2018  
 Council Director 2015-2017

**One member per council per month**

150 Years of Combined Service

Listed below are the names of all the living Past State Deputies of the Michigan Jurisdiction and the years of service that they have in the Knights of Columbus.

All the State Officers and members of the Michigan Knights of Columbus wish to thank them for their dedication and commitment to our Order.

- Robert W. Fox, - 25 Years
- Thomas A. Marcetti, Sr., - 31 Years
- George A. Dann, PSD - 36 Years
- Kevin D. MacFarland, Sr. - 37 Years
- Thomas M. Wegener - 45 Years
- Kenneth T. Grembowski - 49 Years
- Richard McCloy Sr., - 49 Years

- Robert C. Stebler - 50 Years
- Michael J. Malinowski - 50 Years
- Kenneth B. Unterbrink - 50 Years
- R. Martin Poleni - 56 Years
- William J. Walsh - 57 Years
- Thomas R. Clark - 63 Years





## Michigan Knights Pledge Support for Seminarians



by Darci Swisher

At the encouragement of **Archbishop Allen Vigneron**, the **Michigan Knights of Columbus** have pledged to endow a scholarship fund for seminarians at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

According to **Kenneth Unterbrink**, immediate past state deputy for the Michigan Knights, the state board received an invitation to the archbishop's home to discuss the possible gift. The Knights recently completed a \$1.25 million commitment to fund the Fr. Michael J. McGivney Chair of Life Ethics, named in honor of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, and were eager to continue their enthusiastic support of Sacred Heart's mission to form holy priests.

"He, once again, thanked the Knights in Michigan for what we've done in the past and, as we sat and talked, he came up with the endowed scholarship fund," said Mr. Unterbrink, who was immediately honored by Archbishop Vigneron's respect for the Knights of Columbus and what the fraternal organization can do because of its generous membership.

The state board agreed to raise a minimum of one million dollars to fund the newly established Michigan Knights of Columbus Endowed Scholarship Fund and is committed to completing this endeavor by 2026. Once fully funded, the endowment will assist seminarians at Sacred Heart in need of financial support, with preference given to those men who also are members of the Knights of Columbus. Scholarships will be distributed from the interest earned annually—likely a maximum of four percent—so the principal gift remains intact, ensuring the endowed fund will help seminarians for many years to come.

To fund the endowment, Michigan's more than 65,000 Knights are being asked to donate six dollars when paying their annual dues each December. Participation is voluntary for this initiative, which began in 2017. The Knights are currently requesting the more than four hundred councils in the state to publicize the Michigan Knights of Columbus Endowed Scholarship Fund to encourage support from the dues notices being mailed in December 2018.

Donations for the endowment are deposited with the Michigan Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., and are therefore tax-deductible. Mr. Unterbrink hopes this tax status will encourage additional gifts to the fund, especially when Knights consider charitable gifts at the year's end.

"We've already seen this happen," he says. After discussing the endowed scholarship at the summer leadership meeting, a member spontaneously offered to match gifts up to ten thousand dollars donated to the fund that day. In only four hours, membership came up with more than eleven thousand dollars for Sacred Heart, and the member proceeded to match the higher amount.

"Those of faith are very supportive of Sacred Heart Major Seminary," Mr. Unterbrink says this story is one example.

For its entire existence, the Knights of Columbus has recognized the importance of the men who serve as the Church's shepherds and has "stepped up aggressively" to support them, according to **Dcn. Wayne Slomiany**, evangelization and vocations director for the Michigan Knights. The organization

was founded by a parish priest and has worked to encourage young men to consider answering the Lord's call to the priesthood.

The Knights have long sustained Sacred Heart and other seminaries nationwide through the Refund Support Vocations Program, commonly known as RSVP. Councils "adopt" seminarians by providing funds for their education—a portion of which the Supreme Council refunds—as well as offering moral support and prayers.

Michigan councils also are frequent sponsors of the "Desert Meal" program to help fund the Desert Formation Experience for Sacred Heart seminarians.

"We've recognized that these shepherds are so essential," Deacon Slomiany says. "Not only for the Mass and the Eucharist, which is vital as Catholics, as Christians, as creatures created by God. It is vital in the sense that if these shepherds aren't there for us, who will look out for us pastorally? So, we've recognized that the support of vocations, and in particular the priesthood, is essential for us in order to become who God created us to be. To be able to live our lives the way we were created and to listen to and know what God is calling us to be as Christians."

Deacon Slomiany hopes that his fellow Michigan Knights will continue the momentum they created from funding the Fr. Michael J. McGivney Chair of Life Ethics into this new initiative to provide financial assistance to seminarians.

Sacred Heart's rector **Msgr. Todd Lajiness**, was involved with the development of the Knights' endowed scholarship fund. "I am incredibly grateful for this gift," he says. "For so long, they've been supporters of the seminary but also vocations in general. To work with the Knights on identifying this endowed scholarship was exciting, and I am filled with abundant gratitude."

An endowment like the Michigan Knights of Columbus Endowed Scholarship Fund provides stability, Monsignor Lajiness notes. "That's a good thing. When it's directed toward seminarians, it takes perhaps, one of the questions or one of the anxieties off a seminarian's plate—the financial piece. For a seminary, on our end, we're able to have some flexibility with seminarians who are in need. It's a tremendous benefit in really freeing up the seminarian so that he can discern his call without a financial obstacle."

Monsignor Lajiness served as the Detroit archdiocesan chaplain of the Knights of Columbus (2004-10) and the Michigan state chaplain (2010-12). He says that while not required, many men studying at Sacred Heart join the Knights of Columbus because they see all the good the organization does for the seminary—and not just financially.

"The Knights provide tremendous support to the seminary and the seminarians know that," he says. "Really, it's a very prayerful support of all of our programs." Mr. Unterbrink prays that his brother Knights and their families will support the endowed scholarship for years to come. "The Church is our most important asset," he says. "If we, the Knights of Columbus, do not continually support our seminarians, our future priests, who will?"

