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SENTINEL UNITY OF FAITH

FROM THE STATE DEPUTY

Kenneth B. Unterbrink



The New Year is upon us. The celebration of Christ birthday has again come and gone. A new beginning for our country is in the making. Now we must evaluate our past successes. Our successes in our Order, in our jurisdiction, our districts, and our councils will need to be evaluated for our future actions. We are a jurisdiction of over 65,600 members and once were a jurisdiction of over 73,000 members.

Our celebration of the Eucharist is being attended less frequent by our Catholic men. Our children are leaving the Catholic Church in an alarming rate. With 34% of Catholic's attending mass on a regular basis, it is time to Build the Domestic Church

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

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

What is needed now is "And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land..." EZEKIEL 22:30

This is where the Knights of Columbus stand, however one of the key reasons that the Church is faltering under the attacks of Satan is that many Catholic men have not been willing to "step into the Breach". A large number have left the faith, and many who remain "Catholic" practice the faith

timidly and are only minimally committed to passing the faith on to their children. Recent research shows that large numbers of young Catholic men are leaving the faith to become "nones" – men who have no religious affiliation. Proverbs tells us: "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" (27:17) As Catholic men should associate with Catholic men. See "Into the Breach" by M.R. Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix

All councils are asked to provide a study program on the book "Into the Breach"

Coats for Kids Program – With State Youth Director Kevin Rowley coordinating the Supreme Coats for Kids this November 24th Black Friday event there were 1800 coats distributed at three locations in the state. Coats were distributed in Detroit, Flint, and Saginaw The Supreme Council donated 1200 coats while the councils were asked to pay for 600 coats. Personal involvement with our families involved. Those coats not distributed on Nov. 24th were scheduled at other facilities throughout the areas. Coats for Kids is about seeing the smiles of the children as our brother knights put the coats on the children.

All councils are asked to have a **WRITTEN ACTION PLAN**, a plan for their council. The council successes and how to improve upon them in the next fraternal year. All District Deputies are asked to have a **WRITTEN ACTION PLAN** for their district.

Nothing is asked of another that the State Council would not do the same.

A Jurisdiction Action Plan was created as to develop a working strategy with specific actions an action planning.

The Plan has Membership Growth, A Strong Visible Program, Charitable Growth, Training & Leadership Development Actin, and Miscellaneous Jurisdiction Action.

The Plan is expected to be: SMART - Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time Sensitive.

Jurisdiction General Goals – Membership Growth with improvements and Increases; Establishing Strong Visible Programs for Family, Fraternity, Parish and Community;

Charitable Growth in state wide charitable events, and promote the Michigan K of C Charities Account.

Training & Leadership Development by identifying council for training, increasing participation, standardizing training procedures.

Create a Jurisdiction Budget and Worksheet Data

Data needed: Catholic Population of State, current Membership and the planned increased, intake goals of new members, Number of new Councils, Reactivation of Councils, Round Table Goals, Star Council Goals, Star District Goals, Expense Budgets, Charitable Disbursement.

The Action Plan is for the State Officers, District Deputies, Directors and all the state family.

The District Deputy is responsible to develop an Council Action Plan with each council. The Grand Knights is responsible to develop the Plan with his council's officers.

All plans are subject to review and revision on quarterly timeframe.

Our State Officers are committed to charity through the Michigan Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. – a 501(c)(3) corporation. This will be used for the Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowed Scholarship Fund. All donated funds from the membership who write checks direct to the Michigan K of C Charities, Inc. – Memo Line – SHMS Endowed Scholarship will be deposited into this account for this

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**FROM THE STATE CHAPLAIN
V. Rev. William J. Turner, PhD, KCHS**



Dear Brothers and Families: May the grace of a New Year be yours as we celebrate Christ among us and in all our works!

Throughout the past year, as you no doubt have been engaged in so many tasks of your own as Knights, I have been especially enthusiastic about responding to the call of our Supreme Knight on behalf of our Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East, asking each Council in Michigan, at least as a minimum of support, to send funds to the State Office dedicated for this cause. The goal was to raise \$75,000.00 in support of the summer programs in the Holy Land as sponsored at the parishes there (25,000) and a remaining \$50,000 for a new furnace for the Catholic School in Bethlehem. We easily raised the first \$25,000, but we are still short on the latter, raising to this point (\$39,000,) a great accomplishment! It is not too late, if a Council has yet to contribute, to send in funds marked for “the Holy

Land project.”

The second activity, also under the direction of our Supreme Knight, and with the blessing and encouragement of all our bishops in Michigan, is commonly called the “Domestic Church Initiative.” This action is critical to our Church and our families and is most likely the most important proposal in recent years. Specifically, each Knight is called to witness as a Catholic gentleman in his own parish as a man and a father, as head of the family and as a witness to our young people, to be an active proponent of the faith in his visible works. While we have always been called to be active, this initiative focuses on family and what the father is called to exhibit in support of faith and family. Our former activities in many cases have sometimes surrounded a hall consuming our efforts, and now our energy must above all support the parish and the leadership of our priests. While we might find it easier to continue in old ways, this is not the spirit of the new evangelization that we are called to embrace as faithful Knights. Do not be afraid to trust in God enough and so to break free of older and energy consuming models that were not as much directed toward the support of our parishes. This is also why I propose that we minimize the times that we are at K of C activities with Masses away from the parish on Sundays. To become “Knights of the Parish” is now our direction!

May God continue to bless all our efforts, especially those in ministry to the poor, and may we be faithful sons of the Venerable Michael McGivney, consumed with his spirit of service.

40th Ultrasound Machine



Sunday October 15th, 2017 marked the dedication for the **40th** Ultrasound Machine in Michigan, ICU Birth Choice Mobile-Detroit. Archbishop Allen Vigneron blessed the machine along with Fr. JJ Mech leading us in prayer which took place at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit. In attendance from the K of C State Board was our Worthy State Deputy Ken Unterbrink, wife Ellie along with remainder of the State Officers & their wives.

The Knights of Columbus is a FAMILY with God at the center. The sacrament of Matrimony which is intended to perfect the couple’s love and strengthen their indissoluble unity. Pray with your wife, who is your equal. Then branch out into the family with prayer with the children, Take your family to Sunday Mass. Next, look to the needs of others though the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. This is true LOVE!!

