



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



**Michigan Adopts the  
New Combined Degrees:  
“Exemplification of  
Charity, Unity and Fraternity“**

Many of you may know that a resolution was submitted by the State of Illinois at the Supreme Convention recommending that the Order review and consolidate the Admission, Formation and Knighthood degrees into a single degree that is shorter but still presented our lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity to candidates.

All of our recent Pontiffs have relied on the Knights to help in the evangelization efforts of the Church, especially in these trying times. The Church is struggling and needs committed Catholic men to defend her and evangelize others. This is a vital mission of the Knights of Columbus and we need more informed and committed Catholic men to join our ranks. All these actions are geared to reaching out more effectively to new eligible candidates and building the “strong right arm of the Catholic Church”.

The Supreme Council Board of Directors was given the task to develop such a degree for approval and implementation. The roots of our degrees trace all the way back to Fr. McGivney who, with the early first members, developed the First and Second degrees to present the lessons of Charity and Unity in one lesson. Later, the lesson on Fraternity was added by the Member Leaders. The culture during the late 19th century and much of the 20th century drove the Knights to refine their ceremonials to incorporate the idea of progressive development (successive degrees) and secrecy.

Our younger members, the future of our Order, felt that the progressive degree sessions were too long and could be shortened and still teach the lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. A major result was that more and more of our new members never progressed beyond the First Degree. They also objected to the secrecy associated with our degrees and in fact some saw it as an impediment to their joining the Knights of Columbus and that hindered our growth. These concerns were thoroughly discussed at the Supreme Council for the past several years and this led to the reform our ceremonials.

With that in mind, our new ceremonial is geared to presenting the lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity in one degree much like Fr. McGivney did when he founded the Order, so that our candidates see the whole picture of what we are about in one session. There is no secrecy – this ceremonial can and should be given to members with their families in the audience, preferably in Church following Mass. The lessons have not changed, only the presentation style has changed and the secrecy has been deleted. After this degree the candidate is a full 3rd degree member of our Order.

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**Michigan’s Membership Retention Process Summary**

*Step 1: Financial Secretary Sends Payment Notice to Membership*

- a.) The initial payment notice are to be sent to the member by December 15<sup>th</sup>
- b.) A second payment notice to those members still owning dues by January 15<sup>th</sup>

*Step 2: Retention Committee Personal Contact (February 15<sup>th</sup>)) Financial Secretary will provide names, contact information and amount due for each member in arrears to the Retention Committee for their personal follow up.*

- a.) The Retention Chairman will create Retention Worksheets and distribute the worksheets to the Retention Committee members.
- b.) The Retention Committee will attempt to contact each delinquent member a minimum of (3) times over a (3) week period to discuss the value of remaining a member in good-standing.
- c.) The Retention Committee will document the results of their activities on the Retention Worksheet.
- d.) Should the Retention Committee not be able to locate a member, they should contact State Retention Director Steve Jacek for assistance with updated contact information for the member.
- e.) They should determine if the member is properly credited as Life or Honorary Life, has a disability that would qualify him for relief from payment, or is experiencing financial difficulty and forward recommendations to the Grand Knight.

*Step 3: Send Knight Alert to member (March 15<sup>th</sup>).*

- a.) If directed by the Grand Knight, the Financial Secretary forward a "Knight Alert"(Form #KA1) letter to the delinquent members by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Step 4: The Notice of Intent to Retain (Form #1845).*

- a.) The Financial Secretary completes the Notice of Intent to Retain (Form #1845) to the member and to Supreme by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- b.) The Grand Knight or Committee Chair forwards the completed Retention Worksheets to the District Deputy for his review by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- c.) The Grand Knight will schedule a meeting with the District Deputy and the Retention Committee Chairman to review the Retention Worksheets.
- d.) An action plan will be developed for each delinquent member and the Retention Committee will continue working to resolve the retention of the member. The record of these actions will be forwarded as soon as possible to the State Retention Director for his review.
- e.) The District Deputy will verify and sign all worksheets to confirm the members have been properly contacted and all effort to retain the member have been considered. The worksheets will then be forwarded to the State Retention Director for his review and approval.

*Step 5: Suspend Member*

- a.) The Form #365 must be on file with Supreme and the Michigan State Forms Director; listing both a Retention Director and a Membership Director for the council to process any suspensions.

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From The State Chaplain  
Rev. Paul E. Erickson



There is a saying that gets tossed around in a lot of Catholic circles. Attributed to St. Francis, the saying goes, "Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words." While it is debated as to whether or not St. Francis actually said this, it is an interesting phrase that demands further thought and attention. The main meaning is that the actions of a disciple of Christ ought to be recognizable--the way a disciple lives should give witness to the faith they profess.

And this is certainly true, our lives ought to line up with our beliefs. The life of a Christian must be more than talk. Jesus has particularly harsh things to say regarding the religious hypocrite, and we need to ensure that our words and our actions fit together.

However, it seems to me that many Christians have taken this simple phrase a step farther, into a place it was not intended to go (especially if St. Francis did indeed say it). It seems that many have decided that this means words are no longer needed and are an unnecessary part of what it actually means to preach the Gospel. As we face this trend, I think we do well to hold another phrase in mind, "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." This phrase is one of the most common ways that a priest will end Mass, a direct command to speak the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The fact is that we have to do both if we are to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. We need to speak the truth in love about who He is, and we need to back up our words by living the truths we profess. And this does not have to be a huge undertaking. It could be as simple as inviting a coworker to Mass, offering to pray with a family member, saying "God bless you" to the cashier at the grocery store, saying "Merry Christmas" to the person next to you, or any host of other ways to infuse the grace of God into our everyday speech. There is a finite number of words you get to use in life. Make them count!

As we bask in this Christmas Season, we understand more than ever the need for Christ in the world around us. Remember that His Gospel is Good News! We are living in a time where the Gospel has largely gone unheard. Do not be afraid! Let people know your faith and then put that faith into action. My brother Knights, it is time to go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

**M S U Council #17197**



Members from the college council **M S U #17197, East Lansing Michigan** spent several hours working with their Chaplain Fr. Gary Koenigsnecht and the parish facilities manager to clean and beautify the grounds at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

**MICHIGAN COLUMBIAN**

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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 2019 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. 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. 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.

Father McGivney established an insurance program, a charitable works organization, and, 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!

Remember The Date

**Saturday February 29, 2020**

**State Deputy's Membership Tribute Banquet**

**DeCarlo's Banquet & Convention Center**

**6015 East 10 Mile Road**

**Warren, Michigan 48091**

**Social Hour Starts at 6:00pm**

**Dinner at 7:00pm with Program to Follow**

**\$30.00 per person**

**Admittance by Reservation Only**

State Membership Director  
James N. Kraus

### **Change: The Role of our Councils to Support our Faith**

*Change is the law of life and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future* – John F. Kennedy, first Catholic and first Knight of Columbus to serve as President of the United States.

