



MICHIGAN COLUMBIAN



“Rise Up and Answer the Call”

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From The State Deputy
Walter K. Winkle, Jr.



Worthy Brother Knights All,

It's a Great day to be a Knight! We have just ended the Advent Season, the new beginning in our Church, and now it is time for us to start fresh with great enthusiasm! I would like to thank all those members who have recruited a new member in the first six months of our fraternal year. You have answered the “Call to Rise Up” and be the leaders that we have all been called to be by our lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I know that the rest of you must have been getting busy signals when you have been trying to call family members, relatives and friends but don't give up, we still need their talents in order to help your council perform the many good works that you do for your church and community! Maybe try sending them a text or email offering to become one of 64,000 brother Knights across the State, it has never been as convenient to do so as it is now.

I would like to thank all the District Deputies, State and Diocesan Directors, but most importantly the Grand Knights who have been working together during this pandemic. They have shown tenacity in coming up with new ways to communicate with each other. Many councils that have not had a newsletter in several years are now sending one out. They are sharing all the great works that they are able to do safely and the ones that are in the planning stages! Our overall membership may not be in the top 20, but I know that you have not given up, primarily because most of you have thought about what you can do and not what you can't. It is exhilarating to see all of the great works that have been done by participating in the “Leave no Neighbor Behind Program”. If you have not started this in your council, please ask your Grand Knight or District Deputies about how the program works. You and your families will be able to participate in helping your local council and communities in more ways than you can imagine.

The State has been working on our communications to improve the way that leadership will receive information. We started the once a week, Michigan Knights of Columbus Constant Contact email to all the leadership on the State Google email system. Our State Program Director, Paul Palka has done an excellent job of putting this together. Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Membership and Program Directors from each council have a special email that they can use. If you have not yet activated your account this year, please contact Doug Kokot and he can help you through the easy steps to start receiving the emails sent just for you.

Most of you should have received your dues notices for the 2021 year. I ask that you please consider contributing to the voluntary special accounts. The 10-4 Charity Program is asking for just an additional \$10.00 included in with your dues. It has helped a number of families that have contacted the State Board for help this past year. In these difficult times, many families need help. In some cases, they need help for the first time in their lives. I would like to thank you in advance for whatever you can passionately contribute. Please contact our State Chairman Tom Wegener, PSD FSD for more information. We also offer the Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowment Fund. We ask each member to contribute \$6.00 to help build a one-million-dollar endowment fund to help seminarians who need financial help to continue with their studies.

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From The State Chaplain
Rev. Paul Ballien



This January 22nd is the 48th anniversary of Roe v. Wade that legalized abortion in our country. Even though some will say that the issue is settled, that could not be further from the truth. Many people recognize that this is the most serious civil rights issue of the day, and we can't give up fighting for the rights of the unborn, just as many did not give up fighting for the rights of African-Americans in previous generations. Some people have noted the similarities between the 1857 Dred Scott Supreme Court case and the 1973 Roe v. Wade case. If you remember your history, the Dred Scott Supreme Court case ruled that people of African descent, whether slave or free, were not citizens and had no rights under the Constitution. Thus both the Dred Scott case and the Roe v. Wade case argued that a certain class of human beings was excluded from the constitutional definition of “citizen” or “person.” Both cases were also 7-2 Supreme Court decisions.

Roe v. Wade rests upon the false premise that we cannot tell when the life of a human being begins. Today, now more than ever, we know that this is not true. Today's technology allows us to see and know so much more about the gestation of a child in the womb. Through ultra sound, we can see the development of the baby's limbs. We know the heart begins pumping around 8 weeks. We can detect its brain waves and know when it feels pain. The late Dr. Bernard Nathanson, who was once an abortion doctor, but then converted to Catholicism and to the pro-life movement, once said something to the effect that the ultra sound technology is one of the greatest weapons against the pro-abortion movement, and that there is real hope that Roe v. Wade can be overturned because now we can see what is in the womb. And what is in the womb is unequivocally human life.

On this topic, our Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William Lori, had this to say in his article on ‘Faith, Reason and Human Life,’ “For decades, pro-abortion forces have tried to obscure what science and human reason clearly show. These abortion advocates often describe the unborn baby as a mass of tissue and studiously avoid using the words “unborn baby.” Instead, they opt for the word “fetus” and disguise the human features and characteristics of the child in the womb. They resort to saying that the beginning of human life is an unsolvable philosophical issue

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Fr. Michael J. McGivney Guild

By Tom Marcetti, Sr PSD
McGivney Guild Chairman

With the Beatification of Fr. McGivney on October 31, 2020, we are in the final stretch for the world to recognize the founder of our Order as a Saint. The Guild plays an important role in making Fr. McGivney better known and spreading the word about his powerful intercessions.

In his Apostolic Letter that was read at the Mass for Beatification on Oct. 31, 2020, Pope Francis stated that Blessed Michael McGivney's "zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for the needs of his brothers and sisters made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance." The Holy Father set his annual feast day for Aug. 13, the day between Father McGivney's birthday (in 1852) and the day he entered eternal life (in 1890).

As of July 1, the Michigan Guild membership was at 9,516. This number is far short of what Michigan is capable of achieving. The Guild is free to all. It serves as a source of information about the life, works and spirituality of Fr. McGivney. The Guild publishes a quarterly newsletter and offers a weekly Mass for the intentions of members.

This free Guild membership is not limited to K of C members. I encourage you to ask your spouse, family members, neighbors and parishioners to join and learn about our blessed founder. You can learn much more by visiting

All that you need to do to join the Guild using a computer or smart phone go to: <https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/join-the-guild.html>, fill in basic contact information and you will be part of the organization that will help move our founder to sainthood.



TAKE TEN FOR CHARITY

Thomas M. Wegener, FSD,
PSD,
Michigan Charities State
Director

Our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, formed the Knights of Columbus with Charity as its first and foremost principle. The above St. Thomas Aquinas' quote was, no doubt, part of Fr. McGivney's seminary training or part of Fr. McGivney's readings. In the 1800's, Catholics, especially Irish Catholics, were being discriminated against, resulting in them only able to be hired for the most dangerous jobs up and down the east coast. Fr. McGivney knew, with surety, what would happen to a family that lost its breadwinner. The widow had little legal standing, the children subject to being placed in orphanages, and poverty almost a certainty.

The in publicizing the new Knights of Columbus the following ad was placed in a local New Haven, Connecticut newspaper: "The object of this association is to promote the principles of unity and charity, so that the members may gain strength to bestow charity on each other." Now some 138 years later religious bigotry is not as open or prevalent, jobs are much less lethal, and for members of the Knights of Columbus, our charity to our members (insurance benefits) and to society as a whole (members' charity) has given us strength.

Charity and the Knights of Columbus, to the world, are synonymous. This is the legacy of our forefather's charitable works since 1882. Michigan has been a leading jurisdiction in the Order in both charitable hours and charitable dollars. Michigan's Ten For Charity program is one of our most successful charitable program since 1978. This is especially impressive since the funds are overwhelmingly contributed by members.

My Brother Knights, with your dues notice that you have received is a note to donate to the Ten For Charity Program (on the reverse side is a note to donate to Sacred Heart Seminary Endowment Fund). I am asking you to continue donating if you contribute annually, or I ask you to make a first-time donation. Any amount is requested, but \$10 is suggested. Your contribution, sent to your Financial Secretary, is forwarded to the State Office, where it is combined with donations from all other councils. These donations totaled almost \$150,000.00 in 2019-2020.

Your donations assisted those charities listed on the note included in your dues, as well as others. The State Council receives many requests for funds from worthwhile charities throughout the year. The dollar amounts of these request are generally larger than what one council could

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**From The State Treasurer
Barry Borsenik**

My brother knights, ladies and friends of the Knights of Columbus,

Over the last few months I've heard people say, "I can't wait until 2020 is over!" In spite of everything we've had to endure this past year, it wasn't *all* bad. We have witnessed some incredible milestones in our families, in our communities, within the church and in the Order of the Knights of Columbus. Regardless of the hardships we face, God still blesses us with miracles, big and small. Consider how technology has allowed us to do business and communicate in ways we never thought possible only a few years ago. The rapid development and production of medical devices, safety equipment and medicines showed the ability of our country to respond when the alarm bells of catastrophe ring. The outpouring of community response to help our fellow man has been inspiring. Right here in Michigan we have seen Knights in Action with flood relief, incredible funding and stocking of food pantries, protection of life with new ultrasound installations, support of religious vocations and generous donations to charities that have suffered from a lack of contributions. We state officers and others in leadership positions have the opportunity to see the big picture because we interact with so many throughout the state and beyond, while many of our council members only witness what happens in their council, parish or local community. We need to share the good news (and there is plenty) with our brother knights and the broader community. Our founder's beatification is a milestone we should all be excited about! Like moths to a lamp, people are attracted to stories of light. Share our story and invite others to join the narrative.

In my business of marketing and advertising, we know the critical element of any campaign, is the message. If you say the right thing the right people will respond. The *message* matters more than the method used to deliver it. However you communicate; in-person, phone, text, email, Facebook, Twitter, Zoom, Snapchat, Instagram, telegram or Morse code... share with people you know, the good things that **your** organization does. Building the "brand" of Knights of Columbus will encourage others to support our efforts and lead more men and their families to seek out membership in our order.