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



I first would like to thank you for your kind emails, texts and cards we have received for the birth of our first Grandchild. His Full name is Colton Robert William Chasse' we were blessed on Dec. 2nd with his arrival. It was an awesome reminder to remember the true meaning of life, Family. We feel very lucky to have had so much support with his birth. I would also like to thank The State Deputy for his understanding in how important it was for us not to miss his arrival. Also a big thanks to my other fellow State Officers and their wives for picking up the slack during this time while we were not able to stay for the Winter Meeting.

Christmas is here and it's the time of year we see family members that we miss throughout the year. This is a good time to talk about Christmas and what it really means. Many of us forget that the celebration of Christmas is the birth of Jesus Christ. This is linked to the Domestic Church program. We need to explain to others what the Domestic Church is so we can make it a successful program.

Now is a good time to ask our families to pray together and go to church together. If we just ask one person that we know who has in some way drifted away from the church to attend a mass with you it would help. The person would see the good of going back to the church and that's one way we could make the Domestic Church Program work. The Domestic Church starts at home, pray together, eat dinner together even if it's one night a week and go to church together. Ask a friend, relative or neighbor. Ask your pastor how you can help at the church. If we lead by

example we will help this program be successful. The church will feel the difference and your family will too!

I am going into my last six months as your State Treasurer and I would like to thank the District Deputies and Grand Knights for making the job a little easier by sending checks to the proper place (the State Secretary) and the MI and State Raffle checks to the Executive Secretary (Larry Grabowski).

We have six months left of the fraternal year so let's pull together and work on the Domestic Church and have a great membership recruitment for the betterment of our great Order. I ask you to recruit for two reasons; to keep the Order strong, and to make sure the man power is always there to be the right arm of the church.

Merry Christmas and have a safe Happy New Year.

Bill Chasse'

State Treasurer (and brand new Popa)

Charity – Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

**State Membership Director
Ken Krause**

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT: ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE

With the first half of this fraternal year ending, it's a good time to reflect on how Michigan is doing. The good news is as of November 30, we have recruited 708 members. The bad news is that we have lost 438 to suspension and withdrawals. The OK news is that Michigan has gained 270. All told state membership stands at 65690, down 268 since July 1. Back to the good news, we are doing slightly better than last year. The bad news, we're no where near the goals projected at the beginning of this fraternal year.

With that in mind, many state leaders and their councils are working hard to gain and retain members. If councils had kept their members active and involved likely that 438 wouldn't have dropped out and Michigan would be above the 66000 members we are attempting to achieve. The Knights of Columbus gains members through the great programs we offer, and by asking other Catholic men to join us in our charitable work. However, even with all the good we do, that can be challenging with declining mass attendance in our parishes and merged parishes.

To combat these situations, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has instituted two programs that offer hope for our Order's future growth.

Building the Domestic Church is a concerted Order-wide effort to work with priests and parishes to evangelize by bring others into the Catholic faith and drawing Catholics back into participation in the mass and active parish involvement. In addition, knights should also consider their participation in their parishes and the sacraments. Could we do better?

The second program is a new online K of C membership program, where Catholic men can join in a new category and receive information about the knights and participate in some of our programs. When they and their families learn what we have to offer, they may want to experience the degrees and become full members. More information about this program will be forthcoming.

Both these programs hold great potential, but any gains in membership will be down the road. It will take time for parish participation to grow and for new prospective members to realize the benefits of full membership. Thus, our focus must be on publicizing the great programs we offer and communicating how we have made a difference in many people's lives. When other Catholic men and their families see this, and are invited personally and through Church Drives and other recruitment events, our councils will grow. Recruiting, engaging and retaining members is essential to our short-term growth. With the grace of God and our support of the new programs, our long-term growth can be assured.

I wish all readers a Blessed and Prosperous New Year, along with the wish that your commitment to the support and growth of your councils will continue and grow.



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The enclosed letter is to inform all practicing Catholic high school students in Michigan of the opportunity of a Michigan Scholarship. Assisting in identifying practicing Catholic high school football players is another way of commitment to our practicing Catholic youth.

November 28, 2018

Worthy District Deputies, Directors and Grand Knights,

We are writing about an exciting opportunity that the Knights of Columbus have to help the Ave Maria Foundation in assisting students from Michigan receive an authentic Catholic education at an affordable price through generous scholarships to qualified Catholic students to attend Ave Maria University (AMU) in Florida. We are asking those in your council to consider helping at the grass-roots level.

The Ave Maria Foundation, headquartered at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor, is funding *The Michigan Scholarship* (see attached flyer), to all practicing Catholic high school seniors from the state of Michigan (who meet the scholarship criteria) to attend Ave Maria University located northeast of Naples, Florida. This scholarship is in addition to the already generous financial aid that students qualify for directly from the university.

Although the **Michigan Scholarship (totaling \$28,000 – i.e. \$7,000 per year for 4 years)** is being offered to all practicing Catholic high school students, who are seniors, and who meet the scholarship criteria, the focus of this letter is to seek your assistance in helping identify Catholic football players in your area. Based on my (Tom's) experience of using scouts around the country while I owned the Detroit Tigers, we have designed a scout program to help AMU identify Catholic football players from across the state.

Currently, there are 588 Catholic, private and public high schools in Michigan that have a football program. About 18 percent of all students in the state are Catholic. Our goal is to have volunteer scouts in communities across the state reach out to their local head football coach – particularly in the public schools as they may not be familiar with AMU or the fact that AMU has a football program. Thus, we are reaching out to the Knights of Columbus for assistance.

At the end of the summer, the Ave Maria Foundation contacted every parish in the state asking them to place the following announcement in their bulletins regarding the volunteer scout program.

Ave Maria University Seeking Volunteer Football Scouts: Do you enjoy high school football? Would you like to help young Catholic men have an opportunity to attend an authentic Catholic university and play football? If so... Ave Maria University (AMU) could use your help! AMU is developing a scout network in Michigan to help identify Catholic football players from all schools (public / private / Catholic) in this area. Generous scholarships are available.

For more details, please contact Dr. Gary Jackson, Michigan Scout Coordinator, at gjackson@avemariafoundation.org or 734-516-9615.

These bulletin announcements unfortunately did not generate a lot of feedback, so we are turning to you and your local council for assistance.