A Knight must understand change is constant and that outside attacks on our Faith have always been a part of being a believer and this certainly was true in our past. A century ago, the Knights were at the forefront in opposing anti-Catholic prejudice from groups like the Ku Klux Klan. They worked together to overcome early racial prejudice in American society. When the Church in Mexico was being persecuted in the 1920's, the Knights worked tirelessly for religious liberty in that country. Six members of the Knights of Columbus were among the 25 martyrs canonized saints by Saint John Paul II in the year 2000 for their work and sacrifice in Mexico.

The Knights of Columbus have always been great supporters of the Church's defense of life, marriage, and religious liberty and this can only continue with our ongoing efforts to grow our membership. There is nothing more important in these changing, challenging times for us to focus on as our Church is counting on us. The support and work in our parishes is often not seen or discussed, but is at the very core of our mission as Knights – supporting our Faith and our Priests in this difficult time for the Catholic Church. This vital work is why our Councils need to be focused on their sustainability.

Our long history of supporting our Holy Church and our clergy has not gone unnoticed by our Holy Father - Pope Francis recently stated he is "profoundly grateful" that the Knights "contribute to the mission of the Church at every level and, in particular, to the universal ministry of the Apostolic See."

The Knights are such a strong force in supporting our parishes and we can do so much more. We can meet with our parish priests and ask them how we can help them. This is key - as many times we just assume what Father needs and do not ask him directly how we can help. Perhaps we believe Father would not be willing to support us as Knights or ask others to join us, but have we asked him? Has the council worked on projects around the parish to make a difference to Father, to help on project that needed special attention? Worked to be sure Father has the help he needs. Have we as Knights, worked to fill the pews by inviting our members and their families back to Mass? Have we invited our Catholics friends back to Mass and to join our Order to strength their faith? Are we building solid bridges of communication and trust with Father and the Council? These are vital keys to supporting our Faith.

As we often hear the Knights of Columbus are the known as the "strong right arm of the Church" and in this light, we need to increase our outreach to the Catholic men we know and invite them back to Mass and ask them to join us in our support of our Faith by joining our Order. The continuing future of our parishes and our councils depend on having new members join our ranks. This is vital to all of us to make asking a man to join a priority. With the current attacks in the media to our Faith and Church, how can we not make this a priority?

The Knights of Columbus need to continue to be the "Strong Right Arm of the Church", a group of men and their families who are in the pews each week, asking others to join them in Mass and help share the joy we know as Catholics. This is the sustainability goal of a council that is involved in the life of the parish.

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

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

#### Reminders:

1728 Fraternal Survey based on calendar year due January 31, 2020  
4584 Special Olympics form, remember if you drive you do support Special Olympics. Due January 31

Service program awards, every council should have at least 1 program that they are especially proud of, think about letting others know, remember you do these for your members, if you need help contact your Diocesan Program Director.

As we enter into the second half of the fraternal year, I want to remind our Program Directors of changes to the Faith in Action program. Under the Faith category they added Sacramental Gifts. This program shows the Knights of Columbus will be there to support and embrace parish families at these essential moments of encounter with Christ. Family category has added Family Prayer Night is an opportunity for children to be exposed to regular people living their faith in a casual setting. In the Life category

Supreme has added 2 new programs first the Pregnancy Center Support Councils can provide material, financial, labor and other support to pro-life pregnancy centers that help women during pregnancy and following the birth of their newborn children. Second is Mass for People with Special Needs celebrating a Mass for People with Special Needs can be the first of many steps toward integrating them into regular weekly or even daily Mass – and more deeply into all of the sacraments and other aspects of parish life.

Supreme is always looking for new and interesting ways of bringing our Faith in Action. We encourage our Councils to look for new programs to remain fresh and fully alive with our Parish and Council Members.

### Algonac and Marine City Knights of Columbus



Nearly three dozen students recently participated in the Algonac and Marine City Knights of Columbus' fifth annual spelling bee.

A total of 34 fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders from several area schools competed in the spelling bee, which took place Nov. 21 at St. Catherine's Activity Center in Algonac. Competitors hailed from the East China School District, Algonac Community Schools and Immaculate Conception and Holy Cross Catholic schools.

This year's sixth-grade champion attends Marine City Middle School; the fifth-grade champion is from Algonquin Elementary School, and the fourth-grade champion, who was also the overall champion, is a student at Immaculate Conception Catholic School in Ira Township.

Winners and runners-up will go to a higher-level competition.

"The intent is for the kids to have fun and to help build their self-esteem, put themselves out there," Algonac Knights of Columbus Grand Knight Richard Goulette said.

The spelling bee, which is free, is organized by both the Algonac and Marine City councils of the Knights of Columbus.

"There really wasn't anybody doing anything years ago, and it's a way for kids who aren't necessarily super star athletes to be able to show their academic prowess," Goulette said. "You don't necessarily have to be

### Ladies Corner

Dear Ladies,

We hope the New Year finds you rested and full of energy to face what it may bring you. You have 8766 hours in front of you to find time for prayer and gratitude.

We hope you were blessed with a Christmas season full of peace and joy. We hope the winter meeting although full of changes and new information was at least helpful to you and your husbands in how to handle the new changes being handed down from Supreme. The bottom line is if we do not recruit and help our husbands, fathers and our Catholic men strengthen our Catholic crew, who will? We need members now more than ever to help us with defending our faith. Please support the men in your family in this endeavor.

We would also like to thank all of the councils, district deputies and their wives in helping make the Winter Meeting a success. Many people will be touched by your generous donations. If you have any questions or concerns about this charity please don't hesitate to ask. Final numbers of sweatshirts, bath baskets, hats and mittens, gift cards and other donations were posted on the website. Many thanks to the ladies who year after year help with the packing up of these donations and to the new crew who came and helped as well.

Please don't forget the March for Life in DC on Jan 24. Consider participating in or starting the Novena for Life, possibly doing it the nine days before or leading up to the March for Life (directions can be found at [mikofc.org](http://mikofc.org)).

Gratitude for all the caregivers out there taking on the responsibility of caring for someone who is sick or dying. The holidays are always difficult in trying to balance care and your own life. Please seek out resources in your area. If you know of someone who is a caregiver, please offer your support.

Some more dates to remember: Bowling Tournament is Feb. 8th and 16th (Officers' Tournament) This is hosted by Father L.P. Gauthier Council #10170.

Tribute Dinner is Feb. 29th.

Please start thinking about your basket donation for the May Convention on Mackinac Island. All proceeds will go to Holy Cross Services. Please contact Mandy Borsenik for more information.

With Blessings and Gratitude,  
Marybeth, Karen, Julie, Mandy, Pam and Ellie

### Knights With a Mission



Knights Crew members of the **St. Kieran Council 13983** in Shelby Township, Michigan recently assisted a disabled parishioner in need. The Knights power washed, scrapped, and painted the parishioner's deck/handicap ramp and entrance door. They also installed a new knob and deadbolt on the door.