From me, my wife Mandy and daughter Olivia, we wish you and your family a belated Blessed Merry Christmas, and Hope for a new year full of goodness.

State Treasurer,
Barry Borsenik

St. Michael's Council, #13799

St. Michael's Council, #13799, which is located off of 18 Mile Road and Hayes, has actively contributed to various donations during this COVID 19 pandemic.

The council volunteered their time and construction expertise in assisting the building of one of the homes for "Habitat for Humanity". This was quite a successful endeavor and was most appreciative by the construction engineers and working staff of "Habitat for Humanity".

Another project the council assisted in was called "A Day of Mercy". On one of these projects, from start to finish, they performed all yard work and picked up fifteen bags of yard waste and two garbage bags of debris for one 90 year old neighbor. On the other project, they helped two neighbors that were ill with COVID 19 with a number of errands that needed to be done. A beautiful thank you letter was put out on Facebook remarking about the amazing work ethic that the Knights of Columbus did on this effort.

This council donated \$500 to St. Michael's Christian Service which is a charitable organization. In addition, the council donated baskets

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**State Membership Director
Daniel Fuller**

Let's Renew Our Councils with New Members in 2021

As we say goodbye to 2020 and welcome in 2021, my family and I want to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year. Our state and country are still struggling through the negative influence of the COVID-19 global pandemic. As Winston Churchill stated, "Change is the price of survival". We all have been forced to adjust our council activities to keep our members, families, and Catholic communities safe. To help with this, our Supreme Council provided us with the No Neighbor Left Behind program. This program is meant to focus our efforts on what can be done for those who are most negatively affected by this pandemic. No Neighbor Left Behind includes providing drive-through food drives, takeout meals and donut dashes, helping shut-ins with groceries and errands, and helping our Brother Knights and Catholic communities through calling them to offer prayers and invite them to engage in their faith through live stream masses and Zoom council meetings. Many councils across Michigan have taken on these programs of No Neighbor Left Behind with a "CAN-DO" attitude. These councils are thriving and growing, and I know your council "CAN-DO" the same!

Our New Year's Resolution for 2021 should be to offer the gift of membership to every Catholic man we know and to help all our councils in Michigan to recruit new members. We should resolve to add new members to every council and develop a "CAN-DO" attitude within our councils. Let's resolve to achieve 100% council participation in recruiting new Knights in 2021.

How can we recruit in a global pandemic? We need to embrace change, seek out new methods, and creatively utilize the technology that is already available. Some examples of low-contact recruiting are: Make full use of e-membership and on-demand exemplification at kofc.org/joinus through phone calls, emails and Facebook to your friends and family. Host a virtual open house via ZOOM or Skype and invite men and their families to learn what being a Knight means, then direct them to kofc.org/joinus. Host a virtual Delta Church Drive at your parish by asking for your pastor's permission and advertise e-membership through kofc.org/joinus in the church bulletin, a pulpit announcement, and website. The best, most tried-and-true method is one-on-one recruiting! Ask your family, friends, and colleagues to become a Knight by directing them to kofc.org/joinus for e-membership. If you have any questions, contact me and I will gladly help you plan a safe membership growth event.

What does **RECRUIT** mean from a prospect's point of view? **Reach** out to ME. **Engage** ME as a friend. **Communicate** with ME early and often. **Relate** to MY perspective. **Understand** MY availability and offer ME choices. **Include** MY family and yours. **Thank** ME regularly and ask ME to invite a friend.

Again, I pray that we all have a blessed New Year, embrace the change that has been set upon us and develop a "CAN-DO" attitude. This will allow us all to do the good works of our Order and carry out the vision of Blessed Fr. McGivney: That EVERY Catholic gentleman has an opportunity to be a Knight of Columbus. Vivat Jesus.

Au Lac Council 10724

The principal at Immaculate Conception School, Larry who is also a Knight, contacted us to see if we would be interested in donating some money for chemical free wood chips and the labor to install them at the various playground equipment sites. Once we got into the project it was decided that in order to do it correctly, we would need to re-due the timber borders, add some topsoil fill and then install the chemical free wood chips. The Knights donated over \$2000 and 145 man hours to complete the project.

From The State Program Director Paul Palka

During this crazy year of COVID all lives have been affected including those of all Council's. How we navigate through getting things done may have changed, but we continue in the Spirit of Michael J McGivney, we are not "Leaving any Neighbor Behind".

Starting with this issue of the Michigan Columbian, you will see our faith in Action. We are excited to share that starting in the March publication of the MI Columbian we will have a featured program and an honorable mention program for each of the State Deputy Regional Representatives (SDRR) areas. The winners and runners-up will receive a small cash prize to support their charitable works! Please submit your entries as soon as you complete the programs to your respective SDRR. Please supply a few pictures and at very least your completed 10784 Program Form. Let's see what you are doing.

Along with your submissions please think about creating your State Program Book in one of the four categories, Faith, Life, Family and Community. The books need to be in an electronic format for submission starting this year. You can scan a book together or create it in Word, just be ready to do the full submission in a PDF format for ease of review for all parties.

I want to send out a great big thank you to all the Councils and State Leadership that assisted with Coats for Kids distribution around the State this fall! We passed out over 2,500 coats at a cost of over \$53,000. Thank you to all the Councils that have donated funds to offset the cost of the coats.

You will be seeing articles and presentations on how to work within our new "normal" COVID 19 environment. If you think you or your Council cannot operate in this new world, you are mistaken! We will do our best to assist you and your Brother's to be as active as you want to be this fraternal year!

Margaret & I hope you had a Merry Christmas and we wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Paul J Palka
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State Family Director Report

Worthy Brother Knights and Families, I hope all of you have had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New! Did your Council do the Consecration to the Holy Family? If not hold everything it's not too late to do this program! This program can be done at any time, but to make it more memorable a Marian feast day or perhaps another appropriate feast day would work. In any case please do this program it is one of the easiest programs that I am aware of.

With the Holidays past there is still a need more than ever for food and the Knights of Columbus have a great program for this also. The Food for Families program gives Councils a way to help their community in a very public and fulfilling way. Brothers, you may ask yourself how with everything going on can we do a food drive? Well with a little ingenuity and a lot coordination this can easily be achieved. First decide on who will benefit from this, a local food pantry, a shelter for the homeless, or a Parish food bank. There are plenty of organizations that could use our help. Next come up with a drop off point, somewhere you can collect and store the food. Get the word out! Have your Council get the word out in as many ways as possible, in the bulletin at church, in a local newspaper on the radio, on social media, the opportunities are only limited by your thoughts. Now for the tricky

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Ladies Corner

The most wonderful time of the year is still upon us with the 12 days of Christmas. Our wish is that you all had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I am sure your festivities were different this year with the challenges of Covid. I pray that you all stay safe and healthy and that the birth of Christ brings new Hope for the New Year, 2021. With our social distancing, stay at home orders, restaurants at minimums, the archbishops extending the dispensation of church attendance, I see the supreme program of "leaving no neighbor behind" a challenge. I also see the Michigan Knights of Columbus taking this challenge head-on. With new members joining the current members, it is this great number of men checking on their local neighbors as well as the elderly in their parish, collecting food items for the church pantries, delivering groceries, prescriptions, and providing maintenance on homes or properties of their neighbors. The challenge is real but the Knights are actively supporting the program and making a difference. Watch out 2021 the Knights of Columbus and their wives and families are rising up and answering the call. May you have a blessed new year and may 2021 be a great year.

Karen, Julie, Mandy, Pam, Amy, Marybeth

Special Olympics and You

As I am writing this, I remember this time last year I was preparing to be a chaperone for the Special Olympics Winter Games. Great memories, but how things have changed. All of the Games since have been virtual games. This has taken a toll on the athletes and the councils. I want to relay a conversation that I had with one of the soccer athletes this past fall. Billy has been competing on the soccer teams for more than 20 years and this year he almost did not compete. There were few fans to cheer them on, many of his friends were sick and he had to wear that mask! His coach talked him into playing and told Billy to just take one shot. Well that one shot was the winning goal! Billy was so excited telling me about the goal that he almost forgot to get his medal!

This story reminds me a lot of many Knights Councils that feel they aren't able to do much with their fundraisers or other projects. If we think that we can't or won't make a difference, just do that one fundraiser or project. No matter how small it may be, you are making a difference. If you make just one individual, like Billy, smile and get excited about competing in life you will be smiling too. What we do is worth it and we do make a difference. Remember the Special Olympians oath: 'Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt'. Words to live by.

Also, remember that it is time to get your council's Special Olympics Partnership Profile Report (Form 4584) completed and submitted. Your council's form helps the State get additional funds from Supreme for the Special Olympics.

John Hundiak
State Special Olympics Directo



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On September 1, the State launched a new website. With a new look and new features, we hope that more members will turn to the State website as an anchor for news and for help navigating during these difficult times.

I would like to share a few highlights of the new website:

On each page, on the top right-hand, there is a new search function. The search will help locate forms and articles contained on the website, including archived articles, without taking you to other websites.

The Resource page is in the process of being reorganized and updated with the addition of blocks designated to support Faith, Family, Community, and Life programs. In Council forms, you will find the most current forms and links to many supreme forms. These forms range from administrative forms to ordering Casey Teddy Bears, K of C shirts, and more.