Darci Swisher is a freelance writer who lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan.



Dear Brother Knights,

**H**appy holidays, I hope you all had a blessed and peaceful season spent with family and friends.

As our 70th year of providing hope and opportunity to thousands of kids and families comes to an end, a New Year brings excitement to be blessed in continuing to help those less fortunate. This is possible through the continued partnership with the Knights of Columbus, one that we are proud of and respect.

In this edition are pictures of a few events and activities we had this past year.

As always, thank you for all you do for Holy Cross Services throughout the year. You really do make a profound difference in the lives of so many Michigan children and families. **THANK YOU!**

Best wishes for a year filled with good health, peace and happiness.

With gratitude and humility,

Sharon Berkobien  
CEO

## Calendar Fundraiser Winners

### *Below is a list of recent awardees*

**October:** Gary Weber, Mark Smith, Michael Brohl, Robert Matkin, Martin Nowosad, George Cole, Sacred Heart of the Hills Council #8659, Theresa Sasak, Shirley Atkinson, Tom O'Dea, James Sattler, Arthur Williams, Christopher Drummond, Robert & Iris Mayer, David Rademacher, Eileen Thelen, Elaine Crosby, Fr. Ignatius Woloszyk Assembly #2787, Maria LaCosse, Raymond Ross, Richard Abernathy, Michael O'Neill, Patrick Spice, Matthew Meleski, Ogemaw Council #2022, Karen Corts, Mary Kulesza, Kim Thelen, Clifford DeWolfe, Clare Greene, Lawrence Morabito, **\$500 WINNERS** – Raymond & Rose Marie Barnas

**November:** Robert Legel, Ila Russell, Gerald & Janet MacFalda, Pamela Fink, Stephen Lewis, John Thelen, Robert Nieman, Reverend Paul Nomellini, John Stayer, Phillip Wesley, Neil Thelen, Lisa Wilson, Donald Michalski, Terence Cauley, Thomas & Mary Schmidt, Robert Kudwa, Karl Kerchief, Norman Smith, Michael & Kristin Remer, Josephine Thelen, Jeff Roberts, Henry & Marie Alarie, George Tohme, William Steed, Nicholas Wittman, Michael Siminski, Harry Goerge, Ronald Lenard, John Derler, Norbert & Mary Rickelmann, **\$500 WINNER** – Donald Martin

**December:** Jeffrey Lozier, Thomas Wysocki, James Stanuszek, Richard Carl, Gerald & Dolores Reno, Thomas Villarreal, Ralph Roberts, Peter Cornwell, Roderick Polzin, Wesley Asher, Gregory & Suzanne Brunson, Robert Swales, Douglas Winkler, James Kondor, James Bezaire, Louis Parsch, Kurt Thelen, Gerald Burke, James Dise, Katherine Sziisz, Gary Irrer, Laurence Tallman, Mary Rucinski, Jan Behring, John Pauli, Daniel Shields, Albert Lord, Joanne McCarthy, Rick Damveld, Terry Johnson, Frederick Bruso, **\$500 WINNER** – Louis Schafer

**\$5,000 GRAND PRIZE WINNERS** - Richard & Marian Cote

Do you have your 2019 Holy Cross Services Giving Calendar yet? The first drawing is February 1, 2019, so it's not too late! These calendars make great gifts for birthdays, anniversaries and help bring hope and opportunity to our kids – it's a WIN/WIN!!

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

[www.HolyCrossServices.org](http://www.HolyCrossServices.org)





# Holy Cross Services 2018 Events & Activities

## Golf Outings



### Detroit Golf

The 48th Annual Holy Cross Services Golf Outing was enjoyed by over 200 golfers, and raised \$98,000 for our kids and families!



### Corcoran Golf

Sharon Berkobien, CEO of Holy Cross Services welcomes over 100 golfers for the Annual Corcoran House Outing in Frankenmuth, which raised \$21,000!!



## Crazy Olympics 2018

All our kids came together to perform skits based on our JADES values (Justice, Advocacy, Dignity, Excellence and Service) and participated in various outdoor games.

## Canoe Trip

Bay City Men's Recovery and Flint Men's Recovery enjoyed a fun day of canoeing on the Chippewa River, fellowship and a picnic lunch.



If you would like to host an event for Holy Cross Services, join us at one of our annual golf outings, or visit our sites, contact Karen at 517-423-7556 or [krupley@hccsnet.org](mailto:krupley@hccsnet.org), or visit us at [HolyCrossServices.org](http://HolyCrossServices.org)



## "Peace on Earth" and "Goodwill to Men!"

By  
Brian Barlow  
General Agent

This is really a special time as we approach the end of the year and our thoughts turn to themes of "Peace on Earth" and "Goodwill to Men!" We think of our Savior's birth in Bethlehem and the beginning of this chapter of salvation history. Many of us will be scurrying around buying a Christmas tree, getting it decorated; looking for that perfect gift for our spouse, our kids and maybe grandkids. There are parties and school Christmas shows. There is a lot going on and you're busier than ever.

1. Because we're so late in the year, you may have met your individual or family deductible on your health insurance plan. Financially this may be the opportune time for some minor procedure to be scheduled; or that visit to a specialist you may have put off. The same is true about dental insurance and sometimes even for vision coverage.
2. Speaking of health insurance, do you have a Health Savings Account? Do you have to spend the money that's in there by year end? Some plans have a "use it or lose it" feature. Do you have to make a decision about how much to contribute next year? These are a couple of time sensitive issues.
3. If you have earned income for the year, what amount will you want to contribute to your traditional IRA, Roth IRA or 401k? Are you eligible to contribute much more based on the "catch up" provision? You won't have to make that contribution until you pay your taxes and that could be four months away; however now is the time to start making plans.
4. Speaking of IRAs, have you received your required minimum distribution for this year? If not, the Internal Revenue Service penalty is a hefty 50% of the amount you should have received!