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## WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF DEGREE WORK?

by  
Eugene A. Murawski, State Ceremonial Director

What will the new Exemplification be like? Supreme has come up with a degree that is currently called "The Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity". It will take the place of the Admission, Formation and Knighthood Degree that is currently being done. The Exemplification has combined the lessons of the current first three degrees, with the intent that the Exemplification be more meaningful. The new degree has the story of Charity, Unity and Fraternity as it is in the current degrees, however it is much shorter. We were told that some of the current script does not really pertain to the story that Father Michael J. McGivney wanted to be told back in 1882.

There is no more secrecy in the degree. The wives and children are encouraged to attend the degree. It was suggested to have the degree right after Mass. The complete degree will take around a half an hour to complete.

Michigan will start the new degree sometime in 2020, but we do not know when. As of now, Michigan will do the degrees as we have them scheduled.

Once we change to the new degree, I will still be scheduling the new degrees as I do the current ones. Our Staff's will still do the current and new degrees. Keep sending me your requests for the Major Degrees. Just a reminder, once we change to the new Exemplification, we will no longer do the current one.

The Councils can continue to do the current Admission Degree as it is. Just a reminder, the wives cannot attend the current Admission Degree. If someone happens to take the current Admission Degree and wants to become a 3rd Degree Knight, he can either take the current Major Degree or wait until we start the new Exemplification.

This is a big change, but a good one. The intent is to get rid of secrecy, invite the wife and family, and shorten the time required. This will give the men that are so busy the chance to join the Knights of Columbus.

## Algonac and Marine City Knights of Columbus

6-foot-5 and be a basketball star to be an academic star. It's work, and that's something that we like to promote."

Winners at each grade level will receive a pizza party for their homeroom class. Goulette said the pizza party winners get to be relatively popular.

"It's pretty funny to go there and see the reaction of other students," he said. "They're very appreciative of their fellow student."

## St. Christopher Council 2943



St. Christopher Council 2943 in Chesaning together with Bishop Untener Assemblyn3136 recently donated 72 coats, each coat combined with winter gloves and a

stocking cap, to three area schools. They were given tokens who are in need. In the above picture Faithful Navigator Ray Andres (left) and Grand Knight Al Wright (right) presents the winter clothing to Drew Severn (center) representing one of the schools.

## Recruiting Younger Members: Council Self-Assessment for Grand Knights

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#### Does your council want younger members?

- Is your leadership on board with a strategy to recruit and attract younger members? Is your pastor on board?
- Action Step: Discuss your goals of recruiting younger men at an officer meeting and general council business meeting.

#### Does your council currently have younger members?

- How many active and how many inactive younger (under 40) members does your council have? How many younger men attend meetings? Service programs? Spiritual programs? Are there younger men on your council roster that are not attending events?
- Action Step: If your council has younger men on your roster, reach out to them to find what about the council is attractive to them and what would make the council more attractive to them and their families. You may also enlist these men in helping your council to recruit more younger men. If your council does not have younger men on its roster, identify the youngest men you do have. For example, if your youngest members are in their 60s, work with them to try and identify men in their 40s and 50s to join. Then, these members can help recruit men in their 40s or 30s.

#### Has your council met with your Chaplain/pastor about attracting younger men?

- Have you discussed your desire to attract younger men with your Chaplain? Is he aware of your council's current roster and how many younger men are involved?
- Action Step: Meet with your Chaplain and report on how many younger men are currently on your council's roster. Discuss how active these members are and any feedback you received in reaching out to them about what the council does well and what could be improved. Ask for your Chaplain's assistance in identifying and reaching out to younger men in your parish and inviting them to join the council.

#### Has your council considered adjusting its meeting or event times?

- When does your council hold its meetings and a majority of its events? Why does it hold them when it does (is it the only time parish space is available or has the council *always* held it them)
- Action Step: Poll council members to determine if meeting times are convenient for those with families (do meetings and events conflict with after school activities, bedtime, dinner time, etc.). If you have many events on weeknights, consider incorporating family dinners with these events so that families can attend without having to worry about also planning a dinner.

#### Does your council have family focused or family friendly events?

- When your council plans an event, does it consider how attractive and convenient the event is for families? Does your Family Chairman still have children at home?
- Action Step: Plan at least one council event every month that is targeted specifically at families. These events should alternate between faith-based programs, service-based programs and social based programs. Programs held on weekends are likely easier for families to attend.

## Michigan Adopts the New Combined Degrees: "Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity"

While the new ceremonial is a change from our past, our Order must adapt without compromising our beliefs or principles. This new ceremonial does that. The new degree is the work of many ceremonial specialists at the Supreme Council who have been working on this for the last few years taking input from brother Knights, studying cultural changes in society and in our Church, and being sensitive to the needs of our upcoming younger candidates who are the future of our Order.

This New Exemplification was presented to the members and their spouses at the Mid-Year Winter Meeting on December 6-7, 2019 in Lansing. It is approximately 30 minutes long and can be presented from memory or read by the council's degree team. The change was viewed with very positive response from all.

The new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity will be shared with council leadership soon and will start being used after January 1, 2020 here in Michigan. The old ceremonials can still be used during the transition. After January 1<sup>st</sup>, no Major Degrees will be scheduled in the state as the new Exemplification replaces the Formation and Knighthood degrees.

The new ceremonial was written to be delivered in person but will be available on a DVD which can be used much like we use the DVD for the current First Degree. Robes are no longer used as they have been replaced by K of C sashes. More information about the new Exemplification will be shared by e-mail and on our State Council's website.

This is such an exciting yet challenging time to be a Knight of Columbus! We need your active support more than ever in growing our Order through effective ceremonials. Be such men!

I would like to thank all of our clergy in their support and a big thank you to all of our Diocesan Chaplains; with your support we will strengthen the church and recruit new members to the Knights of Columbus. Once you become a member you become a stronger and better Catholic.

One of our Diocesan Chaplains believes so strongly with it he put it in print.

Being a member of the Knights of Columbus has made me a better man, Catholic, and priest. Yesterday I learned that the national organization has transformed the initiation process for the first 3

degrees into a 30-minute public ceremony. It is beautiful and Christ-centered.

I am even more convinced that every practical Catholic male should be a Knight of Columbus. What does our Church most need? Without undermining the role of faithful women-- we need faithful men and fathers! We need Knights.

Don't have the time? We're asking for very little time. We're asking for faithful Catholic men. Maybe you can't make the meetings but can you put a coat on a kid? Could you give an hour to support people with disabilities or seminarians or women in unexpected pregnancies?

I'm asking for Knights because you will have a huge effect on our parish, community, Church, and world. Learn more about e-membership and ask someone to join online at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

Pray about it. I'm setting a goal of 5 parish men to join through e-membership this month, and we'll schedule the public initiation ceremony at a later date about the new degree.

Brother Knights, your membership dues are due! With these dues, we have been able to continue with our major charities. Please continue in supporting 10 for Charity.