On the Statewide News page you will regularly find announcements of MI K of C News updates. If you sign up on



STAY INFORMED, you will receive a single daily notice when news articles and announcements are posted. All you need to do is enter the email you want the notice to be sent to and click on submit. The STAY INFORMED block is located in the top righthand column of every page. At any time, if you decide that you wish to discontinue receiving these notices, it is easy to unsubscribe with a single click on a link supplied in each notice.

A big addition to the website is the online Council Directory. In the past, once printed it was set in stone. Now if there are errors, changes in council leadership, or changes in meeting times or locations, the State Office can easily update that information. In order to protect the contact information of council leaders, it is necessary to use a log in. The log in is a MiKofC.org email. Every council has an email for the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Council Program, and Council Membership Directors. If you are new to the system and these council emails have not been activated, the process is easy. On the home page, right column in the SYSTEM block, click on EMAIL SUPPORT. Select OPEN A NEW TICKET, fill out the contact information, and you will receive instructions and a new password (usually within 24 hours).



I hope that you are pleased with the services of the State website and will visit it regularly. If you have any comments or questions, please email us at statewebsite@MiKofC.org.
God bless -Stay well.

State Community Report

Our Michigan State Council's Coats for Kids distributions have gone extremely well this year, despite difficulties presented by the pandemic. Many brother knights deserve our thanks for their hard work making these events possible. Please remember councils can donate to our state council for Coats for Kids throughout the year, with funds being used for the 2021 program and councils can still earn credit towards SP7 requirements.

Councils have done tremendous work on the Leave No Neighbor Behind initiative. In this time of pandemic, reaching out to help brother knights, our parishes, our community, and other organizations as well as conducting blood drives can have a huge impact. If your council has not participated yet, please visit our supreme website for ways your council can get involved in this great program.

Don't forget that the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest winners from your council should be sent to me by January 15th. It's a great time for a council to conduct an essay contest since so many other activities have been curtailed. We do have some flexibility with the deadline, so if you're conducting and having difficulties with timing, please contact me.

It's been decided to postpone the state spelling bee and state free throw contest to allow more time for councils to conduct events. Normally the events are held in March, we'll now conduct in May of 2021. Once the exact dates are confirmed they'll be posted to the state calendar.

While there's been an increase in Knight of the Month submissions, many councils are not participating. Please consider recognizing the great work your council's knights are doing!

Finally, Casey the Teddy Bears are available for purchase. Once I receive the order form located on our state website, they'll quickly be in your hands!

Michael Haughey

State Community Director

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Borrelli Agency Vision Statement

Exemplify a culture of excellence for the Catholic families we are blessed to serve as we accomplish the work of our founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney.

Benji Borrelli Biography



Benji was born in Kenosha, WI on Pearl Harbor day in 1983. As a child his family moved to Gulfport, MS to be near his grandparents and there he grew up in the community of Lizana, MS. Growing up in the country helped Benji learn the importance of God, family, hard work, and loving his neighbor. Benji has always worked hard and these values of service helped shape him into the man you know today.

After finishing high school, Benji graduated the University of Mississippi with a B.B.A and accepted a commercial real estate appraisal apprenticeship from one of his professors. During this time as an appraiser, Benji also became a licensed Real Estate Broker and completed a year of studies with the CCIM Institute obtaining the designation of Certificate Commercial Investment Member (CCIM). As things were growing in his career, Benji accepted a position as an Acquisitions Analyst with a real estate developer and moved back to the Mississippi Gulf Coast. After time as a real estate professional, Benji was led to financial industry and began serving families and businesses directly. As his career grew, he was approached by his Knights of Columbus Field Agent to learn more about his benefits as a member. This led to Benji accepting a position as a full time financial professional for the Knights of Columbus.

During the last 8 years, Benji has been able to grow personally and professionally. The Knights of Columbus has been an amazing guide for Benji as a Catholic man to building his domestic church, being a loving husband and father. Benji and his wife Gina have been married for 8 years and have 4 beautiful children. They truly enjoy serving Catholic families through the Knights of Columbus.

Benji Borrelli Business and Fraternal Qualifications

- B.B.A. University of Mississippi 2006
- Associate Member-Appraisal Institute–Licensed Real Estate Appraiser (2006-2010)
- Associate Member -National Association of Realtors-Licensed Real Estate Broker (2007-2010)
- Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM 2008-2010)
- Licensed Life and Health Insurance Producer – (2010-Present)
- Member of National Association of Fraternal Insurance Counselors (NAFIC 2017-Present)
- NAFIC Quality Service and Top Producer Award (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)
- Qualified Member of the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)

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- RECRUITING, offering efficient & effective training, monitoring, measuring, motivating, managing and marketing an agency team of successful field agents is my first order of business.

Don M. Wesley Biography



Don has been serving brother Knights and their families as a field agent since January 2008 and after much success was appointed General Agent in August 2011. In that capacity, he educates, guides and advises a team of Field Agents who are motivated to fulfill the vision of Fr. Michael J. McGivney

Don wants the Catholic families in his area to have financial security and peace of mind. He brings vast knowledge and a wide perspective to his position, which he gained from 30 plus successful years owning and advising businesses and individuals in many capacities, including 25 plus years in the insurance and financial services industries.

Don, his wife Julia and three children Madeline, Don Jr. and Charles reside in Clinton Township and attend St. Peter Church in Mount Clemens. His family has been involved with St. Mary School for two generations where he has held the position of President of the Home and School Association.

Don became a Third Degree member of the Knights in 2005 at John Cardinal Dearden Council 744 in Mount Clemens and quickly involved himself in Church, Community and Youth Programs, as well as stepping up to Deputy Grand Knight.

Don continues to be very active in his council with Right-to-Life as well as in helping grow council membership through numerous activities and membership drives. Don joined the Fourth Degree at Bishop Kelly Assembly in Mount Clemens in 2008.

Business and Fraternal Qualifications:

As your general agent, Don has dedicated himself to the principles and ideals upon which the Knights of Columbus was founded: to carry out Father McGivney's vision to protect the family. Don's continued success and involvement has earned him many Awards of Distinctions:

- Member of GAMA International (General Agents and Managers Association)
- Member of NAFIC
- (National Association of Fraternal Insurance Councilors)
- Member of NAFIA (National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors)
- Attended Annual Incentive Awards Trip

Michigan Knights of Columbus General Agents

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- Qualified Supreme Knights Club (SKC – 2018, 2019, 2020)
- Qualified for Top Producer Field Agent Incentive Trip (2015, 2018, 2019, 2020)
- Qualified for 100% Field Agent (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)
- Field Agent of the Year for Mississippi (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)
- Qualified for and recommended for New Field Agent Training-New Haven, CT - 2013
- Qualified for and recommended for Advanced Agent Training-New Haven, CT - 2015
- Top Membership Recruiter for Mississippi 2016
- Biloxi Council #1244 Knight of the Quarter 2016
- Reinheart Schroeder Council #9409 Family of the Month 2014
- Nominated for Deputy Grand Knight Prior to Field Agent Contract in 2012
- Served on membership committee for Biloxi Council #1244 from 2012 to 2020
- Our Lady of Fatima Parish-Biloxi – International Spring Festival Chairman 2014, 2015
- Our Lady of Fatima Parish-Biloxi – ACTS Mission Retreat Director 2015
- Our Lady of Fatima Parish-Biloxi – Sacred Music minister for youth Mass (2015-2019)
- Our Lady of Fatima Parish-Biloxi – Extraordinary Minister / Lecturer (2010-2019)
- St. Mary Parish-Biloxi – Sacred Music Minister – Guitar/Vocals 2020
- Parishioner – St. John the Evangelist Parish-Jackson - Present

Don M. Wesley, FICF, LACP

- Life and Annuity Certified Professionals Designation (LACP) 2017.
- Certified Manager (CM) with the Hoopis Performance Network 2016
- Incentive Trip Award Winner 2011-12.
- Michigan Family Protector Award 2008-2011.
- (Leadership in Attaining Associate to Insurance Members).
- Family of the Year Award 2010-2011 John Cardinal Dearden Council #744 .
- Family of the Month & Knight of the Month Award 2 times each Fraternal Year 2005-2012
- John Cardinal Dearden Council #744 Total 14 times.
- Fraternal Insurance Counselor Fellow (FICF) 2010.
- Top 10 Field Agent State of Michigan 2009 (based on production and service).
- Michigan Family Protector Award 2010 (Leadership in Attaining Associate to Insurance Members).
- Fraternal Insurance Counselor Designation (FIC) 2009.
- Top 5 Field Agents State of Michigan 2008 (based on production and service).
- Michigan Family Protector Award 2008. (Leadership in Attaining Associate to Insurance Members).
- Voted MVP-April 2008 Agent Training Course Home Office New Haven, CT,
- Agent displaying highest standards in production and service.

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Kenneth Huard, FICF, is the General Agent for the Knights of Columbus Insurance, serving Brother Knights and their families of Western and Northern Michigan. A member of the Order since 1987, Ken served as a Field Agent in 2006 in the Douglas Parsons Agency. He became the Assistant General Agent in 2009 for Colorado, Wyoming and Utah. He was appointed General Agent in July 2012 for Western Colorado, Eastern plains of Colorado, Southern Colorado and Utah.