A scout need not be a coach or have extensive football knowledge; though we recognize that most will at least enjoy the game and like to be associated with it. **While it would be nice, scouts do not need to attend football games or practices.** The scout in essence will act as an ambassador of the university to various constituencies. Scouts are asked to network with school(s) in their area and develop relationships primarily with football coaches, but possibly with others as well. The scout serves as a local contact to communicate not only the initial information about the *Michigan Scholarship*, but also other information that would be helpful for the prospective students to know. It is worthwhile to note that AMU is able to award Football Scholarships to players and these scholarships are above and beyond the \$7,000 (per year) Michigan Scholarship mentioned above. Also, even though this year's football season is over, scouts can still be incredibly helpful in communicating this scholarship information to this year's senior class, as they make decisions regarding where they will attend college.

Ave Maria University is a university dedicated to the Church and giving a quality and affordable education to its students. The head Football Coach at AMU, Coach Joe Patterson, is a man of integrity and an incredible role model for his players. Assisting young men from our state to attend and play football at AMU will have a lasting impact on them and those around them.

If your Knights of Columbus council has anyone interested in assisting the scout coordinator in being part of the scout system, or would like additional information on the scout program or the Michigan Scholarship, please email **Dr. Gary Jackson, Michigan Scout Coordinator for Ave Maria Football, at gjackson@avemariafoundation.org or call him at 734-516-9615. Thank you and God Bless,**

Thomas S. Monaghan
Founder, Ave Maria University

Kenneth B. Unterbrink
State Deputy

Enclosure: (AMU - MI Scholarship Flyer) or for more info, go to:

www.avemaria.edu/future-students/scholarships/#michigan

From The State Program Director Dale Schaedig

We are entering the last half of the fraternal year and I would like to begin with some changes made by Supreme.

At the Supreme State Deputy meeting in Washington, DC on November 18th, it was announced that there WOULD again be a requirement of four Domestic Church programs required for the Columbian Award. This is a change from the information we received from Supreme this summer that they would not be required. These programs can be in any of the six activities. The requirements are the same as they were last year. A list of suggested Domestic Church programs can be found in the Michigan Membership & Program Leadership Guide on page 58.

There was another change announced at that same meeting and it added another requirement for Star Council. Councils now have to be Safe Environment Compliant, which means that the Council's Grand Knight has to take the Praesidium training and the Council's Youth Director has to take the training plus a background check. Columbian Squires Circles need to have the Council's Squires Chairman and the Circle Counselors take the training and have a background check.

In support of Christians in the Middle East, Supreme has set a goal of \$2 million to resettle and restore a town named Karamles in Iraq, which was revised by ISIS. The goal is to restore 1000 families with the approximate cost of \$2,000.00 to resettle one family. Please encourage this endeavor. There is more detailed information on the State Website.

There are two forms that are to be submitted by the end of January which are very important. The first form is the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity report form 1728. This form is one of the requirements for Star Council, and it is also the form that gives Supreme the information to maintain their charitable status.

The other form is the Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics. This form is important for Michigan as it is the form used to report the number of volunteer hours and money that have been donated for the past **calendar** year to Special Olympic programs. The MI (Tootsie Roll) drive is a part of this program, so the hours spent and dollars collected can be used.

The Columbian Award is the report of programs conducted by a council and is required for Star Council. Please remember that we have the MI-01 form (Columbian Award Tracker Form) on our webpage to assist you in compiling the information needed to submit the form (SP7) for this award. Once you have completed all the requirements on the form you only need to select "save now" and "generate SP7" and the form goes to the State Forms Director where it is recorded and forwarded to your District Deputy to be checked. The District Deputy will then submit it to fraternalmission@kofc.org with a copy to the State Program Director. Remember again that 4 of the 24 programs have to be Domestic Church Programs.

A new program this year is the Domestic Church Activities Award which has four activities. They are: Member Activities, Family Activities, Parish Activities and Community Activities. You have to complete two programs in each activity. The form to be used to receive this award (a commemorative Holy Family icon) is not available at this time. Supreme is working on the form and as soon as it is ready I will send the information to all GKs, DDs and Directors. These programs are defined as having to help relationships between parishes & councils and create a closer council unity with the parish. Some of these programs are suggested on your Domestic Church Action Plan.

I would remind councils to be working on their Service Award Programs. Each year the State recognizes the best program in each of the Service Program areas: Church, Community, Council, Family, Culture of Life and Youth at the State Convention.

Councils please submit a deserving family for the Family of The Year award which will be awarded at the State Convention. Please remember to stay visible - every program is a membership opportunity and always remain CATHOLIC and PROUD.
Your State Program Director

THE MICHIGAN SCHOLARSHIP \$7,000

- \$7,000 yearly / (\$3,500 per semester)
- Add on scholarship (above & beyond standard institutional aid)
- For a duration of up to 4 years as an undergraduate student

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a resident of the state of Michigan
- Applicant must be a first-time college freshman with a high school GPA of 2.8 (unweighted) or above; and an ACT score of 22 or above, or a SAT score of 1100 or above, who is accepted for admission at Ave Maria University for Fall 2018 (May NOT be a returning AMU student)
- Applicant must be a practicing Catholic (endorsement letter from parish)
- Maintain a university GPA of at least a 2.5 to keep scholarship

HOW TO APPLY:

- Must complete the online scholarship application at www.avemaria/apply
- ** Apply early! A limited number of scholarships will be awarded

www.avemaria.edu/future-students/scholarships/



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State Deputy's Tribute Banquet

Sunday, February 25, 2018
DeCarlo's Banquet & Convention Center
6015 East 10 Mile Road
Warren, MI 48091

Social Hour: Starts at 4pm.
Dinner: Dinner at 5:15pm with program to follow
Donation: \$30.00 per person

Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis
A check or money order must accompany all reservation requests.

Make check payable to Michigan State council
Memo Line : Tribute Banquet Tickets.

Checks are to be mailed to
Michigan State Council Office
6025 Wall Street
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Ladies Corner

Hello K of C Ladies ,
We are here to "SERVE"

While the Summer and Fall has come and gone. Life is moving fast. It is time to decorate for the Christmas holidays. The villages are up along with the rest of Christmas items. We are ready! Hope to see many of you during the holidays. "Please KEEP Christ In CHRISTMAS". The true meaning of Christmas.