All of these issues come with lots of rules and regulations, so I don't ever want to give any blanket advice. But if you do have

## Sandusky Pius XII Council 4693



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October 23, 2018

Brother KnightsKofC Council #4693  
6025 Wall St  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Dear Brother KnightsKofC Council #4693,

Thank you for your donation of \$ 15,364.66 on 10/23/2018 to the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund.

Please know that your gift makes a profound difference for our Christian brothers and sisters who continue to suffer violent persecution and exile in their ancient Middle East homelands. On their behalf, we say "Thank You" again for the love and solidarity shown by your generous support.

The major focus of our Refugee Relief Fund right now is to restore the predominantly Christian town of Karamles on the Nineveh Plain in Iraq, which was liberated from ISIS only late last year. As Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson explained, "Our efforts will ensure that hundreds of Christian families driven from their homes can return to them and help ensure a pluralistic future for Iraq."

The cause for restoring Karamles is a major undertaking. But thanks to your support, the Knights of Columbus has made tremendous progress! Because of loyal friends like you, the Christian faithful of Karamles will have a future in Iraq!

The Christian Refugee Relief Fund also helps support those suffering persecution in other Iraqi cities, as well as in Syria, Ukraine and elsewhere, where anti-Christian violence has reached unimaginable dimensions. In direct response to this humanitarian crisis, \$18 million has been distributed through the fund since 2014. These much needed donations are providing housing, food, clothing and urgent medical care.

Please visit our website, [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org), for more information and the latest updates on our ongoing efforts to assist these Christian communities in crisis.

Fraternally,

Ronald F. Schwarz, Treasurer

*Please save this as a record of your donation. This letter certifies that you received no goods or services in return for this gift. Your gift is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

## Monroe Council #1266



Since the beginning of the Monroe Council #1266 it has served their parishes as most other councils do during their festivals. Members always volunteer their me doing whatever is needed to assist their church. We have all worked pre-fesval set up, cooking, barbecuing, parking, serving, and break down. This year the Council officers led by Grand Knight Shawn Piedmonte decided to step to the front and make our services known to the public. This would be accomplished with a "K of C Information Booth" at the St Charles Newport Parish Fesval. The booth would be staffed by members ready to discuss any questions about Knights of Columbus and our services.

This was first in many years something like this had been done, so a meeting was set to decide what the booth should display. A new banner was designed and printed to catch the passer bye's aenon. The banner displayed our both our Council emblem and our Councils "Goodfellows Charity Club" icon. It listed the five parishes our council serves. The Council web site was posted in large lettering. The Monroe Council has a very interactive website which is maintained by our Deputy Grand Knight Mark Sobol. A very large poster board was printed

to displayed the Knights of Columbus four principles service of Charity, Fraternity, Unity and Patriotism. One display that generated a lot of positive comments and exchanges was our Councils monthly "Knights In Action" articles. Our Council received permission from our parish pastors during a "Round Table Meeting" to place monthly articles in the parish bulletins. Our council officers and Parish Round Table

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Date of the	Start Time of	Start Time of	Start Time of	Location of	Council	Host DD	Host DD
Degree	Admission	"Formation"	"Knighthood"	Degree	Number		Phone No.
	Degree	Degree	Degree				
1/5/19	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Memphis	10501	Gregory Brunson	810-824-9533
1/13/19	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	Caro	3224	William Learman	989-551-7736
1/26/19	10:00 AM	11:15 AM	12:15 PM	Cadillac	1224	Horst Lehrer	231-824-6163
2/9/19	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Posen	6657	Joel Kendzorski	989-766-2124
2/16/19	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Monroe	1266	Kenneth Dressel	734-888-1192
2/16/19	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Waterford	13600	Robert Brines	248-842-8943
2/16/19	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Ortonville	6824	Joseph Brenner	773-631-8497
2/16/19	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Macomb	7200	Gary Kopp	586-873-6906
2/17/19	10:00 AM	11:15 AM	12:15 PM	Allen Park	3774	James Pease	313-779-2979
2/21/19	None	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Westphalia	2890	Dave Freund	517-282-9084
2/23/19	STATE	DEPUTY		TRIBUTE		DINNER	NO
3/2/19	Patriotic	Degree		Warren		John Hundiak	
3/2/19	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Gaines	12186	Scott Jakovac	517-896-4004
3/9/19	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Davison	4090	Larry Prevo	810-664-0003
3/9/19	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Sterling Heights	12102	James Mrenza	586-216-9001
3/10/19	None	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Hubbardson	2198	Ralph Vanocker	616-240-0273
3/16/19	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Sandusky	4693	Walter Sierakowski	810-797-5190
3/24/19	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Dearborn	3860	Timothy Casey	734-444-4538
3/30/19	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Sault Ste. Marie	649	Rankd Breen	906-322-2605
3/31/19	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Saginaw	4232	James Callahan Jr.	989-714-7768
4/6/19	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Chesaning	2943	Gerald Leinberger	989-225-6749
4/27/19	Patriotic	Degree				David Buick	
4/28/19	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	St Clair Shores	3797	Kenneth Warzybok	586-343-9972
5/4/19	Patriotic	Degree		Bay City		Keith Woodrum	
5/4/19	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Memphis	10501	Gregory Brunson	810-824-9533
5/4/19	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Gaylord	2781	Patrick Oliver	989-731-5554
5/11/19	None	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Benton Harbor	1120	Jeff Hudson	269-313-7684
6/15/19	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Ann Arbor	13360	Dan Gibbons	734-355-2362

## Families of the Month

**NOTE: FOR GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCIL PR CHAIRMAN**

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

Richard A. Budd, State Council Family Life Director, 1004 Degroff St., Grand Ledge, MI 48837 \*cfy - council family of year

**Alpena Council 529**

James &amp; Cathy Cathers

**Mt. Clemens Council 744**

Edmond Gauvreau family

Antonio Delvillano family

Thomas Schmidt family

**Lansing Council 788**

Josh &amp; Brittney Panic

Troy &amp; Jeanne Stanley

Dave &amp; Nancy Luedtke

**Marine City Council 856**

Ron Sykes family

Tom Schwehofer family

Don Schwehofer family

**Bad Axe Council 1546**

Brian &amp; Roena Boyce

Don &amp; Jessica Bredow, Jr.