Please remember our seminarians. With your membership dues please consider a \$6.00 or more if you can, donation towards our SHMS Endowment fund. It will help insure no seminarian will miss out on his dream of formation due to financial difficulties.

I ask you, if your home needs a new roof do you fix it?

If your vehicle needs new tires do you buy them?

Of course you do, you need them. Well, the Church needs us now more than ever!

We need to recruit now and not later because if we wait until later, we may not be here for those that need our support.

We must recruit now to insure we're here for those that need us now and in the future.

If we don't who will? The Church needs you.

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

William H. Chasse

State Deputy

## Monsignor Robert McClory Named to Lead Diocese of Gary, Indiana



Pope Francis has appointed Monsignor Robert McClory, 56, to be the fifth bishop of the Diocese of Gary, Indiana. The Diocese of Gary is in northwest Indiana, on the southern shore of Lake Michigan, and has a Catholic population of 168,500 and a total population of 786,000. Bishop-elect McClory, currently serving as pastor and rector of the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak, Michigan, will be ordained as bishop and installed on February 11, 2020. He will succeed Bishop Donald Hying, who was

appointed Bishop of Madison, Wisconsin in April of this year.

"I am honored and humbled that the Holy Father has appointed me as the bishop of Gary. During this week in which we celebrate Thanksgiving, my heart is full of gratitude that he has entrusted me to serve the people of northwest Indiana," Bishop-elect McClory said. "I look forward to getting to know the needs of our local church and, together, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ."

Bishop-elect McClory was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit on May 22, 1999. Prior to his assignment as pastor of the

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Bishop-elect McClory served as Moderator of the Curia and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Detroit from 2009–2018, Chancellor from 2003–2009 and Administrative Secretary to Cardinal Adam Maida from 2002–2003. He also served as Pastor of Presentation/Our Lady of Victory Parish, Detroit, from 2011–2017; parochial vicar of St. Isidore Parish, Macomb Township, from 2001–2002 and St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Shelby Township, from 2000–2001; Weekend Associate at Our Lady of the Lakes Parish, Waterford, from 2002–2004 and St. Blase Parish, Sterling Heights from 2004–2011.

"Here in Monsignor McClory's home diocese, he is recognized as a zealous priest who generously devotes all the talents God has blessed him with to the ministry of spreading the Gospel," said Detroit Archbishop Allen Vigneron. "The pastors and people of the Church of Gary will find themselves blessed by his service. We, the priests, religious and faithful of the Archdiocese of Detroit, send him on mission with our heartfelt prayers."

Bishop-elect McClory graduated from Oakland University in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Politics and Communication. He also holds a Master of Professional Studies in Economic

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## From The State Membership Director Jim Kraus

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.

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### Michigan’s Membership Retention Process Summary

- a.) The Financial Secretary will send the completed Form #100 to Supreme 60 days after the Intent to Retain (Form #1845) is sent but not more than 90 days after – requesting the suspension be processed.
- b.) The Notice of Intent to Retain becomes void after 90 days of the form being received by Supreme should a Form 100 requesting suspension not be received (note: the 90 day window is closely followed by Supreme).
- c.) Missing steps, not completing forms or submitting them after deadlines or not involving the District Deputy as required will result in having the suspension request cancelled and having to start the process over.

#### Withdrawals

Upon receipt of the valid withdrawal request, Supreme will process the withdrawal and send a letter to the member verifying that his request has been processed and explains his options if he would desire to rejoin the Knights of Columbus including an e-membership option. Withdrawals and member deaths do not affect the membership numbers needed for STAR council.

*Question or need help? Contact State Retention Director Steve Jacek at: [s.jacek@miksofc.org](mailto:s.jacek@miksofc.org)*

### My Way

Brian Barlow  
Supreme Council General Agent  
Northern Michigan

I recently read an article in the paper about the greatest “contemporary” song ever written. Stairway to Heaven garnered a great deal of support, as did Bohemian Rhapsody, but so did White Christmas, and half of the Bruce Springsteen catalog of songs, (my favorite is Tenth Avenue Freeze Out). But there were so many others by Whitney Houston, the Four Seasons, the Eagles, Diana Ross, with and without the Supremes. Michael Jackson, Prince, along with songs going back to the middle of the last century, (jazz standards, big band numbers), and half the groups in the Rock and Roll hall of fame made the list.

But one song stood out to me, **My Way**, as sung by Frank Sinatra. Often imitated, (Elvis and others covered this classic), but never duplicated.

There is a line in the song that always triggers something in me. “Regrets, I’ve had a few, but then again, too few to mention”. I’ve always taken that to mean that a life should be lived to it’s fullest and to do continued on page 9

“Ability is what you’re capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it.” — Lou Holtz

## St. Louis Center Continues to Blaze New Trails

Fr. Enzo Addari, SdC., CEO

First of all, I would like to begin by wishing you all a Happy New Year, and to thank the Knights of Columbus and Ladies of Michigan for their continued support of St. Louis Center in Chelsea. 2019 was quite a remarkable year, and we began construction of five additional buildings during the month of August. St. Louis Guanella Village is an innovative, new “Integrated Community” for persons with I/DD now taking shape on the beautiful grounds of St. Louis Center.



This “Integrated Community” concept will create a residential neighborhood for families who have children with I/DD, regardless of age, so they can live in a place where they will feel safe, live judgment free, and enjoy the company of others who share the same needs. Phase II of the Project includes the following: A single family detached home with an attached garage, a duplex home for two families, two cottage homes for adult residents, and an Administration Building.



The family homes will be available for lease/rent to those who have a family member with I/DD, and the cottages will provide more

up-to-date living spaces for the adults already living at St. Louis Center. The move-in for the new buildings under construction will occur in the summer of 2020, and the current master plan calls for additional single family homes to be built in the future.

Speaking of the future, 2020 will also be a special year for St. Louis Center/St. Louis Guanella Village, as we will be celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the construction of the original SLC building that was originally founded by four Servants of Charity priests and four “Holy Family” sisters. We are planning a special celebration with the help of Very Rev. Bishop Earl Boyea of the Diocese of Lansing, on Wednesday June 17, 2020, and the Michigan Knights will be a big part of this celebration.



The State Council has kept its pledge of \$25,000 per year for a ten year period to help pay for one of the Children’s homes built in 2018, and at a recent Benefactor Reception held on September 19, 2019, State Deputy William Chasse’ presented us with another \$25,000 to assist us in updating the original HVAC system.

Again, we wish all of our Knights of Columbus families in Michigan a Happy and healthy New Year. We are grateful for all you do.

God’s blessings to you all,  
Fr. Enzo Addari, SdC., CEO  
St. Louis Center



A Coats 4 Veterans collection was run by members of Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536, VFW Post 6695, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 and American Legion Post 391. Just over 600 coats were collected that will be distributed

through local outlets for veterans. Sir Knights and Ladies of the assembly gathered to sort the coats by gender and size. This is the first year for the drive and it was a resounding success!