Since we last communicated, lots have happened. The State Deputy and I have gone to many councils to celebrate K of C functions. It is so heart warming to meet so many wonderful and excited ladies who assist their husbands in the Knights of Columbus.

Many exciting activities are happening in the Knights of Columbus in Michigan.

We were involved by going to the Supreme Convention, held in St. Louis Missouri.

The new uniforms for the 4th Degree was presented at the mass at the convention.

On September 23, the Board of K of C of Mich. and others were able to go to the Detroit Opera House and St Anne's Church to listen to the Sistine Chapel Choir.

Many Knights of Columbus members went to Ford Field to the Beatification Mass of the Blessed Solanus Casey a Capuchin priest "Detroit future Saint" What a wonderful experience!

Next the Winter Leadership meeting was held at DeCarlo's Banquet Center Dec. 01, and 02. It was decided that the Leadership meeting, - a First- to be a one day and men only. We still had the Men of the Knights of Columbus bring sweatshirts, bath baskets/items, gift cards, hats and gloves, and sheets. We had a great RESPONSE! ! Walking into the room where the items were was overwhelming. The Board Wives and 5 ladies sorted, and packed items. We collected 2308 sweatshirts, 150 hats and gloves, 205 sheets sets, 527 bath baskets or in bags, \$10,449.00 in gift cards, and mant bags of Hotel Samples. These items went to the Holy Cross Service, and the (4) K of C Masters took items for the Veterans in State of Michigan. Thank you ladies for all your help, and K of C donations. Thank you all for the items. God Bless you all!! You all will make Christmas special this Year and throughout the year. There are so many people in the Great state of Michigan that need "HELP warm clothes, personal items, and the act of kindness, and to be taken care of. We can show our mercy and love by sharing out gifts.

This year the Right to Life couple- Tim and Cindy Donovan_ were able to have Ultrasound Machine installed throughout the State of Michigan. The councils paid for half and the Supreme Council paid the other half.
"Thank you all for saving LIFES"

The Right To Life Trip - walk will be held in Washington D. C. January 01 18-21-21 18. Michigan will have buses going so please sign up to fill the busses.

On Sunday, February 25 2018, the State Deputy's Tribute Banquet will take place. The banquet will be at DeCarlo's Banquet & Convention Center. We hope to see you all there. Please make your reservation soon. Reservations are available through the Michigan State Council Office on a first come first serve basis.

Ladies, help is needed for the Knights of Columbus Ladies' Raffle at the State Convention May 23-26 to assist Karen Winkle will the Raffle for HCS- (Holy Cross Services) and The Knights of Columbus Refugee Relief Fund. Please consider taking a few hours out of your schedule while at the State Convention to help set up on Wednesday, May 23rd or Thursday, May 24th- May 26th selling tickets or help cleaning up at the end. Also, please consider an item for the raffle.

Donation sign-up sheet and a sheet to help with the raffle are available now. Any questions please call Karen Winkle.

Please keep in mind the Right To Life Dinner at Burton Manor Livonia April 05 2018.

The Ladies of the board and the Knights of Columbus will be looking forward to attending with their husbands, one of your council's celebrations. Please ask your Grand Knight to forward to the State Deputy at least six (6) weeks in advance any request. Thank You!
Supreme Knight Carl Anderson States "The Family as domestic church to the work of the new evangelization and to the future sustainability of our parishes...The Knights of Columbus is providentially position to play a key role in the new alliance between the Church and Family."
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND Have a safe and beautiful

"NEW YEAR 2018"

Ellie Unterbrink, Sue Vittorini, Marybeth Chasse

Karen Winkle, Julie Kolomjec

"Have a great Day"



Some 60 people braved a rainy Sunday on September 17 for the Blessing Ceremony of the Catholic Potter's Field, celebrating the completion of two-year \$5,000 improvement effort by the Knights of Columbus - **Council 649** in Sault Ste. Marie. Following comments by project coordinator Jim Hendricks, Grand Knight Joel Krupa and Sault Ste. Marie Mayor Tony Bosbous, special prayers and blessings were conducted by Brother John Hascall, Knight of Columbus Chaplain, and Father Sebastian Kuvumkal, pastor of Holy name of Mary Parish. Choir members from St. Mary's and choirmaster Gary Guevera provided the music. Assembly 509 in Sault Ste.

Mary provided the Color Corps for the event. Also speaking was Caroline Grabowski, local author who identified the 189 forgotten souls who are buried there, and who sought the assistance of the knights for this project. The finished project consists of signage, benches and a post-and-rope guide for the 450 foot path to the field.

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Kenneth B. Unterbrink

(\$6.00) a year and send to the council Financial Secretary. Councils who send checks to the State Secretary for Sacred Heart Major Seminary are asked to write the checks to Michigan K of C Charities, Memo Line – SHMS Endowed Scholarship

Our State Convention is upon us for this coming May 24, 25, & 25, 2018. Delegates are chosen at the February council meeting and sent in a.s.a.p. for documentation. Paperwork is necessary and to be filled out in full and accurate. Room assignment at the Grand Hotel is reviewed by council membership intake. There is a reservation date on the reservation form. All incoming forms are date stamped. Hotel assignments are reviewed by date of reservation entry date.

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

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

May God keep you in the palm of His hand. The Order and our Catholic Church is in your hands.

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

Fraternally in Christ,

Kenneth Unterbrink, State Deputy

41st Ultrasound Machine



Tuesday October 24, 2017 marked the dedication for the **41st** Ultrasound Machine in Michigan.

Executive Cindy Asher, Nurse Manager Jocelyn Mattson, & Board Chair Christian Palomaki provided everyone with the history of the Care Clinic while thanking the Knights of Columbus for their

generosity & commitment to Protecting the Unborn.

Many thanks to all who participated and donated that may not be mentioned, please know that without all of you none of this would be possible.

In attendance from the K of C State Board was our Worthy State Deputy Ken Unterbrink and wife Ellie. District Deputy Mike Prokopowicz, Pro Life Chair Couple Tim & Cindy Donovan, along with Brother Dana Langsford & other Members from Council #689 were in attendance. Many thanks to Grand Knight Matt Surrell & his wife Jane (Not Pictured) & all our Brother Knights from Council #689 for spearheading this effort.