**Standish Council 2724**

Vincent &amp; Elaine Christie

Pat &amp; Carol Shannon

Ron &amp; Dianna Alley \*cfy

**Gaylord Council 2781**

Craig &amp; Marianne Hall

Rick &amp; Angela Ely

**Westphalia Council 2890**

Tommy &amp; Sue Lyons

Kurt &amp; Brenda Bengel

Mike &amp; Donna Wirth

**Pinconning Council 2986**

Harold &amp; Pat Schumann

Larry &amp; Rita Revord

Louis &amp; Veronica Idzior

Arnold &amp; Paula Cook

Walter &amp; Sandra Gromaski

**Lincoln Park Council 3078**

Norm &amp; Charlene Olds

Dave &amp; Angela Losek

Mike &amp; Dina Morrison

**Ruth Council 3823**

Raymond &amp; Donna Lipskey

Joseph &amp; Lorraine Holdwick

**Saginaw Council 4232**

Neil &amp; Pam May

Thomas &amp; Debi Slivinski

William &amp; Jane Anderson

**Manchester Council 4354**

Eric Buerle family

Bill Punches family

**Farmington Council 4401**

Matthew &amp; Sarah Evangelista

**Sandusky Council 4693**

Dick &amp; Bev Legault

Joe &amp; Gail Nartker

**Waterford Council 5436**

Scott &amp; Pauline Mallory

Toshi &amp; Vicki Asai

Kenneth &amp; Debra Pfhal

**New Baltimore Council 5981**

Garry Leslie family

David Nemmer family

Larry &amp; Michelle Richard

Joseph &amp; Vicki Mazur

Ronald &amp; Michaelle Demick

**Roscommon Council 6593**

Don &amp; Sue Croff

Jim &amp; Marilyn Lafond

Ron &amp; Julie Peters

Tom &amp; Carol Kosciński

**Posen Council 6657**

Don &amp; Sally Kuznicki

R.J. &amp; Paulette Bordeau

Mike &amp; Kim Wisniewski

**Swartz Creek Council 6694**

Tom &amp; Shelly Roke

John &amp; Pat Gillette

Dave &amp; Pat Schoenfield

Pete &amp; Susie Glynn

**Sterling Hgts. Council 7011**

Mike &amp; Donna Wirth

**Dewitt Council 7237**

First Degree Team

Bob &amp; lunna Nieman

**Caledonia Council 7341**

Tony &amp; Tammy Deller

Dan &amp; Rachel Kowatch

Pat &amp; Tiffany Neuman

**Fenton Council 7418**

Daniel &amp; Arlene O'Rourke

**Freeland Council 7582**

Don &amp; Jenny Hemgesberg

**South Lyon Council 7586**

Jim &amp; Joni Castelli

Dan &amp; Kit Martin

Jim &amp; Cheryl Chuck

Phil &amp; Pam Weipert

**Au Gres Council 7717**

Larry &amp; Victoria Winslow

John &amp; Linda Clyne

**Durand Council 7955**

Edward &amp; Julie Folsom

Deacon Greg &amp; Carol

Middleton

**Hillman Council 8041**

Bob &amp; Rose Kenyon

Bill Wittman family

**Sanford Council 8043**

Dan &amp; Suzanne Reinke

Mike &amp; Laura McCann

Michael &amp; Laurie Stroman

**Auburn Hills Council 8659**

Matt &amp; Beth Fuhrman

**Montrose Council 8669**

David Wood family

Christine Morse family

**Yale Council 8710**

Frank &amp; Patricia Keller

Stephen &amp; Diane Urban

**Mason Council 9182**

Michael &amp; Ann Dunivon

Frank &amp; Tammy March II

Patrick &amp; Irene Morrison

**Kimball Council 9526**

David &amp; Linda Tokarski

**Temperance Council 11430**

Delbert &amp; Ann Herman

**Harrison Two. Council 11658**

Roger &amp; Susan Wit

**Port Huron Council 11756**

Jim &amp; Heidi McKeachin

Mike &amp; Laura Backlas

**Laingsburg Council 12044**

John &amp; Therese Madden

Chris &amp; Amy Willson

**Sterling Hgts. Council 12102**

William &amp; Gloria

Czerniakowski

Ron &amp; Maria Kraus

Patrick Harrington family

Jim &amp; Lois Epifanio

**Gaines Council 12186**

Rich &amp; Beth Ockerman

John &amp; Barbara McCollum

Brent &amp; Marlene Cole

**Reed City Council 12668**

Larry &amp; Ann Wisniewski

Richard &amp; Cathy Karns

George &amp; sherry Strodl

Carl &amp; Betty Lost

**Reed City Council 12668**

Carl &amp; Betty Yost

George &amp; Sherry Stodl

**Vicksburg Council 13305**

James &amp; Kathleen Laske

Nicholas Ostrosky &amp;

Barbara Pula

Thomas &amp; Victoria Kelley

Gary &amp; Sandy Klein

**Waterford Council 13485**

Eric &amp; Margie Schwarz

Jerry &amp; Elaine Corkins

**Muskegon Council 13579**

Josep &amp; Elizabeth Zagar

Pawel &amp; Kristine Babiarz

Garret &amp; Kathleen Kelenske

**Farmington Council 13673**

Terry &amp; Jackie Grabinski

**Sterling Hgts. Council 13799**

Ron Piwonski family

**Shelby Two. Council 13983**

Joe &amp; Leigh Lentine

Ken &amp; Jean Kawnsnik

**Canton Council 16169**

Jay &amp; Aracely Dark

Ernie &amp; Cindie Bucks

**Mission Dinner**

Father Vincent L. Ouellette Council 1541 in Ishpeming, raised \$2,500 at its annual mission dinner to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society's food bank in western Marquette County. Council 1541 also made a \$1,000 donation to the Diocese of Lansing disaster relief.