Ken belonged to council 9993, St. Patrick's in Colorado Springs, where he quickly became involved in the council, holding numerous officer positions. Ken and his family were involved with his parish, community and youth programs. In 2013, Ken

became a 4th degree member in assembly 3523 Major James A. Broyles Assembly in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

In the General Agent capacity, he will continue to develop his agency to become involved with the membership and to impact the financial well-being of Catholic families.

His goals are to build his agency with ethical, passionate and educated agents that will always put the member and their family first. We will provide excellence in service, integrity, drive, knowledge and commitment to our members and their families always. We are passionate in fulfilling Fr. McGivney's vision and legacy.

Ken's continued success and involvement has earned him many distinctions. He stays active as a member in the industry's associations, including:

- GAMA International (General Agents and Managers Association)
 - NAFIC (National Association of Fraternal Insurance Counselors)
- Ken and his wife Melanie, have 4 children, Ashley, Jakeb, Izak and Ariadne. They also have three granddaughters, Addison, Harper and Palmer. Ken and his wife reside at this time, in Grand Rapids and are currently looking for a permanent parish to attend. Previously, they attended St. Patrick's and St. Gabriel in Colorado Springs. He is extremely excited for this new adventure in Michigan and can't wait to jump in taking care of Brother Knights and their families.

Au Lac Council 10724

A widow, Mary, had a large ornamental tree die in her back yard and asked if the Knight's might be able to help her out. Seven of us showed up on a Saturday morning and had the tree, cut up and removed including digging out the stump as she asked. 28 hours donated

**From The State Deputy
Walter K. Winkle, Jr.**

We are about halfway there and would like to complete this ASAP. Your help would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to personally donate a larger tax-deductible amount, we would also place that in our account and send you the proper paperwork for you tax deductible donation. Please contact our State Chairman Mike Malinowski, PSD for more information. Please write on the memo line of your checks what account you are contributing to, and give it to the Financial Secretary of your council so that he can then send to the State.

I would also like to thank Monsignor Todd Lajiness, who has been the Rector and President at SHMS for the last 19 years, for all the wonderful things that he has accomplished there! He has been a great help, inspiration and friend to the State Board in Michigan for many years. Msgr. Todd will be assigned to an unannounced parish in Detroit Diocese July 1, 2021. I would also like to congratulate Father Stephen Burr, who will take over as Rector and President of SHMS and Father Charles Fox, who will be taking over from Fr. Burr as Vice Rector and Dean of Seminarian Formation. I wish them well on all their new assignments and offer all the help and prayers that we as Knights can offer.

We are planning on hosting the State Convention at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island this year starting on a new day, Wednesday, May 26 and ending on Friday, May 28. Things will be different from in the past but, we are planning on making this year's State Convention as memorable as any other that we have had! I ask that you vote on your Delegates as in the past. This year, take into consideration that a potential delegate may not be comfortable attending in person. If he is of questionable health or elderly, the council should consider not electing him as a delegate this year. This year, Form 4 to register delegates for the Convention will be Emailed to the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary and will also be available on the state website under resources/council forms. As in the past, the forms need to be returned by March 15. There will be limitations on room cancellations or changes. There will be plenty of notice if for some reason we need to have another virtual convention as we did last year.

I continue to pray that you and your families are well and that we all have a successful 2021!

God bless you all
Walter K. Winkle, Jr.,
State Deputy

Rise Up and Answer the Call!

**From The State Chaplain
Rev. Paul Ballien**

while ignoring the empirical signs of life.”

We also need to remember that not only is abortion bad for the baby, it is also bad for the mother too. There are so many women out there that suffer in countless ways in the aftermath of an abortion - psychologically, emotionally, and many times physically too. Women deserve better. As Knights of Columbus, our calling is to defend the family, and this is clearly a situation that needs our help. I applaud the efforts that the Knights and our councils have made to support the pro-life movement, and I encourage you to continue to do so because what we are doing is so important and it is making a positive difference in the lives of countless mothers and children. The many ultra sound machines that we have donated to pregnancy centers is just one example of how we have helped.

Let us always remember to pray that we will all have the courage to proudly proclaim with love, the value and dignity of all human life. Respect and love for life is our hope and our goal that we must always witness to. And when we do, respect for life will grow in our society, and perhaps one day, Roe v. Wade will be a thing of the past.

Vivat Jesus,
Fr. Paul Ballien
State Chaplain

TAKE TEN FOR CHARITY

commit. So, like a rain shower adds to the strength of a river, your donation is combined with other members' donations to reach the sums necessary for the State Council to help. And by extension for you to help.

Please remember when you pay your dues to consider contributing to Ten For Charity. For our Honorary and Honorary Life Members, if you can you too can contribute. Just make sure your payment lists your contribution to Ten For Charity. program continues the legacy of Charity that we have inherited. Your act of charity strengthens you, makes you a little more alive, and strengthens those who receive our contributions. A win/win for all.

On behalf of the Ten For Charity program I thank you in advance!

St. Michael's Council, #13799

which included various toiletries. Gift cards, and collegiate sweatshirts were also provided to Holy Cross.

One of the council members family donated \$1000 to a food bank and also provided blankets and toothbrushes to a veterans organization.

The council gave a special drive-by birthday celebration to a member of the council who turned 90 years old. This member genuinely appreciated this act of kindness and good will from the council.

I am very proud and humbled about all of the work and donations that this council does. God Bless Them!

Joe Gomez, DD117

Programs = New Members

Two Saints Align to Save the Poor and Abandoned

We honor Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney (1852 – 1890), who was recently beatified on October 31, 2020, and worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor Irish immigrants who were pouring into America in the last half of the 19th Century and settling on the East Coast. Fr. McGivney's spirit continues to shape the extraordinary charitable work of the Knights of Columbus, founded in 1882, who today continue to serve those on the margins of society, as our Founder served the widows and orphans of the 1880s.



The Founder of the Servants of Charity was St. Louis Guanella (1842 – 1915), who was beatified in 1964 and canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 23, 2011. Fr. Guanella's life was spent serving the poor and disenfranchised; especially the frail elderly and persons with developmental disabilities. To accomplish his goals, he moved throughout Italy building institutes to care for the abandoned of society, and dreamed of creating a congregation of priests who would spread his mission throughout the world. Thus, the Servants of Charity were formed in 1908. St. Guanella also visited the United States during 1912-13 to assist many poor Italian immigrants who were struggling to establish themselves in large American cities, and travelled from Baltimore to Chicago to establish an institute before returning to Italy.

This made both of these saintly men contemporaries, and their common trait was serving the poor and abandoned of society. The Servants of Charity came to Michigan in 1960 to manage St. Louis

Center in Chelsea, MI, and are now celebrating their 60th Anniversary of service.

St. Louis School for Exceptional Boys broke ground in 1960 and was occupied by its first students the following year. The program began with four Servants of Charity priests, five "Holy Family" sisters, and a small staff of lay teachers who took it upon themselves to care for 60 boys with developmental disabilities from the Metro-Detroit area. The Center has continued the original vision with the construction of the new St. Louis Guanella Village.

Today there are nearly 150 employees, 70 residents, 5 priests, and a budget of over \$7,000,000 to care for a developmentally disabled population that requires specialized direct care and updated facilities. In 2020, the new St. Louis Guanella Village has added five new buildings with two Cottage Homes for the residents, along with a single family home and a duplex for families. An Administration Building has also been built as a leasing office for future homes that will be built in the Village.

Fr. McGivney and Fr. Guanella were successful at sustaining their missions by relying on Divine Providence and the laity of their era to assist them. St. Louis Center will do the same, and with the intercession of these two saintly men, we will continue to support "God's Precious People." We are grateful to all of you for continuing Blessed Fr. McGivney's vision and financially supporting St. Louis Center.

Please visit www.stlouiscenter.org for more information, and God bless you for your continued support.

Fr. Enzo Addari, CEO, SdC.

St. Kieran Council 13983 donates Casey Bears to Shelby Township Fire Department



From left, Ethan Rutt and Joe Solakowski, of the Shelby Township Fire Department; Ralph Engler and Joe Vogel, of the Knights of Columbus; and Mark Semaan, of the Knights of Columbus and a retired Shelby Township firefighter, pose with "Casey" teddy bears.

St. Kieran Knights of Columbus Council 13983 recently presented to the Shelby Township Fire Department two cases of fluffy teddy

bears. The teddy bears are to be given to children at fire and crash scenes to comfort them. Shelby Township Assistant Fire Chief John McCoy said that the teddy bears can comfort children whose parents may not be able to talk to them due to emergency situations.

"The two most common situations where the teddy bear is comforting and calming to children is an auto accident and a house fire. When children are involved in an auto accident, we may need to treat them, a sibling or a parent. There are times where the parent may not be able to talk to the child, which creates additional anxiety for the child. The other most common situation is when they see our firefighters extinguishing their own house fire — those are very major incidents and can be long-lasting memories for anyone, but especially a child. Anything we can do to reduce that anxiety and stress level during any emergency situation for all involved is beneficial," said McCoy. He continued to say, "The local (Knights of Columbus) Council 13983 has donated the teddy bears for us to carry on our ambulances to comfort children involved in any traumatic injury or them witnessing any traumatic injuries of a family member during various emergency situations."

We hope these bears bring consolation and a smile to some of our little ones, and maybe some big ones, while their traumatic situation is being resolved," said PGK Ralph Engler.