College Council Conference



Nearly 220 college Knights gathered for the annual conference of leadership development, Sept. 29-Oct. 1. Coming from 87 campuses across North America, the attendees discuss membership and recruitment strategies, share ideas for charitable activities, learn best practices in council management and explore what it means to be Catholic gentlemen. They were accompanied by 25 chaplains who serve the spiritual needs of college councils. Attending this year's conference was David Schuster, College Council Coordinator.



Friday November 10, 2017 marked the dedication for the 42nd Ultrasound Machine in Michigan.

Executive Director Kathryn Lennon, Nurse Manager Maggie Mews, & Board President Bob Harmer provided everyone with the history of the Lennon Center while thanking the Knights of Columbus for their generosity & commitment to Protecting the Unborn.

Thanks to St. Nicholas Council #7011 along with neighboring Councils for their support of this Life Saving Machine.

Also, many thanks to all who participated and donated that may not be mentioned, please know that without all of you none of this would be possible.

42nd Ultrasound
Machine

ARE YOU NOW A COMPLETE KNIGHT?

Gene Murawski
State Ceremonial Director

The past year I talked about being a True Knight. Now I want to expand that thought to being a Complete Knight. When we all joined the Knights of Columbus, we wanted to join a group to help in the parish, to know more of our fellow parishioners, help with charitable projects, work in the community, and enjoy many family type events.

To understand why we do some of these various great events, we should really think about completing the 2nd and 3rd degree. It is when we truly understand the lessons of Unity and Fraternity, we work on council projects, and help the sick, the poor, and the needy, we can say we are a Complete Knight of Columbus. When you first joined the Knights, you learned the lesson on Charity, which is very important to us all. So why not learn the lesson on Unity and Fraternity? It is just as important.

If you have already completed your 2nd and 3rd Degree, ask your fellow Knight if he has gone through his 2nd and 3rd? If not, why not? Tell him how great of an experience it was for you to complete all three degrees. Not only will he be a better Knight, but so will you for asking him, and giving him the opportunity to complete his three degrees.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUPPORTS SPECIAL OLYMPICS UNIFIED SOCCER TOURNAMENT IN ROME



Supreme Knight Carl Anderson led the Knights of Columbus in hosting the 2017 Special Olympics Unified Football (Soccer) Tournament in Rome, Oct. 11-15. Held at the Knights of Columbus Pius XI Athletic Center, the Order's premier sports center overlooking St. Peter's Basilica, the event brought together 200 Special Olympics athletes to further support, respect and dignity for all.

Supreme Knight Anderson joined Special Olympics Chairman Timothy Shriver at the "Let's Change the Game" forum, which was attended by more than 400 athletes, family members, school representatives, volunteers and team managers. At the forum, participants discussed the value of having athletes with and without intellectual disabilities

participate together in unified sports.

Nine countries took part in the tournament, namely, Lithuania, France, Poland, Hungary, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Romania and Italy. On the first day of the tournament, Pope Francis received Special Olympics athletes and officials in a private audience at the Vatican.

"In these days you will have the opportunity to reaffirm the importance of 'unified' sport," said the Holy Father. "This beautiful reality, which you carry out with commitment and conviction, nourishes the hope of a positive and fruitful future of sport, because it makes it a real opportunity for inclusion and involvement."

Following the games, Supreme Knight Anderson joined in congratulating the athletes and presenting medals at the awards ceremony.

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On August 20th, 2017 some 99 golfers gathered to play golf for some kids battling cancer at St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

I thank the golfers, merchants and those that helped keep Danny Thomas' dream alive that "No Child Should Die in the Dawn of Life". Please pray for the children, for the doctors and the staff who will continue their mission of finding cures and saving children. We would have had 103 golfers but one team of ken Unterbrink, Mike Malinowski, Tiger Woods and Tom Parsch had other commitments - maybe next year when our golf outing will be held on August 19th, 2018.

Correction

In the last issue of the Michigan Columbian we listed the name of Mike Sandelich in the May They rest in Peace section of the paper. It has been brought to our attention that Mike Sandwich is alive and well.

**43rd Ultrasound
Machine**



Sunday November 12th, 2017 marked the dedication for the 43rd Ultrasound Machine in Michigan. Fr. Steve Mattson lead us in prayer and blessed the machine which took place at Pregnancy Services of Greater Lansing's west side location. In attendance from the K of C State Board was our Worthy State Deputy Ken Unterbrink and wife Ellie. Others in attendance were District Deputy Jim Kraus, Pro Life Chair Couple Tim & Cindy Donovan, along with Grand Knight Andrew Rademacher Brother Mitch Dobrzelewski & other Members from Council #7237 from Dewitt. Also pictured are Board President Jim Smiertka and Executive Director Nancy Kujawa. Executive Director Nancy Kujawa provided everyone with the history of the West Lansing Center while thanking the Knights of Columbus for their generosity & commitment to Protecting the Unborn.

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Campaign to Save 1 Million Children

The Knights of Columbus launched its Ultrasound Initiative on Jan. 22, 2009. Now, eight years later, the supreme knight has announced the "Knights of Columbus Campaign to Save 1 Million Children." This new campaign aims to reach the goal of 1,000 machines as quickly as possible so that by 2019 — the 10th anniversary of the initiative — we will have saved an estimated total of 1 million babies. By doing so we're not just saving these young lives but transforming their families and affecting countless generations to come. For information on how your council can help work toward this goal, visit kofc.org/ultrasound. Questions may be directed to William O'Brien at 203-752-4403 or william.obrien@kofc.org.

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

While Strengthening Our Parish



Welcome to Building The Domestic Church – While Strengthening Our Parish section of the Michigan Columbian. This section is to provide you with meaningful insight to this mission. To start, this edition is dedicated to two of the booklets from Building The Domestic Church series (part of the kiosk package on sale from Supreme).

The excerpts from the Family Fully Alive and Into The Breach booklets provide you with a glimpse of their content. The Family Fully Alive excerpt includes the January theme of Family Prayer while the Into The Breach is from the chapter Saints, Our Heroes of Faith.

Your suggestions for future content of Building The Domestic Church section of the Michigan Columbian are welcome. Please send your suggestions to Gary Kolbicz, editor Michigan Columbian, g.kolbicz@mikofc.org.