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

## Knights of the Month

**NOTE: FOR GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCIL PR CHAIRMAN**

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

Daniel R. Searle, State Community Director, 4857 Summergreen Ln., Hudsonville, MI 49426

\*cky- council knight of year

**Mt. Clemens Council 744**

Bryon Newcom

Aaron Zanotti

Matthew Obocinski

**Lansing Council 788**

John Drzik, Jake Chasse

Dick Thelen

**Marine City Council 856**

Brad Vargo

**Monroe Council 1266**

Robert Stefanski

**Bad Axe Council 1546**

Steve Braun

**Portland Council 2168**

Josh Hengesbach

Craig Schmitt

William Vallier

Michael Lehman

**Hart Council 2199**

James Howard Schar

**Howell Council 2659**

Joseph Donatti

**Standish Council 2724**

Drew Christie, Jerome Kusey

Raymond Gehlmann

Thomas Prohaska, Sr. \*cky

**Essexville Council 2740**

Walt Reams

**Gaylord Council 2781**

Gary Snoeck, Michael Rola

Florian Koscielniak

**Westphalia Council 2890**

Randy Bengel, Don English

Sam Miller

**Utica Council 2950**

Donald Heydens

Robert Murawski

**Lincoln Park Council 3078**

Daniel Duran, John Kish

Grant Morrison

**Caro Council 3224**

Joseph Rohde, David Kolacz

**Ruth Council 3823**

Joseph Messing

**Manchester Council 4354**

Ed Barnard, Brad Messing

Duane Buerle, Martin Brogley

Pat Durussel, Larry Schwab

Dave Roberts, Tom Burch

Mark Ball, Jim Warner

John Beurle

**Farmington Council 4401**

David Trumpy, Joseph Hejka

Norm Pranger, Robert Plocinik

**Sandusky Council 4693**

Gerald Pathic, Joseph Nartker

**Waterford Council 5436**

Wesley Asher

**New Baltimore Council 5981**

Jerry Zarcynski, Chris Sobetski

Dennis Rivard, Galen Johnson

Louis Carducci

**Posen Council 6657**

Jonas Taratuta

Mike Grohowski

Clarence Bisson, Dan Mulka

James Kendzorski

David Purgiel

**Swartz Creek Council 6694**

Lanny Edmonds

**Ortonville Council 6824**

Mike Johnson

**Sterling Hgts. Council 7011**

Sam Miller

**Dewitt Council 7237**

Kurt Simon, Frank McBride

**Brighton Council 7304**

Richard Koziara

**Fenton Council 7418**

Bob Nichol, Charles Salerno

**Freeland Council 7582**

John Stephen

**South Lyon Council 7586**

Deacon Leo Maciocek,

Andy Kudwa, Joe Betz

Pete Smith

**AuGres Council 7717**

John Clyde

**Rockford Council 7761**

Tom Fraser

**Durand Council 7955**

Donald Mellot, Randy Weller

**Hillman Council 8041**

Bob Clark, Dennis

Pietrykowski

**Sanford Council 8043**

Dennis Taylor, Zack McCann

Greg Gendregske

**Auburn Hills Council 8659**

Jayson Graves, Mike Zelinski

Jim Johnson, Charles Kemler

**Yale Council 8710**

John Cokonougher

James Stanley

**Cass City Council 8892**

Dale Churchhill, David House

Jon Zdrojewski

Gordy Kujawski

**Mason Council 9182**

Greg Ingle, Paul Whitlow

Ron Bates, James Stanley

**Kimball Council 9526**

Richard Goodman

**Okemos Council 10006**

Michael Bobinski

**Lansing Council 11099**

Joseph Conley

**Harrison Twp. Council 11658**

Jay Walsh

**Clinton Twp. Council 11689**

August Oliveri

**Port Huron Council 11756**

John Derler, Tom Archer

David Kelley,II

**Novi Council 11811**

Wally Wronka, Ted Mech

**Sterling Hgts. Council 12102**

Dennis Christina,

Mark Sulewski

Donald Andreyca, Peter Pipia

Richard Frey

**Gaines Council 12186**

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Sam Yanta, Brent Cole

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Scott Cline, Otto Decker

Michael Klein, William

Brumleve

**Sterling Hgts. Council 13340**

Richard Urbano

Julius D'Ambrosio

Ronald Woywood

**Muskegon Council 13579**

Timothy May, John Stoner

Matthew Carlson,

Paul Robaskiewicz

**Farmington Council 13673**

Matthew Hunsinger

**Sterling Hgts. Council 13799**

William Fend

**Shelby Twp. Council 13983**

Joe Kaparal, Michael Powers

John Benincasa

Wally Jakubowski

John Jonas \*cky

**Canton Council 16169**

Ken Svoboda, Larry Redman

Brian Zahn, Dave Kennedy

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VOCATION GOLF OUTING**

Mason Council #9182 is sponsoring a Vocation Golf Outing on June 2, 2018 for Seminarians. The Individual Fee is \$70.00 which includes 18 Holes of Golf with Cart, Coffee and Donuts, 2 Drink Tickets, Lunch, Goody Bag, New York Strip Dinner, plus various Prizes. For more information contact Norm Puma at 663-3670 or Chris Knudstrup at 676-1566.