Council 12688 Scrap Metal & Returnable Bottles & Cans



Council members Bob Shepler (L) and GK Richard Karns (R) pose with an assortment of returnable bottles and cans in front to the trailer used to collect scrap metal.

BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE

Ed & Lynn Strach, Pro Life Chair Couple

Fellow Brother Knights and Families,



In this period of COVID-19 and the effects it has had on our families, parishes and communities, our mission as Knights and families must continue to Build a Culture of Life. Below is a reminder of the Culture of Life pathways we can cultivate and a few specific initiatives that can be

taken to foster that culture.

Prayer

- **Mass for People with Special Needs** – highlighted in the October edition of the Michigan Columbian.

Taking Action for Life

- **Pregnancy Center Support (featured Supreme program)** – along with our outstanding support of the Ultrasound Program, support of pregnancy centers through fundraising, volunteering, and presenting special gifts to mothers are a few actions councils can take.
- **Ultrasound Program update** – since the beginning of this fraternal year, five Ultrasound dedications have taken place (total number of Ultrasound placements total 67 – thank you for your efforts and support). In addition, eight other Ultrasound initiatives are at various stages of implementation.

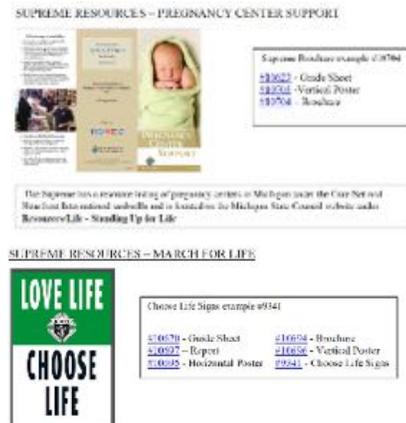
Standing Up for Life

- **March for Life (featured Supreme program)** – In the midst of the uncertainty during the COVID-19 pandemic, organizers of the annual March for Life rally on the National Mall and march to the Supreme Court are still scheduled for Jan. 29. Please check with local March for Life organizers for updates in your area. For example, the Michigan March for Life is January 27, 2021 at the State Capital and is still going to happen right now.

Giving for Life



- **Blood Donations** – with the COVID-19 pandemic, blood supplies remain at a critical level. Your council can support the Giving of Life through blood donations, hosting a blood drive or volunteering at a local parish or community blood drive.



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. We wish you a Healthy New Year!
Ed & Lynn Strach
e.strach@mikofc.org

Fr. John M. Lunch Council 418



The winner of the Youth Citizenship Essay at Council 4188 Clawson is Justin Cabrera of Guardian Angels Catholic School in Clawson MI. Justin, an 8th grader, composed a moving essay on how leaning on the Lord helped him and his friends deal with a friend's medical issues. Justin read his essay to the Knights of Council 4188 Clawson prior to the council meeting in November. Special thanks to Guardian Angels School Faith Formation Director and brother Knight, John David Kuhar.

Pictured are Grand Knight Terry Clayton, Justin Cabrera

May They Rest In Peace

West Branch Council 2022
Fr. Robert Bissot, Tom Sauve
River Rouge Council 2819
Vernell Smith GK
Chesaning Council 2943
Howard Reiber
William Hollerback
Robert Corrin

Detroit Council 2739
Wesley Troczynsk
Grand Haven Council 2975
Tim MacGraw
Allen Park Council 3774
David Wolfe, Robert Scarlett
Dennis Cardiel

Dearborn Hgts. Council 3860
Steve Jacek, FDD
Davison Council 4090
David H. Buick, FM
Prudenville Council 6548
Terry Elshoiz, PGK
Roscommon Council 6593
Larry Mead

Swartz Creek Council 6694
Peter Stonk
AuGres Council 7717
Don Szabo, PGK
West Bloomfield Council 12808
Ben Evola
Southfield Council 14928
Tom Shanks

Faith in Action

Brothers Knights

With the Covid19 situation severely impacting all councils in the state, it is important that we all find ways to continue to do the good works of our order. It is more than simply learning how to conduct virtual meetings and switching from sit-down dinners to carry out. Our Faith is the most important thing and we cannot 'cancel' that. Last month on our state website I talked a bit about the **'Spiritual Reflection'** program and how important it is for us to pray together, if not physically together. Retreats seem out of the question at this time however getting together virtually will work...do not discard the idea. However, for those who would rather wait and be involved in a more conventional retreat, a series of men's retreats will be coming out in 2021 – "maybe" beginning in April. The content of the retreats will be very spiritual, relevant to us as Knights, and will be small in size & scope. We are not looking to break the bank of Monte Carlo rather we are looking for strong participation so stay tuned and watch the state website for information on times and locations.

With regards to other Faith programs, now more than ever Councils need to find ways to be involved with:

Sacramental Gifts – Support families during the most important events in the life of the domestic church, the sacraments. Please review the program and become engaged.

Rosary Program - an absolute given that the Knights of Columbus promote praying the rosary regularly in our families and our parishes.

Holy Hour – Similar to 'Spiritual Reflection' during a time of pandemic restrictions – can lend itself well to a virtual environment. Regularly scheduled **'Holy Hours'** are essential to who we are as Knights of Columbus.

Building the Domestic Church Kiosk – The good news is every council is involved with this program! Keep up the good work and promote it to the parish every now and again. This is such a lovely program for families!

Refund Support Vocations Program – the state is doing very well! What we should be most proud of is that there are **19** councils, and counting (as of 11/19/2020), that are supporting a seminarian or postulate who have not done so in the three years. That is fantastic! Now is the time for everyone to get onboard supporting a

Seminarian or Postulate. Does your council need help getting started or have questions on how the program works? Reach out to your District Deputy or myself – we are here to help your council be successful with these programs.



Into the Breach – During Covid19 lockdown use a virtual setting to implement the **Into the Breach Video Series**. The Video Series Study Guide is now available (#11059) – have your Financial Secretary order a dozen or so ASAP – they are free and well done!

Pilgrim ICON Program – In January 2021 the ICON program will begin. The program was formally known as the **'Marion ICON Program'** and has been renamed this year to reflect a change in theme. The ICON is of **'St Michael the Archangel'** which is very appropriate and greatly needed in our world today. Soon I will be reaching out to all District Deputies in the state regarding routes and schedules. Any District Deputy who wants the ICON to be hosted by parishes in his district please let me know ASAP. You do want to get scheduled because this program does require a measure of planning and cooperation with parishes and between districts. For example: District 105 is already in the queue and will be the first in the Detroit Diocese as the ICON travels to the four parishes of that district before traveling to an adjacent district.

As with any **Faith In Action** program try to get in the habit of filling out the form 10784 and send it to fraternalmission@kofc.org or fill it out online. Remember to save and send a copy to forms@mikofc.org so that the appropriate State Faith In Action Director will know who is doing what – it is important.

Round Table Update

During the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 fraternal years under State Deputy Kenneth Unterbrink, Michigan established **174 and 163 Round Tables** respectively. During the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fraternal years under State Deputy William Chasse, Michigan established **164 and 114 Round Tables** respectively. So far during this 2020-2021 fraternal year under State Deputy Walter Winkle, Jr, Michigan established **22 Round Tables**. That projects to only 66 through next June if the pace remains the same. We owe it to our members, our State, and to our State Deputy to do better. And don't blame it on the coronavirus. Form #2629 - Notice of Appointment of Round Table Coordinator – is done entirely online by email. Every building council is required to submit this form every year to reconfirm its parish relationships. Contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Dan Remeika, State Round Table Director

Rise Up and Answer the Call!

Immaculate Conception Council 4513



Grand Knight Phil Bustos with his Brothers of the Immaculate Conception Knights of Columbus Council in Garden City, MI resided a home of a wheelchair bound resident who could not afford to have the work done. They paid for all the materials and painted and cleaned the yard as well. Thank you Knights

for leaving no neighbor behind.



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Dear Brother Knights,

2020 has been a challenging year for all of us! We hope and pray you are all safe and well! We are certainly looking for a fresh, new 2021! We continue to care for over 100 children in residential services, more than 200 in foster care and independent living, as well as many adolescents, veterans, men and women seeking help for homelessness, substance abuse and mental health services. We have high standards to promote health and wellness of our clients and staff. We continue to be a safe refuge for our children and families, providing hope, education, spiritual support, and treatment services, and are thankful for your partnership in fulfilling our mission.

The COVID-19 pandemic affected Holy Cross directly as we had 40 staff and 60 clients test positive, and very sadly we lost one of our coworkers and friend. 2020 also presented a challenge during the spring when the dams in the Mid-Michigan area broke and flooded the surrounding communities. Two of our HCS facilities were negatively impacted by the floods but we are happy to say that with the generous and timely donations from the Michigan Knights, we have been able to repair and renovate those facilities. We relocated several clients during the crisis, yet everyone was saved and avoided any long-term issues.

As we look to 2021, we will continue to work closely with the Knights and the State of Michigan leadership in drafting and developing programs to address the needs of the most vulnerable children in Michigan who suffer from trauma, abuse, and neglect, so they can successfully either return to their families, or find their forever home through fostering and adoption. We look forward to announcing some new initiatives in the first quarter of 2021 and are grateful and welcome your continued spiritual, prayerful and financial support.