FAMILY FULLY ALIVE (Excerpts)

January – Theme: Family Prayer

The Christian family needs to put first things first by cultivating a relationship with God together through prayer. Prayer is essential for families to develop Christian joy, faith, hope and love.

The Christian family is called to offer to Christ all of its activities through a life of prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives this advice about prayer: “We cannot pray ‘at all times’ if we do not pray at specific times, consciously willing it.”⁴¹ In other words, families need to set aside a definite time for formal prayer together in order to have prayer infuse everything they do. Family members must build their life around God rather than fit God into their busy schedule. If families attempt the latter, then they are sure to find prayer dry and will eventually leave it out of their schedule altogether. To help nourish a shared prayer life, it is a good idea to learn more about different.

Meditation - From Pope John Paul II’s Familiari Consortio

Family prayer has its own characteristic qualities. It is prayer offered in common, husband and wife together, parents and children together. Communion in prayer is both a consequence of and a requirement for the communion bestowed by the sacraments of baptism and Matrimony. The words with which the Lord Jesus promises His presence can be applied to the members of the Christian family in a special way: “again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Scripture Reading Psalm 65:6-14 – A Prayer of Gratitude for God’s Blessings

You answer us with awesome deeds of justice,

O God our savior, The hope of all the ends of the earth and of those far off across the sea. You are robed in power, you set up the mountains by your might. You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples. Distant peoples stand in awe of your marvels; the places of morning and evening you make resound with joy. You visit the earth and water it, make it abundantly fertile. God’s stream is filled with water; you supply their grain....

Family Project

The Catechism recommends that we find places favorable for prayer. One of the places it suggests is a “prayer corner” in the home. If you do not already have one, make a prayer corner in

the home in order to facilitate prayer. This sacred space could be a simple table with a nice cloth over it, a bible, religious images and statues, rosaries, candles, prayer cards, a family prayer intention book, a vase for flowers, etc.

INTO THE BREACH (Excerpt)

Saints, Our Heroes of Faith

This is what our forefathers, the saints, have done for two millennia. As the Gospel reveals the reality of masculinity, we can also find it lived out in the heroic witness of the saints.

Saints are a kind of continuation of the Gospels and so give us examples of the varied paths of holiness. Thus, as Jesus shows us the perfection of masculinity, so we can also find it lived by the saints who were led by Christ. Just as an aspiring baseball player is inspired at the Baseball Hall of Fame, so must we men look to those who have gone before us, to look to them for inspiration and encouragement in fighting the good fight.

Think of the varied skills and talents of baseball players. A young person may dream to hit like Babe Ruth, catch and throw like Willie Mays, have the agility of Henry Aaron, the consistency and hard work of Lou Gehrig and Jackie Robinson. Young pitchers would dream of pitching like Cy Young and Randy Johnson. As they see each of these players play the game in different ways, they are inspired to a love of baseball.

Yet far greater than a ball game is what Catholic men seek. We look to the saints as to heroes, striving to live like Christ, united to Him and learning from Him at the same time. In a dramatic way to which we can relate, the saint’s life says Ecce homo!, “Here is the man!” This is what St. Paul implies when he writes, “It is not I who live, but Christ who lives in me” (Galatians 2:20).

Each man should make a decision to have a patron Saint. While there are many more, I offer the names of ten saints with whom each and every Catholic man should become familiar. Next to each saint’s name is listed the virtue with which he is associated, as well as the sin which opposes that virtue. When we identify our sin and the needed virtue, we can identify which saint’s intercession will be particularly helpful:

- St. Joseph (Trust in God – selfishness)
- St. John the Baptist (Humility – arrogance)
- St. Paul (Adherence to Truth – mediocrity)
- St. Michael the Archangel (Obedience to God – licentiousness and rebelliousness)
- St. Benedict (Prayer and Devotion to God – sloth)
- St. Francis of Assisi (Happiness – moralism)
- St. Thomas More (Integrity – double-mindedness)
- Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (Chastity – lust)
- St. Josemaría Escrivá (Boldness – worldly fear)
- Pope St. John Paul II (Defending the Weak – passivity)

We don’t even need to look to the distant past to find heroes of the faith. We witnessed St. John Paul II forgive his would-be assassin, and after recovering his health, continue tirelessly to call the world to “open wide the doors to Christ.” Time and again, he exhorted us, “Be not afraid!” Today in parts of the world where persecution rages, we are seeing courageous witnesses of truth in the recent martyrs of Syria, Nigeria, Iraq, and other war-torn countries.

We remember our twenty-one Coptic brothers who, just this past winter, were beheaded on a beach in Egypt, and as Pope Francis noted, “only because they confessed Christ.”

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Men, we must never believe that holiness and courage are things of the past! You and I are called to a holiness that shows Christ to the world as our forefathers have done countless times throughout history, following the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, in this time of evil's growing boldness, each man must prepare himself for nothing less than martyrdom, whatever form this may take, and to instill in his children and grandchildren the willingness to do the same.

The Family Fully Alive, Into The Breach and other related booklets can be ordered by email at cis@kofc.org. You can also visit the Supreme website at www.kofc.org.

In summary to quote Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson and our mission to Build The Domestic Church, *"Today, the Knights of Columbus is providentially positioned to play a key role in the new alliance between the Church and the family... But for us to do so requires that we adopt new methods."*

You are encouraged to adopt new methods in Building The Domestic Church within your parish and community. If you have any questions regarding our mission, please contact any of the following State Directors:

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St. Louis Center Update Fr. Enzo Addari, SdC, CEO



As we begin this New Year on the Christian calendar, St. Louis Guanella reminds us that "God will provide," and indeed he has, as we continue to move forward with the original plans for St. Louis Guanella Village. We are grateful to the many benefactors who have supported this past year's "Challenge Grant," and especially the Michigan Knights of Columbus State Council who have once again come through with their \$25,000 pledge for the Village, along with many councils throughout the state that have supported us with their MI Drive pledges.

To provide you with a progress report on the four new Children's Homes in the Village, the following is an update from early December.

- Cement curbs and sidewalks have been added along the roadway
- Modern LED light posts have been installed between the sidewalks and curbs
- The retention pond has been fenced in and new grass is growing from the fall seeding
- Driveway ramps have been poured and back yard safety fencing is up for two homes

- Transformers and generators are installed

Inside the new homes, the drywall is up, the trim is being installed and the interiors are receiving their first coat of paint. Tile cutters are finishing off the bathroom floors, cabinets are up, and the finished flooring will be one of the last things installed throughout. It is hoped that the first residents will move into the homes by late spring 2018.