# AROUND THE STATE



John Raducha (far left) and Mark Barrows (far right), members of **Council 8785** in Ithaca, stand with two cases of customized "Casey" teddy bears (so named for the Knights of Columbus initials, "K.C."). Emergency medical technicians Kelsey Willoughby and Edward Peterson are also pictured (center left to right) receiving the gifts, which were donated to the ambulance service for child passengers.

**Father Arnold Kosco Council 12808** in West Bloomfield conducted its annual "Food and Funds" donation program for the food pantry at St. Christine Christian Services, a nonprofit in Detroit serving local people living in poverty. The council staffed the donation drive and delivery and collected 660 pounds of food and \$4,756 in cash, including \$1,000 in personal gifts from council members.

**St. Mary Council 5999** in Marshall helped fund A Marshall Celebration: Wanting Christ for Christmas, a CD of original seasonal songs written and produced by council member James Leo Oliver. The release of the project coincides with the Order's "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign. As with two previous editions of the album, Oliver and Council 5999 will donate profits

**Cardinal Mercier Council 2723** in Hamtramck led an effort to install an electronic billboard bearing the message "Keep Christ in Christmas" alongside a busy stretch of I-75 in metro Detroit. Nearby councils and assemblies contributed to the project.

**Msgr. Esper Council 3027** in Fowler brought in more than 60,000 recyclable bottles and cans as well as monetary donations at its 13th annual "Returns for Vocations" fundraiser. A total of \$7,600 was raised to fund the formation of seminarians. More than 120 council members and friends contributed some 350 hours of service.

**Good Shepherd Council 8669** in Montrose held their 2018 Annual Kid's Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 9. Event Chairman John Davidek reported 31 children participated, in spite of it being a rainy and chilly day.

This event is held annually on the Michigan DNR's Free Fishing Weekend. The children are free to fish any site they chose. However, they must return to the event site at Barber Park in Montrose for weigh-in and measurement. Prizes are awarded for the various age group and catch. Fishing games are provided for the younger children. Complimentary refreshments and lunch are served to all who attend. This event has proved to be a very popular family affair, as the children are always accompanied by their parents or grandparents.

Council 8669's 2019 annual Kid's Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday June 8. The event site will again be Barber Park in Montrose.

**Flushing Council 8489** teamed up with Father John E. Madden Council 14031 in Flint to assist St. Mary's Church in remodeling and donating a house to a local family in need. Together, council members volunteered over 100 hours to tear out the garage, which was in disrepair and considered a safety hazard.

**Manchester Council 4354** held its Annual Steak Fry in August honoring those who serve and volunteer throughout the year. 9 honored guests, (Priests, Deacons and Brothers) from the area were in attendance. The Knights of Council 4354 would like to thank all those that serve our Parishes and communities, including Brother Knights, Priests and Laity.

**Msgr. Clement H. Kern Council 8284** in Canton recognized the local St. Vincent de Paul Society for their tireless efforts to help neighbors in need. Members presented the organization's representatives with a check for \$6,500 during a council meeting.



Grand Knight John Raducha of **Ithaca Council 8785** stands with Val Margres of St. Vincent Home, a residence and rehabilitation center in Saginaw. Council 8785 donated 28 boxes of new clothing to the home, which receives ongoing support from the council.



Emily Van Stedum and her daughter, Violet, receive a donated supply of diapers and other household goods from Ken Elude (right), grand knight of Father Pierre Charlevoix Council 7172 in Charlevoix, and Bob Nancy of Msgr. Clement H. Kern Council in Canton. The two councils joined forces to assist Van Stedum after she tragically lost

her husband, Gregory, in a home accident.

## Fundraising Dinner For Seminarians

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

## 'Witness to the Word'



Nearly 15,000 people filled the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing, home of the Michigan State University basketball team. They were there not to watch basketball, but instead to gather around the Eucharist and reflect on the mission of evangelization.

Organized by the Diocese of Lansing, the "Made for Happiness" assembly took place September 22, 2018.

"The whole day was about being witness to the world," said Craig Phol, director of the New Evangelization for the diocese.

"the Knights rallied so many volunteers for the event," added Pohl, who is a member of St. Jude Thaddeus Council 2890 in Westphalia. "And without the Knights, we would not have reached so many people."



## St. Louis Center News Fr. Enzo Addari, SdC.

My brother Knights and Ladies, Vivat Jesus! This has been a very exciting year for St. Louis Center, as our dream of building a new residential village for our residents came true on June 12, 2018 when we dedicated St. Louis Guanella Village and our four new Children's Homes with the help of over 400 of our closest friends. Very Rev. Bishop Emeritus Carl Mengeling of the Diocese of Lansing was present for the dedication Mass and blessing of the homes, and members of the State Council witnessed the opening of "Knights of Columbus House." This investment in the future has allowed us to move 15 of our boys in the Children's Program from their 1960's era facilities into three modern 21<sup>st</sup> Century homes where each resident will have his own bedroom and first class accommodations that include a shared living room, sensory room, kitchen, dining room and private bathrooms. Each of our Children's Homes has five bedrooms, and the fourth house will be dedicated to minor girls with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This will be the first time in our history that we've had minor girls in our program.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the tremendous support of the Michigan Knights of Columbus, because not only has the State Council committed \$250,000 to our Village over a ten year period, but many local councils from throughout Michigan have also made significant contributions through their MI Drives during the course of the Legacy Capital Campaign that began in 2010. As a result of the money raised during the past eight years, we will continue to grow St. Louis Guanella Village into 2019, and we will begin constructing family homes and cottage homes for our adult population next spring.

In 2014, Fr. Guanella Hall was restored inside and out to create a new twenty-bed Assisted Living Home for our older adult men and women who are in need of specialized care and services. While the Women's Program was full from the start, our Men's Assisted Living Program took two years to fill, and is now providing hope to many families who are frightened about the future of their aging loved ones. We are here to provide them with love and protection. One resident comes from the family of a deceased 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight, while another gentleman was originally here in the 60's and has now returned to us after all of his former caregivers have passed away. He too has been a member of the K of C for many years continued on page.