May the New Year be filled with the spirit of love, beauty of hope and the blessings of peace for all of you and your loved ones.

With Gratitude and humility,

Sharon Berkobien
CEO

Thank You

A very special thanks goes to all the Michigan Knights of Columbus, and your wives, from across the State who collected hundreds of sweatshirts, bath baskets and gift cards for the children at Holy Cross Services. Thank you for continuing to share the Christmas spirit with our kids so they can experience a wonderful Christmas. God bless all of you for your continued kindness!





HOLY CROSS SERVICES OCTOBER CALENDAR WINNERS

Robert & Joann VanEeno, Joseph Hickey, David Denham, Nickolas Karpowitsch, Don Welch, Chuck Gregoire, John Wayne, Larry Luttig, James D'Ambrosio, Helen Galindo, Ted Brummel, Harry Crile, Lee Smith, Carl Sechan, Irvin Booms, Mitchell Olejniczak, Jr., Pat McGuire, Ernest & Kathleen Young, Bradley Messing, Anthony Thelen, John Prosniewski, Paul & Tina Trosper, Robert Nurenberg, Cory Yaklin, Patricia Bedner, Henricus Peters, David Laughlin, Donald Finney, Dale Pepper, Anton & Mary Uryga, Thomas Turner

\$500 WINNER - Margaret Thelen

HOLY CROSS SERVICES NOVEMBER CALENDAR WINNERS

Roger Kortz, Jeffrey Dombrowski, John Davidek, Christina Wuchte, Sister Joanne Fedewa, Stephen Reno, Nancy Lott, Teresa Sommer, Michael McCarthy, Charles Morrison, Father Peter Lawrence, Beverly Thelen, Robert Guzowski, Charles Licata, Arthur Chupailo, Mark Smith, Paul Wandoff, Henry & Marie Alarie, Norman Podgorski, Gerald & Valerie Stroup, Frank Savona, Julius & Christine D'Ambrosio, John St. Andre, John Dougherty, David Bartz, Raymond Geiger, Jim Hanes, Phyllis Gilroy, Bethany Anderson, David Tucker,

\$500 WINNER - Robert & Mary Mrozinski

HOLY CROSS SERVICES DECEMBER CALENDAR WINNERS

Larry Masek, Joseph Guenette, Barbara Kaiser, Raymond Russ, Joanne Alberty, William Schrauben, Elida Klenczar, Ellen Jozwiak, Daniel Mulka, Norman Daniels, John Galindo, Robert Puralewski, Joseph Pitsch, Julia Schueller, Lawrence Yost, Robert Trocke, Michael & Rose Palchesko, Olivia Speare, Adam Smith, Timothy Janssen, Daryl & Connie Iwankovitsch, Donald Garon, Kevin McKay, Paul Salfai, Jerome Kunert, Dave & Beverly Hughes, Dennis Rogala, Michael Hoover, Thomas O'Dea, David Kleiner, Reverend Craig Carolan

\$500 WINNER - Donald Raft,

\$5,000 GRAND PRIZE WINNER - Mark Theobald

How Does Holy Cross Change Lives?

Client Testimonial

"When I came here to Holy Cross, they were very welcoming, they made me feel supported and safe. They listen to me here; other placements are different. I also feel Holy Cross is one of the most safe and comforting placements. Holy Cross gave me a second chance, it's helped me see my issues...they also helped me with family issues. They gave me a chance to experience things I've never experienced before. They helped me through past trauma. I've never been able to come in (to a placement) and be able to relate to people right away they helped me change my mindset. They also helped me get a good education providing me with a helpful environment."

Please remember, calendars are available for \$25.00 each at your local Knights of Columbus or contact Karen Rupley at 517-423-7556 or email krupley@hccsnet.org.

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

HolyCrossServices.org



NOTE: FOR GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCIL PR CHAIRMAN

In each issue of the Michigan Columbian we print the Families of the month as designated by the local councils in the State. These families deserve State wide recognition. We appreciate your help in keeping this information current. The names of the Family of the Month and the Family of the Year need to be sent to: Garret A. Kelenske, State Council Family Life Director, 1439 Maple Ridge St., Muskegon, MI 49445. *cfy - council family of year . Send a copy of the Family of the Month and the Family of the Year to the Michigan Columbian.

Families of the Month**Lansing Council 788**

Mike & Deena Arens
Eric & Chris Wegener

Portland Council 2168

Jim & Linda Spring

Westphalia Council 2890

Jordan & Amber Spitzely
Bill & Kim Keilen

Utica Council 2950

Tom & Maryanne Dapoz

Allen Park Council 3774

Donald & Jennifer Siegel

Jim & Anne Zagunis

Southgate Council 3956

Mark & Joelynn Garcellano

Ray & Jennifer Blyk

Robert & Gail Bailey

Rockwood Council 5446

Steven Kardel family

Rochester Council 5452

Bert & Kitty Kozlowski

New Baltimore Council 5981

Charles & Delores Hall

Larry & Michelle Ricard

Andy & Arlene de Chavez

Michigan Center Council 6687

William & Pamla Roller

Christopher & Alana Blunt

Swartz Creek Council 6694

Barry & Lynn Boyd

Richard & Phyllis Campbell

Bob & Marchell Weld

Macomb Council 7200

Terry Bruck *cfy

Fenton Council 7418

Bob & Linda Tedrick

Armada Council 7561

Mike & Janet Martin

Freeland Council 7582

Emma Geis family

Mark & Peggy Ivan

South Lyon Council 7586

Brian & Jeanette Gasiorowski

Dave & Carol Ferrell

Oaul & Barb Heiningner

Bob & Michele Darket

Jim & Cheryl Chuck

Ken & Maggie Michalik

Ben & Megan Luther

AuGres Council 7717

Richard & Deb Negrinelli

Jeff & Yolanda Collier *cfy

Sanford Council 8043

Bill & Karen Carey

Howell Council 8169

Walt & Deb Czop

Richard & Irene Schwab

Denis & Patti McCarthy

Auburn Hills Council 8659

Herb & Sandra Stacer *cfy

Jerry & Madeline Rowland

Kimball Council 9526

Douglas & Terri Landschoot

Edward & Shelley Senyk

Ira Township Council 10724

James & Sue Mattina

John & Amy O'Gara

Brian & Marianne Lents

Lansing Council 11099

Michelina Kreft, family

Harrison Twp. Council 11658

Joe & Michele Pernicano

Clinton Twp. Council 11689

Jerry & Sue Hund

George & Patricia Loewen

Leon & Georgina Berdy

Port Huron Council 11756

Mark & Jacki Rummel

Howell Council 13450

Bill & Colleen Barz

Bernard & Cathy Diamond

Muskegon Hgts. Council 13579

Tony & Candy Kotecki

Joseph & Elizabeth Zagar

Mark & Bernadette Glover

Shelby Twp. Council 13983

Ralph & Pam Engler

Cans for Seminarians

My Brothers All,

We want to thank all the Councils that participated in part 1 of our Cans for Seminarians Challenge. We hope you had fun with your membership returning those little 10 cent life changers! There is a group of men who will benefit from your hard work and dedication and are grateful for all you have done so far.

Well after careful scrutinizing of all the tally sheets that were turned in, we have come away with our three division winners. Your Councils did an amazing job in collecting those funds and we are immensely proud of your members and their families for keeping the dream alive. So, without any further ado let us get to it,

Division 1: Council # 7582 Fr Peter Robertson, 89 members, GK Frank Tomisch, Saginaw Diocese

Division 2: Council #6694 Swartz Creek, 195 members, GK Wayne DeShano, Lansing Diocese

Division 3: Council #7418 Fenton, 360 members, GK Michael Archambault, Ray Barth, Lansing Diocese

OUR Worthy State Deputy Walter Winkle would like to Congratulate you for taking part in the first leg of our fund raiser and for a job well done. As you recall our SD had offered The Grand Hotel as an incentive and for this year's Convention, Your First and Second Delegates and their wives will have their rooms reserved at the Grand Hotel and your Councils will be announced at the Awards Ceremony. The Worthy ST Barry Borsenik will contact you and give the needed directions when the time is near. Please be sure to send those checks to our WSS Chris Kolomjec with "Cans for Seminarians" in the memo line. I was informed that in an article on the State Web Site you were directed to send them to our Worthy Faith Director, that is incorrect. So, I know you are wondering just how well your Councils did, we are pleased to tell that your hard work has raised over \$30,000 dollars for the Seminarian Endowment Fund. Not bad my Brothers, not to Bad!

Now be on the ready for Part 2.....

Vivat Jesus

Charles E McCuen III State Advocate

Rise Up and Answer the Call!

Au Lac Council 10724

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NOTE: FOR GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCIL PR CHAIRMAN

In each issue of the Michigan Columbian we print the Current Knights 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. A copy of the names of the Knight of the Month and the Knight of the Year need to be sent direct to:

Michael Haughey, State Council Community Director, 15045 Veronica., Eastpointe, MI 48021 *cky - Council Knight of the Year

Send a copy of the names to the Michigan Columbian.