If any of you are interested, we have a "St. Louis Guanella Village Housewarming Gift Registry" for the four Children's Homes to fill them up with comforters, blankets, pillows and kitchen supplies. You can shop at <http://amzn.to/2phsmah> to make a contribution.

The completion date for the first phase of St. Louis Guanella Village is getting close, and as we continue our growth, we will be adding smaller group homes and family homes for parents who have children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We give thanks daily for our friends in the Michigan Knights of Columbus, and encourage you to visit www.stlouiscenter.org for more information.

One member per council per month



Dear Brother Knights,

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! Christmas is the most beautiful celebration of the year. Families reunite, relatives and friends gather, and everyone is reminded of the true meaning of the season.

We want to thank you for being such a dedicated and supportive partner to Holy Cross Services throughout our nearly 70 years in existence. With your constant support every year, we are able to help fill the financial gaps that standard funding does not cover.

Your donation of time and gifts at Christmas brings smiles and fill the hearts of people who cannot go home and who just want to enjoy the Christmas season and feel a whole lot better than they have in the past. You help make that happen. Thank you!

Each day we serve over 100 children that live with us, have a safe place to sleep, go to school and do the hard work of trying to overcome extreme trauma due to abuse and neglect. We help them develop the skills and resiliency to make it through the day, then the week, the month, the year and on through the rest of their lives.

We also help over 1,000 kids and adults each year learn to live free of alcohol and drugs, and help them begin the process of rebuilding their lives.

Thank you for believing in our mission, for lifting us up, and we hope you have a very blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

With blessings and gratitude,

Sharon Berkobien
CEO

Calendar Fundraiser Winners

Below is a list of recent awardees

October: Bernard Konkle, Msgr. Michael Abdoo Council #8231, Luke Goerge, St. Martin of Tours Council #13305, Glain Guilmette, Ronald Shemet, Kathleen Pitsch, Michael Damveld, Edward Graney, Joseph Keller, Michael & Debra Andrews, James Steward, Patrick Feldpausch, Daniel Logsdon, Carolyn Hiestand, Robert Smith, Francis Fortier, Jerome Messing, Terence Cauley, Ryan Near, Roger Dershem, Angelo Garavaglia, Robert Hozeska, Lawrence & Deborah Kassuba, Austin Hessling, James Snodgrass, Thomas Bouchey, Julie Tyburski, Frank Urban, Kathy Doyle, Clifford Trudell,
\$500 WINNER - Ross Feldpausch

November: Nancy Partridge, James Callahan, Deborah Skinner-Clos, Raymond Schrock, David Laughlin, Kevin Raiss, Norman LaPorte, Jim & Carol Alber, Dennis Downey, Linda & Bill Hamrick, David Riley, Philip Lenhart, Michael

Schafer, Robert & Sharon Fox, Robert Mayer, John Lehman, Diane Gerlach, George Jackson, Coyle & Carol Mort, Norman Podgorski, Alma Smith, Gerald Sulak, Michael Wachowski, Jerry Warren, Gerald Lott, Ernest & Kathleen Young, Rick Meisner, John Czech, Margaret Steinberger, Raymond Geiger,
\$500 WINNER - William Kussy, Sr.

December: Jennifer Marchi, Gary Kudron, Betty Raska, David Arbanas, Joe Parker, Frederic Devendorf, Tami Jolly, James Burns, Dennis Chandonnet, Luke Thelen, Ted Czarny, Jeff Lenhart, Francis Vallier, John Finke, Jeffrey Lozier, Robert Steckowski, John Stodolak, Edward Wilson, Carolyn Zanetti, Joseph & Marilyn Bourgoin, Robert Brunk, Sue Fox, John Rogers, Douglas Hunter, Louis Carver, Paul Gelinis, Patrick Leonhardt, Phillip Arbanas, Daniel Miller, Donna Bomay, Renee & Joseph Reckelberg, **\$500 WINNER** - Albert Kolhoff,
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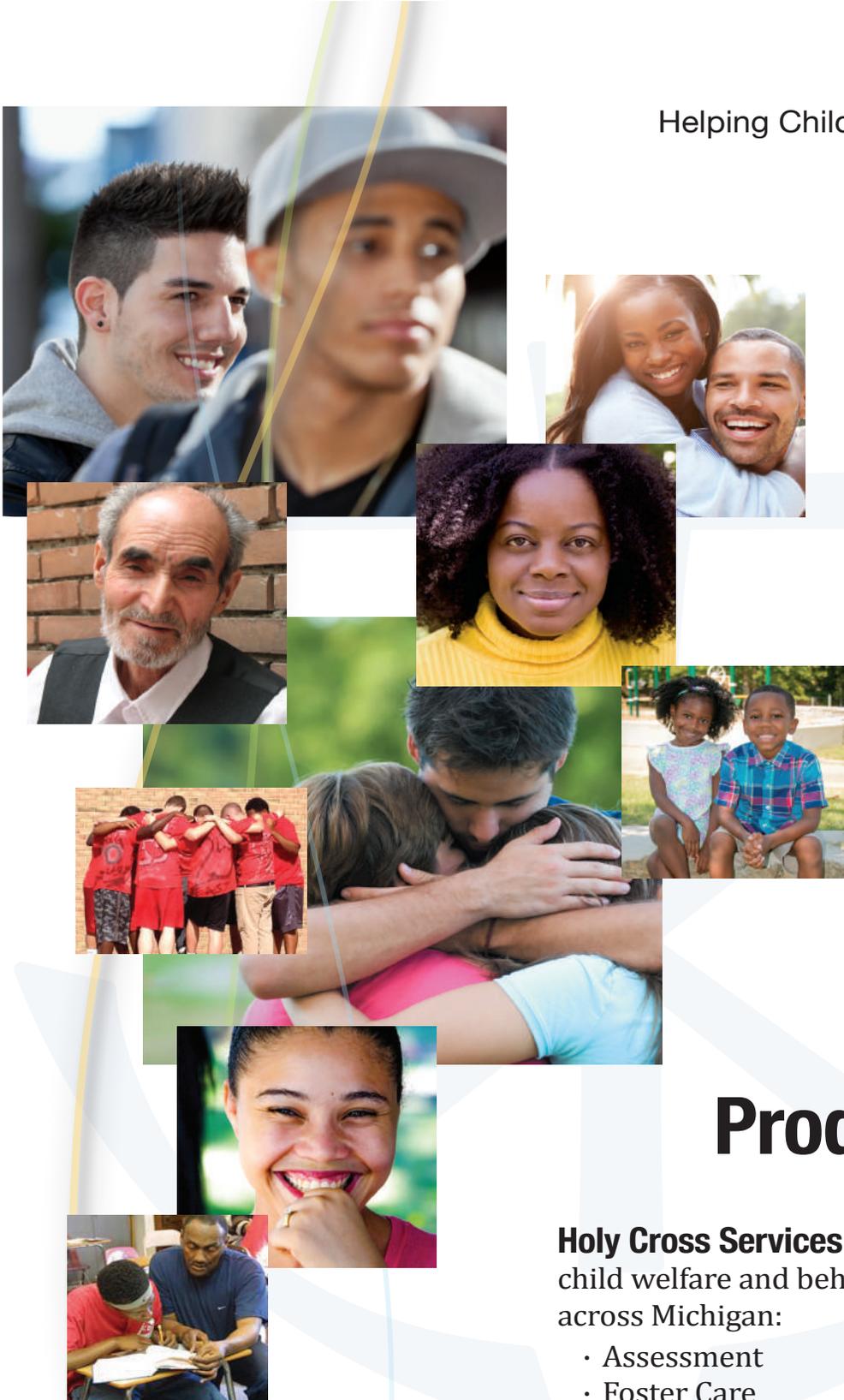
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Lincoln Park Council 3078