## All Belong Symposium

by Tom Kendziorski

Grand Knight, Pope St. John XXIII Council #5436  
Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes



My “day job” is as the Executive Director for a non-profit charitable organization known as The Arc of Oakland County. We assist children and adults with an intellectual impairment or

another related developmental disability. For the past year, I have also been active with the Archdiocese of Detroit’s “Disability Ministries Leadership Council.”

On Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the council conducted a symposium dedicated to instructing clergy, Directors of Religious Education and catechists, parents and caregivers about the U.S. Catholic Church’s teachings, guidelines, insights, and best practices on expanding disability inclusion and ministry in our parishes. Specifically, we discussed bringing the sacraments to those with special needs.

The “All Belong Symposium” began with a mass dedicated to persons with special needs at 7:30am, followed by registration. The program was held at Madonna University in Livonia, Michigan. A total of 131 persons representing 50 parishes and 6 dioceses participated in this inaugural event.

The Knights of Columbus state board financially sponsored this symposium, along with councils from Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, and from District 12 (Donald Garon, DD): Our Lady of Victory, St. Francis, Holy Family, St. Gerald, and St. Fabian. Brother Knights from each of these councils also helped distribute KofC membership literature at our sponsor’s table.

## How does Online Membership differ from membership in a local council?

Members who join online (“Online Membership”) are members of the Knights of Columbus who have not yet taken A First Degree or been admitted to a local council.

Online Membership was designed to allow eligible Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus online, through a streamlined, optimized process. Online Membership provides you with a digital membership experience, which will help you to grow as a Catholic man and a Knight.

As a Knight, you can choose the projects to be involved in within your own community. You will receive regular updates from your state council regarding news and events in your area and be presented with frequent opportunities to work alongside brother Knights in local councils.

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everything you do to it's fullest as well. There are no half measures, no shortcuts, as they will lead to unhappiness and failure.

What often gets lost is the next line in the song, "I did what I had to do, and saw it through without exemption". This implies to have a full and happy life, we need to finish what we start and make sure that we have done what needs be done, without exception.

When we face adversity as all do in life, will we be able to sleep soundly? When the winds pick up and the rain/hail/snow batter us, will each of us be able to say, that if we have few regrets, if any, they may be "too few to mention", because we have done what had to be done, and we have seen to the needs of our families without exception?

During this season of Advent, when we are to make ourselves ready for the coming of the Lord, let us also take the time to sit and reflect on whether we have done what we need to do to protect our families, so that we can say we slept easily through the storms of life. And that when the end is near, and we face our final curtain, we can all be clear, we've had a life that's full, with no regrets. I hope and pray that the record of my life will show, that I took the blows and still did it my way.

Let the Knights of Columbus Insurance help you to make sure you can do it your way, and that you have done what needs be done to be sure that your family is prepared for the storms of life. Protecting Catholic families, since before Sinatra was born. That's who we are and what we do.

## Homeless Veterans Collection



The Veterans Administration in Battle Creek Michigan has established a program to help support the homeless Veterans in southwest Michigan. Over the past several years Michigan District II has implemented many programs to support the Veterans Center. Through their affiliation with the Battle Creek Veterans Administration, Michigan District II established a program to provide homeless Veterans with many of their daily needs such as clothing,

cleaning products, and personal care items.

This program goes on throughout the year and is supported by the 22 Assemblies making up Michigan District II. Pictured are the items collected by Father Cornelius Korst Assembly #500 in Bronson Michigan. The five Councils making up Assembly #500 (Councils #2508, #2900, #2924, #4141 and #13749) each had collected items during the months of June and July. The generous contributions of their local Parishes were collected and delivered to the Battle Creek Veterans Homeless Center on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The donated items were greatly appreciated by the Veterans Administration.

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### Dear Brother Knights,

**H**appy New Year! I hope everyone had a blessed and enjoyable holiday season.

On behalf of Holy Cross Services and all the children, adults, families and the homeless we serve, I would like to **THANK** the Knights and your wives for all you did to help HCS last year, from raising money by selling our Giving Raffle Calendars, providing Christmas gifts, and hosting events. We are forever grateful for your continued commitment and support of our ministry that has impacted the lives of thousands of individuals who rely on our programs so they can have a brighter future.

I look forward to our continued partnership of offering hope and opportunities to our kids, men, women and families we serve throughout Michigan. I wish all of you a New Year filled with joy, peace and happiness.

With Gratitude and humility,

Sharon Berkobien  
CEO

### About Holy Cross Services

Holy Cross Services (HCS) is a human services' agency whose mission is to bring hope, promote change, and help people live free, healthy and productive lives. Holy Cross has four main service areas: Children's Services (Foster Care, Residential, Independent Living, Juvenile Justice Transition); Behavioral Health Services (Substance Use & Mental Health Disorders); Homeless Services; and a Community Resource Center.

Founded in 1948, Holy Cross touches the lives of approximately 1,500 people every day who are abused, neglected, traumatized, and/or who suffer from substance abuse and mental health issues across Michigan, plus over 7,000 homeless veterans, adults and children in Lansing, Michigan. HCS is one of the largest private, not-for-profit providers in Michigan.

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

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

### How Does Holy Cross Change Lives? Client Testimonial

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

#### HOLY CROSS SERVICES OCTOBER CALENDAR WINNERS

Nick Zavatsky, Daniel Wilson, Bryce Hengesbach, Sandra Bourgoin, Gerald & Kathryn Newhouse, Mark Smith, Mary Melling, Ellen Jozwiak, Mary Semaan, David Gagne, Lee Smith, Arthur Stanley, Frederick McPharlin, Joan Foster, William Kostrzewa, Sharon Berkobien, Anton & Mary Uryga, Gary Fedewa, Claude Feldpausch, Ernest & Joan Turmell, Stephen Rawe, George Washnak, Carl Pfeiffer, Martha Radatz, Jean Thelen, George Durak, Robert Szachta, Peter & Christine Wandoff, Dave Crowley, Robert & Pauline Saltsman, Donald Koenigsknecht,

**\$500 WINNER - Donald & Eileen Raft**

#### HOLY CROSS SERVICES NOVEMBER CALENDAR WINNERS

Bruce Jandemoa, Nancy Lott, John Owdziej, Jerry Kennedy, Austin Hessling, Daryl & Connie Iwankovitsch, Robert Ghena, Mariann Scherdt, Ronald Stickney, Robert Bigger, Tom Fruchey, David Gagne, Betty Raska, Joe Tobolic, Larry Masek, John Pariseau, Tom Kenney, Brandon Blamer, Kay Goerge, Susan Snyder, William Robert, Austin Elya, Charles Bolda, Elida Klenczar, Lawrence Krzesowski, Richard Raleigh, Jeffrey Kovalcik, Donald Croff, Reverend Nicholas Zukowski, James Dixon,