Knights of the Month**Flint Council 695**

Matthew George,
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George Jaksa, Dale Wangler

Lansing Council 788

Jimmy Thomas, Lou Garbarino

Cadillac Council 1224

William Finnerty
Rosario Tarantino

Monroe Council 1266

David Heilman, Louis Poupard
Jay Jondro

Portland Council 2168

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William Vallier

Howell Council 2659

James Heibeck, Leon Fox

Westphalia Council 2890

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Bishop

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Derdaele

Pinconning Council 2986

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Caro Council 3224

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Robert Bailey

Manchester Council 4354

Mark Fernande

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Rockwood Council 5446

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Zukowski

Rochester Council 5452

Steve Davis, James Kozicki

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James Garris
Fr. Scott Thibodeau

New Baltimore Council 5981

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Stephenson

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Roscommon Council 6593

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Bart Ritter, Virgil Houle

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14586

Ryan Smith

Southfield Council 14928

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Daniel Pitrowski, Mesfin Belay

Comstock Park Council 15548

Joseph Breathing

Canton Council 16169

Daniel Skotak, Joseph Henn,

Jr.

AROUND THE STATE

SEMINARIANS SUPPORT

Swartz Creek (Mich.) Council 6694

raised more than \$2,600 through a can and bottle drive supported by parishioners of St. Mary Queen of Angels Church. The money will help fund Michigan seminarians' education.

ANGELS TO THE RESCUE



Members of **St. Therese of Lisieux Council 11957** in **Shelby Township, Mich.**, take a break during a council workday at St. Therese of Lisieux Parish. When the parish had to cut its labor budget because of the pandemic, nearly 20 Knights volunteered to landscape the church grounds and do other maintenance work.

SUPPLIES FOR SCHOOL KIDS

Members of **St. Mary Magdalen Council 16223** in **Kentwood, Mich.**, and volunteers from St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church stand with some of the school supplies they collected for local families in need. The parish drive yielded more than 1,800 items.

Nightmare Golf Course



On September 15th the Knights of Columbus Council 6548 of Houghton Lake, MI hosted 152 golfers, at a charity fundraiser at The Nightmare Golf Course, West Branch, Michigan. On hole number 5, a "hole in one" was shot by Ken Knieper to win a free two-year lease of a car provided by Hart Lincoln Ford, Roscommon. Ken is second from the left and surrounded by his brothers. Left to right are Ed, Ken, Rich, and Andy. Ken is from the Chesaning Knights of Columbus Council 9171, he and his brothers have been coming to this charity event for many years. This very successful fundraiser will support over twelve charities by the Knights of Columbus 6548 of Houghton Lake.

Iron River Council 2300



Pictured above is Ron Bassco posing with Bigari Ace Hardware Proprietor Tim Novak

The Iron River Knights of Columbus Council 2300 held its 45th Annual Tootsie Roll Drive on Columbus Day weekend. The drive had been postponed from April because of the dawning of the Current pandemic. All Knights were masked and kept social distancing.

The drive is held annually to assist individuals with mental impairments, such as the West Iron County Special Education Dept.

The Knights wish to thank the local community for their generosity in supporting the very successful drive, and wish to THANK the businesses who allowed them to solicit at their sites.

Blessing of the Bikes 2020



On Sunday, August 9, 2020, Good Shepherd Council 8669 in Montrose held their first ever "Blessing of the Bikes". Purpose of the event was to raise money for veteran's affairs.

This event was originally scheduled for Sunday, May 17. However, due to COVID-19, it was postponed. COVID-19 posed significant concerns, so the Knights went through considerable thought and planning to create the safest possible event that adhered to local, state, and federal agency protocols.

Sunday August 9 was a beautiful day and a total of 54 bikes participated, accompanied by 29 riders. The Knights were pleased and honored to have "Biker" Worthy State Deputy Walter Winkle Jr. as a guest and participant in the day's activities. After the 11:15 Mass at Good Shepherd Church, Father Jonathan Perrotta blessed the bikes and extended a blessing to the bikers, their riders, and the Knights.

The bikers then departed on the scheduled poker run. After completion, participants returned to the Knight's hall for a bit of camaraderie, a raffle, lunch and refreshments.

Event Chairman Lynn Miller presented a check for \$2,000 from the proceeds to Ms. Debra Hayes, Executive Director of My Brother's Keeper, Inc. in Flint. My Brother's Keeper is a 30 bed emergency shelter for men 18 and older, with a special emphasis on veterans who find themselves homeless and in need of assistance. Each veteran is assigned a case manager and will receive an individualized development plan to help them move beyond homelessness.

Based on the success of this event and the goodwill displayed by the participants, Good Shepherd Council 8669 is looking forward to "Blessing of the Bikes 2021" as another fundraiser to assist veteran's in need.

Michigan Adopt-A-Highway



Pictured in the group picture is one of the teams. Several members had to leave before we could get a group photo with everyone. L - R : Joe Zagar, Mike Lewis, Steven Muir and Kerry Bennett (I would like to add that Kerry Bennett is a new member who had just taken his degree work days before joining us in the clean up)

Holy Rosary Council #13579 members in action as we complete the fall clean up as a part of the Michigan Adopt-A-Highway program. Our members took to our designated stretch of highway and spent a little more than three hours cleaning the roadside and collecting debris to be disposed of. We split up into two groups and thoroughly cleaned our area. It was complicated by the fact that we missed the earlier assigned time because of weather conditions so we made sure to be as conscientious as possible. Attend to details and as thorough as possible

Council 16422



Council 16422 Food drive all summer. Nearly 7,200 Lbs. of vegetables were distributed to families in the Parish and neighborhood.

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 2020 WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL OCTOBER 17, 2020.

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 8, 2020@10:00AM.

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

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 616-891-6922.

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Daniel Fuller, State Membership Director, d.fuller@mikofc.org

Paul Palka, State Program Director, p.palka@mikofc.org

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State Family Director Report

part, how can we safely collect the food. Well its not that tricky. In your publication let people know that this is a safe and hands-free program. Ask the contributors to put the food in their trunk and when they arrive a member wearing gloves and a mask will gladly remove it for them without them ever having to get out of the vehicle. Like I said coordination and communication are the key to making this a successful program.

Have fun and let's get out there and make a difference!

Your Brother in Christ

Garret A. Kelenske, State Family Director

Au Lac Council 10724

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Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Code _____

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

Send to: **Michael Haughey**
State Community Director
15045 Veronica
Eastpointe, MI 48021

A Spiritual Bouquet for You

The members and families of St. Kieran K of C Council 13983 in Shelby Twp., MI, together with members of St. John Neumann K of C Assembly 478 in Utica, MI have offered a spiritual bouquet of 1000 rosaries for the wellbeing of the Knights of Columbus and their communities.

Our prayers to Our Lady were in petition of bringing an end to the coronavirus; the health and well-being of health care workers, first responders, ourselves, our families, and our friends; to end abortion; for an increase in vocations; for an end to bigotry; in thanksgiving for all that we have and all that we are; and that those who were elected to office will dedicate themselves to doing the right thing and serve the needs of all of the people impartially.

The rosaries will continue to be said each Sunday at 1:00 p.m. using Zoom video conferences. We intend to continue to pray the rosary each Sunday with the new goal of an additional 1,000 rosaries, for a total of 2000 rosaries.

Please feel free to join us each Sunday if you would like to join your prayers with ours. Sign-on information may be obtained from Grand Knight John Berg at GK13983@mikofc.org.

YES I wish to enroll in the Guild and to receive the newsletter. Name _____
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 MONTHLY MASS FOR GUILD MEMBERS

Irish Hills Council 6223



My home council was asked to remove and recycle a wheelchair ramp in Lansing. Attached are some pictures that show my council at work. You will also see our own St Joseph Shrine Pastor, Fr Dave Hudgins along with our Lansing Diocese Bishop Boyea lending a hand!!!

You will also see the gentleman in the green jacket, that is our Deacon Gene Hausmann! Robert Padley, DD 503

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Outstanding College Council Award



A year and a half ago on March 8th 2019, Council #17237 at Michigan Technological University received our charter and joined the Knights of Columbus as a new College Council. In fact, that charter is

currently mounted on the wall behind me as I write. When looking at the names listed there, they are not some long forgotten brother Knights from years gone by, but rather men that I have had the immense privilege to walk with and grow closer to Christ with. All the men listed plus countless others have helped define what are council was this past year, who we are now, and are continuously laying the brick work for the future. On the night of September 11th, we had the opportunity as a council to gather, albeit with masks, to watch the first ever Virtual College Council Conference hosted by supreme.

The night turned out to be quite the night for us as awards for the previous fraternal year (2019-2020) were awarded. We were honored to receive recognition for having achieved 11 Stars for exceeding our membership quota for the Star Council Award. We were also grateful to be recognized for having the highest recruitment percentage of any college council with 92% or 22 new members that were recruited this past fraternal year adding on to our existing total of 24 brother Knights.

However, the largest honor came when we were awarded the Outstanding College Council Award. For those who may not know the Outstanding College Council Award is given to the college council that best exemplifies the mission and ideals of the Order and has, in a unique way, gone above and beyond to make a difference on campus and in the surrounding community. The fact that our council, in our first full fraternal year, brought home the most prestigious honor that can be bestowed to a college council is a true testament to the culture of our council and the culture of the community at St. Albert the Great Catholic University at Michigan Tech with whom we are affiliated. This award means a great deal to the entirety of our council who strove to live by the pillars of the order, charity, unity, and fraternity this past year. We were proud to donate the \$500 award to our local life outreach center. Michigan Tech is by far the smallest public university, with around 5,000 undergrad students, and the first in Michigan to ever win this award and we could not have done it without the support of our local Knights of Columbus Councils in our district who helped us get started and gave us their full support since the beginning.