On Saturday November 10, 2018, members of the State Council were present at our annual Fall Dinner Auction, and State Deputy William Chasse presented St. Louis Center with a check for \$20,000 to cover the costs of the new equipment and furnishings for our new Children's Homes. We can't thank the Michigan Knights enough for all that you have done for our residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as what you are doing is helping us in proclaiming the Gospel of Charity and promoting the dignity of human life. On behalf of the residents, priests and staff of St. Louis Center/Guanella Village, I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### MICHIGAN STATE COUNCIL CONTACTS

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

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Dennis Schneider, Young Adult Coordinator [d.schneider@mikofc.org](mailto:d.schneider@mikofc.org)

James Kraus, State Membership Director, [j.kraus@mikofc.org](mailto:j.kraus@mikofc.org)

William LeVeque, State Program Director, [w.leveque@mikofc.org](mailto:w.leveque@mikofc.org)

For further information about E-membership go to: [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus)



### May They Rest In Peace

#### Menominee Council 646

Harold Johnson

Bernard Barker

#### Marquette Council 689

Patrick Reucker, Rick Nelson

#### Clay Council 856

Paul Denean, Samuel Polio

Robert Zweng

#### Dearborn Council 2660

Duane Stobbe, Donald Smock

#### Standish Council 2724

Ronald Johnson

#### Dexter Council 2959

Steve Brey

#### Lincoln Park Council 3078

Clayton Partridge, Pedro Cano

Thomas Moore, Joseph Kalisz

Bruno Nalepa, John Behrik

William Kelly

Leonard Rozdoske

William Heitman, Clyde Bruley

Irvin Salliotte, Kevin Odum

John McDonald, Peter Rauch

Settemio Cemate

Ernest Wargo

#### Allen Park Council 3774

James Poirier, Daniel Tesin

Nicholas Caruana, George Zak

Fred Crupi

#### Watervliet Council 4055

Kenneth Stewart, Victor Walter

#### Saginaw Council 4232

Most Reverend Joseph Cistone

#### Roscommon Council 6593

Robert Fay, Robert Patow

David Blankenburg

Guy Palmer

#### Posen Council 6657

Cornelius Haske, John Leonard

Arthur Bruski

#### Swartz Creek Council 6694

Mark Hawrylo

#### Dewitt Council 7237

Michael Logan, John Baibak

Richard Getter, Mike Logan

#### Emmett Council 7918

Bernard Ritter

#### Durand Council 7955

Stephen Doyle

#### Temperance Council 11430

Earl Lott, Don Sloan

#### Harrison Twp. Council 11658

Terry Brusoe

#### Sterling Hgts. Council 12102

Alan Curtis

#### Grosse Point Farms Council 12121

Jerome Jerzy

#### Traverse City Council 15186

Dennis Habedank, DD





2019 Youth Activity Dates

**State Free Throw Championship** - Sunday March 10, 2019. Held at Sacred Heart Parish Gym located 319 E. Illinois St. in Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

- Council Championships are suggested to be held in January
- District (if needed) and Diocesan Championships are recommended to be held in February

**Link:**  
<http://www.kofc.org/en/programs/community/free-throwchampionship.html#/Action%20Steps>

**Youth Essay Contest** - Council Winners are due to the State Youth Activities Director by Thursday March 15th, 2019. Open to Catholic students in public, parochial or private schools from Grade 8-12.

**Link:**  
<http://www.koc.org/en/programs/community/catholic-citizenship-essay-contest.html#Action%20Steps>

**State Spelling Bee** - Saturday March 16th at Fr. Van Rooy council #2740 located at 1021 Woodside Ave. in Essexville, MI 48732. Age groups are grades 4-6 and 7-9.

**Link:**  
<http://www.councilnet.us/Assets/25436.pdf>

**Drug and Alcohol Abuse Awareness Poster Contest** - Due to State Youth Activities Director by Saturday March 30th, 2019. Age groups are ages 8-11 and 12-14.



The Michigan State Council of the Knights of Columbus with support from local Council 13930 of Pontiac distributed over 400 coats to children in need. The coats for this distribution came from a central location in Lansing where local KofC Councils from Flint and Grand Rapids each were allocated 500 coats for their locations. FYI –all remaining coats were taken to Muskegon for distribution on Nov. 17th. 400 coats given to children in need, with over 68 volunteers hours donated to this worthy charity

**One member per council per month**

St. Louis Center Benefits from Fall Dinner Auction at SJMH-C



State Deputy William Chasse of the Michigan Knights of Columbus State Council presents a \$20,000 check to Fr. Enzo Addari from proceeds obtained in the annual statewide "Tootsie Roll" Drive.

Through the generosity of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Chelsea and the local community, St. Louis Center held its 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall Dinner Auction on Saturday November 10, 2018. It was a true night of giving, as many special presentations were made to support the children and adults who call St. Louis Center their home. As the silent auction rolled into the live auction, the presentations began with Cathy Bilinski of Azamara Cruise Lines presenting Fr. Enzo Addari, CEO, with a check for \$30,335 representing the proceeds from the St. Louis Center Dream Cruise II to Italy in September 2018. Then State Deputy William Chasse of the Michigan Knights of Columbus presented Fr. Enzo with a \$20,000 check from the annual "Tootsie Roll Drive." Legacy recipient George Merkel of Chelsea presented Fr. Enzo with a \$5,000 check, and Fiat Chrysler Automotive became the Center's first Platinum Sponsor with another gift of \$5,000. Additional corporate sponsors this year included Dr. Donna Hrozencik and Mark Ouimet, along with Chelsea State Bank for \$750 each. Chairwoman Kathi Neuman of Chelsea remarked that, "Everyone who came to this year's event had a great time, and we are truly grateful to the hospital and their staff for their food and hospitality." Joseph Merkel of Merkel's Auction Specialists, Inc. provided his services for the live auction, and PR Director Joseph Yekulis was the Master of Ceremonies for the event.