**\$500 WINNER - Donald Feldpausch**

#### HOLY CROSS SERVICES DECEMBER CALENDAR WINNERS

Robert Steckowski, Mark & Karen Brown, Lois Wesley, Dawn Bomay, Nick Farley, Evelyn O'Brien, Margaret Weber, Ronald & Joan Horbes, Michael & Rose Palchesko, Beth Hogan, Elaine Anderson, Theresa Cypher, Frank Kirk, Barbara Gialanella, Barbara Kaiser, Lois Wesley, Dennis Koenigsknecht, Jerome Waldron, Michael Goodhart, Kenneth & Deborah Verkest, Bishop Allen Babcock Council #7341, Reverend William Wagner, Lawrence Hess, David & Paula Buick, James Fox, Goldie Kellner, William Flavin, Frederic Devendorf, James Bezaire, Father Tim MacDonald, Lawrence Sevegney,

**\$500 WINNER - Charles Bolda,**  
**\$5,000 GRAND PRIZE WINNER - Brian Hengesbach**

The 2020 Holy Cross Services Giving Calendars are available at your local Knights of Columbus Council or you can contact Karen Rupley at [krupley@hccsnet.org](mailto:krupley@hccsnet.org) or 517-423-7556 to order yours today. These calendars make great gifts for birthdays, anniversaries and help bring hope and opportunity to our kids – it's a WIN/WIN!!





## THANK YOU KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

A very special thanks goes to all the Michigan Knights of Columbus and their spouses from across the state who collected and packaged thousands of sweatshirts, hats, gloves and scarfs, and hundreds of bath baskets and gift cards, on Friday, December 6, at the Lansing Crowne Plaza, for the children, men, women, families and the homeless at Holy Cross Services.



Mariann Bolton, past President of the Good Samaritans (a group of ladies from Grosse Pointe and Bloomfield Hills) hosted the 7th Annual Stocking Stuffing Gathering at her home. Members purchased items from our kids' wish lists such as hats, gloves, scarfs, socks, bath products, journals, makeup, ear buds and gift cards to name a few. They came together to assemble the Christmas bags filled with gifts and delivered to our girls at Bowman House and boys at King House so they can experience a wonderful Christmas! They are truly Good Samaritans – **THANK YOU!**

If you held events at your Council to benefit Holy Cross Services and would like them published in the Michigan Columbian please send photos and information to Karen Rupley at [krupley@hccsnet.org](mailto:krupley@hccsnet.org).



Sharon Berkobien, CEO of Holy Cross Services, Kassie Kretzschmar, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer along with 120 members, their wives and friends celebrated Irish Hills Council #6223 50 years of service to the community, the family, the Church and young people. Sharon was presented a check for \$2,000 from their August golf outing to benefit the kids, men, women and families we serve. This was the 16th year of the annual golf outing in which the proceeds benefit HCS and St. Louis Center. In the last 35 years, Knights of Council 6223 and youth from Holy Cross Services have completed 390 ramps for families with disabilities. **THANK YOU!**



The annual "Coats for Kids" drive was held on Saturday, November 23 at Eastwood Towne Center in Lansing, MI. 166 coats, hats and gloves were collected and offered to the homeless at our New Hope Community Center in Lansing as well as other individuals in the community. This annual event was started by a Girl Scout troop leader over 13 years ago and continues today along with the girls that were in her troop who are now in college. **THANK YOU!**



## Semi-annual Tootsie Roll drive— just part of K of C's passion for helping developmentally disabled

By  
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Joseph Yekulis, a Knights of Columbus fourth-degree color guard member from Chelsea, holds up the Special Olympics flag during the opening ceremonies of the State Fall Games on Sept. 20 at the Sheraton hotel in Ann Arbor. Each year, the Michigan Knights donate more than \$230,000 to the Special Olympics, which is the largest total for any state council eight years running. (Photos by Valaurian Waller | Detroit Catholic)

**ANN ARBOR** — They stood as sentinels as the athletes were introduced Sept. 20 during the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics State Fall Games at the Sheraton hotel in Ann Arbor.

The cheers and clapping reserved for those competing, the Knights of Columbus' fourth-degree color guard members nevertheless were thrilled to be a part of the event, as they have been for years in Michigan, adding to the pomp and circumstance of the day.

Behind the scenes, the Knights and their families were pitching in as volunteers at the ceremonies and at athletic competitions throughout the weekend.

“We’re happy to see pictures of the athletes at the games on the front page instead of ours,” John Hundiak, state Special Olympics director for the Knights of Columbus and a member of Council 13950 in Rochester Hills, told *Detroit Catholic*. “The Knights of Columbus are behind the scenes, both financially and working at the events.”



Knights Nick Greiwe, left, and Jason Fry of Council 600 out of Our Lady of Refuge Parish in Orchard Lake, hand out Tootsie Rolls during the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics State Fall Games on Sept. 20 at the Sheraton hotel in Ann Arbor.

Serving those with special needs has long been a passion of the Knights, whose 64,000 members and 441 councils in Michigan work year-round to support charities, organizations and individuals who serve developmentally and intellectually disabled children and adults.

Apart from volunteering and raising money for the Special Olympics, which holds games three times a year in Michigan, the

Knights' semi-annual Tootsie Roll drive supports more than 800 organizations that benefit those with special needs.

The highly visible drive, during which Knights don yellow vests that read “Helping persons with intellectual disabilities” and collect money on street corners and in parishes, takes place each year on Palm Sunday and Columbus Day weekends — which is this weekend.

The effort helps Michigan councils donate more than \$230,000 annually for the Special Olympics alone, plus additional funds for countless charities across the state. While individual councils decide how to divvy up the money, beneficiaries include Holy Cross Services (formerly Boysville), the St. Louis Center in Chelsea, St. Francis Camp on the Lake in Jerome, and The Arc Michigan, as well as funding for special education in schools.



David Buck from Bath, Mich., (left), and Bill Currie of Lansing, center, lead fourth-degree color guard members in formation during the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics State Fall Games in Ann Arbor.

The Supreme Council, the international governing body of the Knights of Columbus based in New Haven, Conn., awards \$10,000 to the state whose councils raise the most money and log the most volunteer hours for Special Olympics. The Michigan Knights have won the title eight years in a row, adding another \$10,000 to the total raised for Special Olympics. Additionally, the state council contributes almost \$50,000 each year.

Robbie Waclawski, special gifts manager for the Special Olympics, says the organization has “a phenomenal relationship with the Knights of Columbus,” who are one of several civic partners including the Law Enforcement Torch Run, the Water Warriors, the Lions Club and others.

“Without the support of our civic partners, we wouldn’t be able to offer the same experience to our athletes,” said Waclawski, who himself is grand knight of Council 1297 in Mount Pleasant.

During the fall games, Knights and their families helped prepare and serve meals to 650 soccer players and coaches, saving the Special Olympics \$5,000 by not having to purchase box lunches, Waclawski said.

Three statewide Special Olympics competitions are held annually in fall, winter and spring. During September’s games, more than 1,600 athletes competed in flag football, soccer, cycling, softball, golf and kayaking. Events were held at venues in Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Ypsilanti and Canton.