While this award is something to celebrate, I believe I speak for the whole council when I say that all glory goes to God. We are not in it for the awards but rather the opportunity to grow in fraternity with each other, strengthen our faith and serve our community and campus in the image of Christ. Moving forward we will not be resting on our laurels; we hope to seize the momentum that this award has presented us and continue to grow our council and live out the fraternal mission of the Knights of Columbus. We here at Council #17237 at Michigan Technological University hope that our

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GIANNA HOUSE BABY BOTTLE PROJECT



WHAT A GREAT TIME TO BE CATHOLIC! WHAT A GREAT TIME TO BE PRO-LIFE!

As you know The Knights of Columbus have been Pro-Life from their inception.

St. Nicholas Council 7011 is pleased to announce the completion of its Baby Bottle Project for 2020. This Project was selected by St. Cyril and Methodius Church as one of its 2020 Lenten Projects.

St. Nicholas Council 7011 was involved in raising funds to provide operating and other expenses for Gianna House, a resource center for pregnant mothers, located in Eastpointe. Gianna House offers two separate programs. One program is its Community Outreach Program which since 2015 has focused on community building and skills enhancement, serving those who are pregnant, new Moms, and Moms with multiple children. These Outreach mothers are in their 20's and 30's and come from 21 different cities. In 2019 this program had 1,136 mother visits; mothers attended 978 classes and received over 4,000 baby items. On May 3, 2019 Gianna House, in a ribbon cutting ceremony, celebrated the licensing of their facility with the State of Michigan, the first certified nonprofit, long-term residence for pregnant teens in the State. This represents their second Program, their Residency Program. Teenage girls age 13-17 may stay for up to one year after the birth of their child and receive free room and board, prenatal care, counseling, as well as other classes in caring for their baby. Gianna House is in the process of a restoration of their facilities to open a second wing to accommodate additional residents and to respond to the needs of many inquiries received from pregnant 18- year olds.

Gianna house last year through this new program helped many mothers, providing many items, such as diapers, formula, car seats, and other essentials.

In late February/early March of 2020 Knights from St. Nicholas Council 7011 distributed, at the weekend Masses, almost 600 baby bottles in connection with this Project. The collection of these bottles was delayed due to the COVID pandemic. The Council's Knights eventually completed the collection of these bottles. On November 11, 2020 the Council's Grand Knight, Joseph White PGK and Ken Pullis, Right to Life Chairman, met with some of the staff of Gianna house and presented them with a check for \$6,800 (see attached photos). This total amount was a great accomplishment given the unusual circumstances in 2020 and is a result of the great generosity of our parishioners and visitors to St. Cyril's and Methodius Church. Every contribution, large or small is greatly appreciated and will be well used by Gianna House.

We leave you with three thoughts- THANK YOU, THANK YOU, and THANK YOU.

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Outstanding College Council Award

story of growth and achievement in our year and half existence encourages all Knights to continue their faith journey.

Vivat Jesus,

Jay Czerniak

Charter Grand Knight (2019-2020)

Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Council 3860

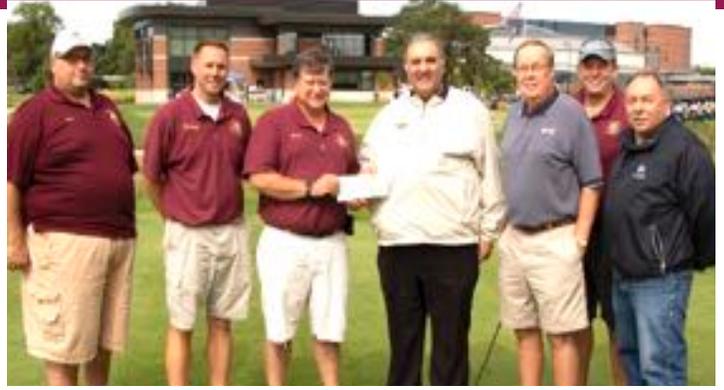


The Knights of Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus had the privilege to cook and serve a dinner to the retired priests that live at Senior Clergy Village (on the Felician Sisters campus in Livonia). Rich Shelt was the lead chef and made a completely delectable pork medallion wrapped in bacon, Mark and Margie Coleman made a delicious broccoli/bacon salad, Peter Lynette whipped up a fantastic dish of garlic/parmesan mashed potatoes using green onions he dug from his garden, Mike Greco made green beans almandine with lemon/butter/garlic sauce, and Carolyn Banach made enough delicious chocolate chip cookies for the priests to have for dessert and to take a bag home with them. I know the priests enjoyed the food; the room was quiet while they were eating! We also prepared enough so the priests will have dinner tomorrow. It is so wonderful to prepare a good meal for men that have devoted their entire adult life to show us the way to Jesus. Thank Knights of Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Council leaving no Priest behind hungry.

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Fine Dining, Celebrities and Golf Combine to Boost St. Louis



State Deputy Walter Winkle of the MI K of C presents Fr. Enzo Addari with a \$25,000 check for their commitment to the Children's Homes in St. Louis Guanella Village. Also included (L to R) are State Program Director Paul Palka, State Chaplain Fr. Paul Beliene, George Blaha, State Membership Director Dan Fuller, and Joe Yekulis.

Ann Arbor,
MI

The big hitters who came out to show their support for St. Louis Center at Paesano's in Ann Arbor on Sunday night September 13th and at UM Golf Course on Monday September 14th were more than just the folks who showed up with golf clubs in their hands. Renowned sports broadcaster George Blaha of the Detroit Pistons/MSU Football, State Rep. Julie Alexander (R – Hanover) and Congressman Tim Walberg (R-Tipton) were also on hand to show their support for the children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who call St. Louis Center their home. Mr. Blaha attended both events, Alexander attended the dinner with her husband Jeff, and Walberg stopped for a visit at UM Golf Course on his way back to Washington D.C. from his home in Lenawee County.

In this unusual year of the pandemic, these two events, originally scheduled for the end of June, had to be rescheduled for mid-September. So fifty-two people turned out for a \$100 a plate dinner honoring three young Servants of Charity priests from India, while 104 golfers representing 26 teams, teed-off from the first hole at UM Golf Course from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. to enjoy a beautiful day of fall golf. The dinner honored Fr. Amalornathan, Fr. Franklin Michael, and Fr. Leo Joseph who are members of the Servants of Charity and have been here for four years while devoting their lives to caring for people with I/DD. The first two are assigned to St. Louis Center, while Fr. Leo is the director of the Pious Union of St. Joseph in Grass Lake, MI. Development Director Christina Ferris was the MC and coordinator of the dinner event.

A portion of the proceeds from the Paesano's dinner were donated back to SLC by owners Mike and Bridget Roddy, while Corporate Sponsors for the Golf & Glory Outing included Platinum Sponsors A.Z. Shmina, Inc. and Chelsea Milling Company – Jiffy Mix. Gold sponsors were J.F. Dunn Enterprises, Inc., Ron and Rosie Emrick, and the State Council of the MI Knights of Columbus. Silver Sponsors were Golling Chrysler-DJR of Chelsea along with St. Joseph Mercy-Chelsea, Weingartz Supply, Founder Bill Wagner and the Manresa Caravan of Alhambra. Many other members of the business community donated \$500 for hole-sponsorships and \$250 for tee sponsorships. State Deputy Walter Winkle of the MI Knights of Columbus also presented Fr. Enzo Addari with a \$25,000 check for one of the four new Children's Homes in St. Louis Guanella Village.

According to Fr. Enzo Addari, CEO of St. Louis Center, "We are grateful to the many people who came out to support us with their prayers and their donations during these two events. Fundraising has been difficult this year as a result of the pandemic, and we couldn't be happier with this year's turnout for both events. These events were very financially rewarding for St. Louis Center."

St. Louis Center is celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year. Please visit www.stlouiscenter.org for more information or to make a donation.

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Drawing: Thursday, April 15, 2021 Doors Open @ 5:30 pm Drawing @ 8:00 pm
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wonderful night, One little prayer for those we hold dear, To bless you at
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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



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Marquette Diocesan Chaplain**

Michigan State Bowling Association

The 79th Annual State Bowling Tournament was held earlier this year in Burton, Michigan by host council, Father L.P. Gauthier #10170 at Richfield Bowl. At the opening ceremony the Tournament was kicked off by the Immediate Past State Deputy Bill Chasse', Host Council #10170 Grand Knight Joe Katrinic, Jr. and Bowling Association President Tom Hickey. Congratulations to the 2020 Honoree Abel Guerrero for his many years of dedication to the Knights of Columbus and Bowling Association.

The upcoming in 2021, State Bowling Tournament has been postponed this year due to the unpredictability of the Covid-19 situation. The bowling association looks forward to seeing everyone at the 2022 tournament co-hosted by Bishop Murphy Council #3257 and Knights on Bikes. Please continue to check our websites for tournament updates and information.

Participation is open to all members in good standing who belong to a council in the Michigan Jurisdiction. This is a handicap tournament and a fun, fraternal competition. Additionally, it is a great way to meet fellow K of C members from around Michigan!

For more information, visit: <https://www.michigankofathletics.com> or contact,

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