Coldwater Council #2900 held an Investiture Celebration on Sunday, October 28th for the new Columbian Squires Circle Father Leon Pohl Circle # 5845. Holding the Charter is Steven Szeleski, Michigan State Chief Squire and Tyler R. Stritzinger, Circle Chief Squire. Next to them in the front row is Squire Alex J. Richards and Dennis Schneider, State Young Adult Director. In the back row is Mike Welke, Squires Chief Counselor; Bill Corey, State Squires Director, Jim Highfield, Kalamazoo Diocesan Membership Director; Bob Small, Coldwater Council #2900 Grand Knight; Squire David H. Richards; and Bruce Blonde, District Deputy #41.

From the moment of our founding in 1882, charity has been the first principle of the Knights of Columbus  
 We are Catholic men of faith and men of charitable action

## LASTING REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DEPARTED

### Memorial Plaque:

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

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

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

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

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

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

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Requested By \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Macomb, MI. 48044**

**Applicants will be contacted for multiple line engraving information.**

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Applications are available at:

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

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### **Star Council Deadlines**

- *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity* (#1728) — Forms must reach the Supreme Council office by Jan. 31.
- *Columbian Award Application* (#SP-7) — Applications must reach the Supreme Council office by June 30.
- *Service Program Personnel Report* (#365) — Applications must reach the Supreme Council office by Aug. 1.
- All program-related forms must be submitted by the deadlines for that particular form. Please review each programs' form requirements when planning your council activities.
- All membership and insurance transactions must be received, processed, recorded and released at the Supreme Council office by June 30.

## Time Is Running Out

Councils, assemblies and circles should have submitted both the 2017 *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity* (#1728) and the *Partnership With Special Olympics Profile* (#4584) to the Supreme Council office by Jan. 31.

If you have not already done so, please send in these forms today! They are available at [kofc.org/forms](http://kofc.org/forms).

## Monroe Council #1266

Coordinators met with all of the Pastors from all five parishes in what we labeled as a "Round Table Meeting". The purpose of these meetings is to discuss what our council could do to assist them and how they could help the council. Our Pastors do come prepared to these meetings with their request. This has created a great union with our Pastors and the parish staff! The Knights in Action articles were designed to make parishioners aware of what the Monroe Council #1266 was doing monthly; Religiously or Charitably to help our parishes and community. The Monthly article provided information on our Abortion Awareness Program, Coats For Kids Program, Goodfellows Food for Families Program, Desert Meal, Rosary Services for Departed Brothers, Faith In Acon Program, Tootsie Roll Sale, Casey The Bear, Knights - Refugee Relief Fund, and the Pastor "Round Table Meetings" to support our Parishes.

Members also passed out recruitment brochures and talked to many potential new Knights. The effort collected three new Knights and a reinstatement and one transfer.

## HAPPY TO BE A 3<sup>RD</sup> DEGREE KNIGHT

When you become a 3rd Degree Knight, you can they say "I am now a full pledged True Knights of Columbus Member".



## 2019 Joint Fundraiser For Council and State Charities



Brother Knights, Welcome to this years *Joint Council and State Charities Raffle*. We have put together a “**Super**” 1st Prize for a “**Super Charity**”! This is a Top Bucket List Trip for any of our members or family and friends. These \$5.00 Tickets are easy to sell, for the most respected Fraternal Organization in the world, “The Knights of Columbus”.

The sale of these tickets have a “**Super**” impact on our Council and State Charities which help people that do not have it so “**Super**”. We are asking you to just **ASK** your friends and family to support this “**Super**”

### 1st Degree Charity Prize -Trip for 2 to 2020 SUPER BOWL

Hard Rock Stadium - Miami, Florida February 2, 2020

- Round Trip Airfare for 2 from Metro Detroit Airport w/transfers & taxes
- Two Upper Level tickets to the 2020 Super Bowl
- 3 nights hotel accommodations
- Round trip transfers between hotel and stadium on game day
- Admission to VIP Tailgate Party on Game Day, including appearances by 25+ active NFL Players, Celebrity Guests, gourmet food by Celebrity Chef & Premium Open Bar
- Admission to NFL Fan Experience on Saturday
- Road trips On-Site Host
- Commemorative Gift Package & Official Program
- Road trips Custom Ticket Holder & Lanyard
- Expert pre-trip travel planning & concierge services of the Road trips *At-Your-Service* Team
- All Taxes and Service Charges

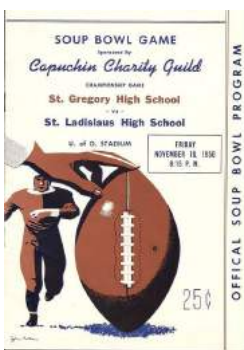


**2nd Degree Unity Prize - \$1,500.00 Cash**

**3rd Degree Fraternity Prize - \$1,000.00 Cash**

**4th Degree Patriotic Prize - \$ 500.00 Cash**

**5th - 10th Prizes - \$360.00 Cash Each      21st - 30th Prizes - \$120.00 Cash Each**



Grand Prize Drawing held at DeCarlo’s Banquet Center  
6015 E. Ten Mile Rd., Warren, MI 48091 (586) 759-6500  
Doors open at 5:30pm - Drawing at 8:00pm  
A light dinner and cash bar will be provided.

**State Deputy - William H. Chasse**

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**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**

William & Marybeth Chasse  
State Deputy

Rev. Paul Erickson  
State Chaplain

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State Secretary

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State Secretary

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Saginaw Diocesan Chaplain

Rev. Corey J. Litzner  
Marquette Diocesan Chaplain