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**Semi-annual Tootsie Roll drive  
just part of  
K of C's passion for helping**



For Walter Winkle, the Knights' state secretary and a member of Council 2667 in Richmond, the Knights' work with the Special Olympics is personal. His 30-year-old son, Willy, is developmentally challenged and has competed in the games since he was 7 years old.

"Some parents might be apprehensive about taking younger kids with disabilities out to compete, but Special Olympics is a great program," Winkle said. "The social part has been wonderful for Willy to get to know other people, and for the families to interact as well.

"What's amazing with these athletes is that so many of them remember each other years later," Winkle added. "It's a really wonderful community.

"Willy was one of 30 fourth-degree Knights who handed out Tootsie Rolls to athletes at September's opening ceremonies.

During the winter games, Willy competes in cross country skiing, as well as the poly hockey state finals in November.

Now Willy works behind the scenes, too. He has been a Knight since age 18 and was recently appointed the Knight of Columbus' assistant director for the Special Olympics.

"In the Knights, we always say we are our own best-kept secret," Walter Winkle said. "We don't go out and brag about everything we do. We just go out and get it done."

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

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

**Families of the Month****Alpena Council 529**

David &amp; Dixie Hilla

**Battle Creek Council 575**

Robert &amp; Laura Sheets Jr.

Andy &amp; Pam Rockwell

Dave &amp; Tina Sprague

Eddie Thomas family

Ed Bauman family

**Lansing Council 788**

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**New Baltimore Council 5981**

Jay &amp; Rose Addy

Jay &amp; Patty Strassburg

George &amp; Bonnie

Vanderbossche

Arvin &amp; Pam Stephenson

**Roscommon Council 6593**

Ron &amp; Julie Peters

The Sacristans of St. Michael

Parish

Marv &amp; Martha Peplinski

Glenn &amp; Melva Stuart

**Posen Council 6657**

Ken &amp; Kathy Peters

Rich &amp; Sue Romel

Clarence &amp; Delphine Bisson

John &amp; Mary Kroll

**Saline Council 6674**

Jim &amp; Beth Skochelak

Dominic &amp; Jonna Bruno

Dave &amp; Lunette Dziedzic

**Michigan Center Council 6687**

James &amp; Kathy Miller

**Fenton Council 7418**

Fred &amp; Phyllis Balmer

**Jenison Council 7487**

Charles &amp; Fran Godley

Paul &amp; Deb Cart

Bob &amp; Linda Luxford

**Armada Council 7561**

David &amp; Laura Corrión

Steven &amp; Renell Sellars

Cliff &amp; Kathy Becker

**Freeland Council 7582**

Grant &amp; Amber Schaefer

Harvey &amp; Pamela Kuehne

Scott &amp; Aimee Stachowiak

**Hale Council 7623**

Donald &amp; Cindy Rem

Gene &amp; Geri Dow

**AuGres Council 7717**

Don &amp; Lucey Szabo \*cfy

**Durand Council 7955**

Deacon Greg &amp; Carol

Middleton

Randy &amp; Diane Weller

Ed &amp; Julie Folsom

Mike &amp; Diane Pelky

**Hillman Council 8041**

Jim &amp; Kathy Kennard

Ray &amp; Margaret Selesky

Ted &amp; Ellen Compeau

**Sanford Council 8043**

Charles &amp; Sandra Batcke

Dan &amp; Suzanne Reinke

**Howell Council 8169**

Dave &amp; Sharon Costantini

Kevin &amp; Nancy Regan

Michael &amp; Melinda Leffert

**Auburn Hills Council 8659**

Sean &amp; Colleen Sylvester

Mike &amp; Rose Palchesko

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David &amp; Barb Biop

Paul Stroup family

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Michael &amp; Ann Dunivon

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Marcus &amp; Grace Rivard

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Don Harris, Jerry Mckeown

Joe Bontomasi

**Shelby Twp. Council 13983**

Mike &amp; Darlene Powers

**Canton Council 16169**

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Randy &amp; Michele Martin

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MEN WHO LEAD  
MEN WHO SERVE  
MEN WHO PROTECT  
MEN WHO DEFEND**



# AROUND THE STATE

**Good Shepherd Council 8669** in Montrose held their 2019 Annual Kid's Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 8. Event Chairman John Davidek reported 35 children participated.

This event is held annually on the Michigan DNR's Free Fishing Weekend. The participating children first register with the Knights and are then free to fish any site they chose. However, they must return to the event site at Barber Park in Montrose for weigh-in and measurements. Prizes are awarded for the various age groups 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 2020 Annual Kid's fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, June 13.

The event site will again be Barber Park in Montrose.



**Lakeport (MI) Council #8274**, raised more than \$3000 with our annual Tootsie Roll Fundraiser. Proceeds were donated to a local Boy Scout Troop that consists entirely of kids with disabilities, and the Woodland Developmental Disability Center. Several Knights brought their children to help. Few people could resist these little helpers.

## St. Clair Shores



St. Clair Shores Aerie #3619 Eagles and St. Clair Shores Knights of Columbus collected and delivered 100 backpacks filled with school supplies to four local schools.

**Father John M. Lynch Council 4188** in Clawson made a \$300 donation to the Henry Ford Health System's "Health for Haiti" program. The medical exchange program brings Haitian physicians to Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit for clinical Training.

**Holy Family Council 11811** in Novi and **St. James Catholic Church** sponsored two talks on suicide prevention by Leon Judd, president of NAMI Metro, an affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Members organized the presentations at the Catholic Church of the Holy Family over two evenings, learning more about signs and symptoms of mental illness and the resources available in their community.



Members of **Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536** joined with Brother Knights from various councils and the American Legion to help the Elks serve a steak lunch to over 75 veterans. These lunches are held twice a year and are a treat for the Detroit area and Ann Arbor area veterans. Over a dozen Knights of Columbus helped with this activity. Additionally, the Assembly also contributed to help defray the cost of the luncheon.



Members of **Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536** once again took to the roads as part of Michigan Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway program. Three times per year members of the Assembly, as well as family members, pick up trash and debris along a two mile section of Plymouth Rd. between Farmington Rd. and Middle Belt Rd. This past September, 10 bags of trash were removed, creating a cleaner, and safer drive in that section of Livonia. This is the third year the Assembly has participated.

**Our Lady of White Lake Council 12985** in Montague established a seminarian assistance fund with financial support from the Catholic Foundation of West Michigan as well as funds bequeathed by the late John Loss, a charter member of the council. The John C. Loss/Knights of Columbus 12985 Seminarian Assistance Fund will support priests-in-training in the Diocese of Grand Rapids.



On Saturday, November 9th, the Iron River Knights of Columbus, Council 2300 held its quarterly black cow event at the Iron Mt. Veterans Ad. Hospital. Serving root beer floats (black cows) and sundaes to the veteran residents and their guests as well as staff.

Chairing the event was Don Kataja, assisted by Louis Willis and Ron Basso. It is always a pleasure serving our veterans, especially on the onset of veterans day. They really enjoy the treats.

## Family Holy Hour

St. Joseph's Council 8113 in Whittaker, organized St. Joseph Church inaugural Family Holy Hour. More than 60 people attended the event, which included eucharistic adoration and lessons on the meaning of the eucharist, followed by lunch.

**Programs =  
New Members**



**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.

**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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**Monsignor Robert McClory Named to Lead Diocese of Gary, Indiana**

and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Michigan. He practiced civil law in Michigan from 1991 to 1994.

He entered Sacred Heart Major Seminary in 1994 for philosophical studies. In 1998, he received a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and, in 2000, a Licentiate in Canon (Church) Law from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas (Angelicum) in Rome.

Bishop-elect McClory is the second priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit to serve as Bishop of Gary. Bishop Dale Melczek, ordained for Detroit in 1964, led the Diocese of Gary from 1992 until his retirement in 2014.

**Msgr. O'Callaghan Council 649 Annual Appreciation Dinner**

Council 649 held its annual Appreciation Dinner recently at the Lake Superior State University Cisler Center. Area priests, deacons, women religious and the St. Mary's School Principal were recognized for their dedication and service to Catholics in the Eastern Upper Peninsula.



A memorial service honored the four brother knights who

had died in the past year.



The Family of the Year and Knight of the Year. David and Karen Blaskowski were honored

as the Family of the Year. Dave is very active in the monthly pastie sales three day prep work. He was instrumental in the completion of the Council's Catholic Potter's Field Restoration Project at Riverside Cemetery finishing the wooden posts that held the donors' name plates marking the path to the cemetery. Karen is a Eucharistic Minister at Holy Name of Mary Parish and is active in the Altar Society.



Fred Handziak has ridden the first ferry of the day at 5:20 am from Sugar

Island to the Sault mainland on Saturday's of pastie week for as long as members can remember. He also volunteers for the Council's three day annual Tootsie Roll Sale held in the Spring benefiting Special Olympics. Grand Knight Ian Yazel presented the awards and was Master of Ceremonies for the event.

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

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.
1/5/20	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	Caro	3224	Bradley Hartel	989-325-1395
1/11/20	9:00 AM	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	Memphis	10501	Gregory Brunson	810-824-9533
1/18/20	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	North Branch	9568	Walter Sierakowsk	810-797-5190
1/20/20	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Kimball	9526	Jac Armstrong	810-841-6456
1/28/20	None	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Ishpeming	1541	Jim Butorac	906-362-2315
2/1/20	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Houghton	17237	Edward Glowacki Jr.	906-231-6004
2/7/20	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Posen	6657	Joel Kendzorski	989-766-2124
2/8/20	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Shelby Twp.	11722	Gary Kopp	586-873-6906
2/15/20	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Milford	7444	Larry Paffi	248-701-4950
2/15/20	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Ortonville	6824	Joseph Brenner	773-631-8497
2/16/20	10:45 AM	12:15 PM	1:15 PM	Allen Park	3774	Felice Lalli	313-388-6606
2/19/20	None	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Dewitt	7237	Dave Freund	517-282-9084
2/22/20	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Temperance	11430	Kenneth Dressel	734-888-1192
2/29/20				STATE		DEPUTY	TRIBUTE
3/7/20	Patriotic	Degree				Mark Brezenski	District #1
3/14/20	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Warren	3257	John Synder	248-224-2489
3/14/20	None	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Muskegon Heights	13579	Michael Lewis Jr.	231-736-3391
3/14/20	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Lansing	788	Paul Kelsey	517-896-6402
3/21/20	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Laingsburg	12044	Christopher Hanson	517-894-8485
3/21/20	None	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Gladstone	6667	Gary Chouinard	906-428-3515
3/21/20	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Petoskey	923	Eric Kessler	231-838-8276
3/28/20	None	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Mason	9182	Joseph Chin Jr.	517-449-2338
3/28/20	9:00 AM	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	Burton	11532	Larry Prevo	810-664-0003
4/25/20	Patriotic	Degree				David Buick	District #2
4/25/20	Patriotic	Degree		Bay City		Keith Woodrum	District #4
4/26/20	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	St. Clair Shores	3797	Alexander Truesdale	248-866-9070
5/2/20	None	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Sparta	10992	Frederick Bartel	616-822-4636
5/9/20	None	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Gaylord	2781	Patrick Oliver	989-731-5554
6/13/20	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Lapeer	1987	Walter Sierakowsk	810-797-5190

### 2019 State Soccer Shootout



The 2019 State Soccer Shootout for the Michigan Jurisdiction was conducted on October 6th at St. John Vianney Church in Wyoming. We had fabulous weather and participants from across the state competed. Our winners for 2019 are:

9 year old girls: Elley Shoultes from Bentley, MI. Council #2986  
 9 year old boys: Hunter Alspaugh from Cadillac, MI. Council #1224  
 10 year old girls: Elizabeth Doerr from Bad Axe, MI. Council #1546  
 10 year old boys: Isaac Richter from Cadillac, MI. Council #1224  
 11 year old girls: Chloe Robinson from Indian River, MI. Council #7365  
 11 year old boys: Levi Cameron from Sterling, MI. Council #2724

12 year old girls: Rebecca Doerr from Bad Axe, MI. Council #1546  
 12 year old boys: Landen Galarno from Bad Axe, MI. Council #1546  
 13 year old girls: Olivia Seif from Grand Rapids, MI.  
 13 year old boys: Anderson Kolenda from Grand Rapids, Mi  
 14 year old girls: Natalie Wandrie from Alanson, MI. Council #7365  
 14 year old boys: Bryce Verducco from Omer, MI, Council #7717

Thanks to all the knights who volunteered to work at this event, including Regional Director Horst Lehrer, Grand Rapids Diocesan Program Directors Ken Skonecki and Garrett Kelenske, and Lansing Program Director Michael Radelt. Special thanks to Ms. Debra Skonecki for doing a wonderful job handling registration.

These winners' scores was submitted to Supreme Council for International level consideration.

Michael Haughey  
 State Youth Activities Director



# Knights of Columbus Michigan State Raffle 2020



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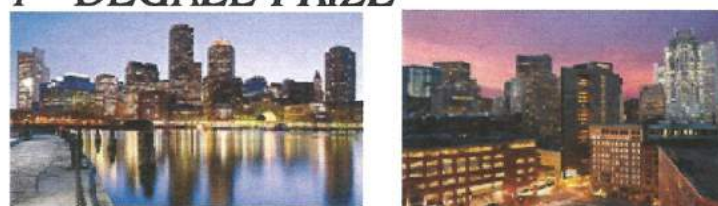
**JEWELL DUNNS RIVER RESORT AND SPA ADULTS ONLY ALL INCLUSIVE - FOR TWO PREMIER ROOM GARDENVIEW - 7 NIGHTS INCLUDES: AIR, HOTEL, TAXES AND ROUNDTrip TRANSFER PLUS \$750.00 CASH**

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31st - 40th Prizes = \$60.00

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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



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