Edward Lassen, William Munday
James LaPalm, Richard
Drozdowski

Caro Council 3224

John Papp, Sr., Arthur Rollend

Auburn Council 3590

Raymond Wenglikowski
Richard LaRocque
Edward Piotrowski

Ruth Council 3823

Gary Messing

Walled Lake Council 4064

Mark Trojniak Robert Dolder

Saginaw Council 4232

James Redmond,
Trevor Bostwick

Manchester Council 4354

Dave Roberts, Martin Borgley

Farmington Council 4401

Paul Ferrini, Robert Plockinik
Geno Grabinski, Emil Benoit

Joseph Hejka

Manchester Council 4354

Martin Brogley

Sandusky Council 4693

Greg Alexander, Mike Leen
Richard LeGault

Taylor Council 4872

Charles Kamm, Stanley Silka

Oscoda Council 5083

David Patterson

Rochester Council 5452

Mike McDermott, Carl Gildner

New Baltimore Council 5981

David Duffy, Paul Johnson
Thomas Bartkovicz

Roscommon Council 6593

Bob Pardue, Duane Pinkleman
Herman Bratfish,

Pat Mattingly, Sr.

Posen Council 6657

Dennis Budnick, Jerry
Shemanski

Gladstone Council 6667

Larry Johnson, Gary Chouinard

Swartz Creek Council 6694

John Gillette, Dave Schoenfield

Grand Blanc Council 6742

Michael McLeod, Michael
Payionk

Sterling Heights Council 7011

Ken Pullis

Dewitt Council 7237

Jeffery Archer

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Shamil Halabu, Gary
Delmieuire

Grand Ledge Council 7311

Robert Brown

Jenison Council 7487

Karl Knittel

South Lyon Council 7586

Frank Urban, Larry Urban

Remus Council 7869

Raymond Simon, Barry Skutt, Jr.
Phillip Lundie

Durand Council 7955

Dennie Schmidt, Randy Wheller

Sanford Council 8043

Jack Stong, Jacob Mayer

Ada Council 8117

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Robert Carroll, Robert Furtado

St. Helen Council 8390

Robert Berg

Highland Council 8500

Gary Webb

Lake City Council 8556

Deacon James Siler

Auburn Hills Council 8659

Sean Sylvester, Mike Zelinski
Aderli Pedroso

Montrose Council 8669

Warren Edwards

Yale Council 8710

Edward Jdrzejczak, William

Ginzel

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Chris Pawloski, Dale Churchill

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Charlie Heiler, Jim Powers

George Wygant, Jeff Haueter

Al Schulien, Anthony Orlando

Paul Schnipke

Kalamazoo Council 9962

Victor Cekola

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Lansing Council 10542

Michael Hanson, Michael Burns

Lansing Council 11099

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Rev. Steven Mattson

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Harbor Beach Council 11432

Harvey Geiger, Ryan Ramsey

Steve Schwab

Marne Council 11581

Mitch Kamp

Harrison Twp. Council 11658

Harry Barriger, Jay Walsh

Clinton Township Council 11689

Anthony Valentine, Gerry Vento

Port Huron Council 11756

Fr. George Askar, Frank Stein

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Dick Moote, David Domzalski

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Gaines Council 12186

Don Carmer, Ron Retka

Sam Yanta, Michael Gentry

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West Bloomfield Council 12808

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Vicksburg Council 13305

Michael Coppens, Adam

Wysocki

White Lake Council 13319

Mike Batchik

Sterling Heights Council 13340

Jakub Shonka, Mark Wilhelm

Troy Council 13453

Dan Parker, Charles Pace

Waterford Council 13485

Michael Bray

Farmington Council 13673

Claude Centers

Sterling Heights Council 13799

Dave Peckham, Mark Brickman

White Cloud Council 13939

Steve Bleiler

Shelby Township Council 13983

John Benincasa, Roger Quitter

Mark Semaan

Southfield Council 14928

Clyde Bostick, Robert Paige *cky

Warren Council 15057

Deacon Rick Trablusky

Chawki Sabak

Muskegon Council 15337

Dale Ertzinger

Clarkston Council 15967

Darwin Balcom

One member per council per month

AROUND THE STATE



Manchester Knights of Columbus Council 4354 held a Spaghetti Dinner on September 27th for Disaster Relief victims. thru there efforts the Knights served dinners to 178 people in the community and collected \$2800 for Disaster Relief victims thru good faith offerings. The council would like to thank all those that attended and donated time and goods to this event.



Msgr. Clement H. Kern Council 8284 Grand Knight Mike Goodhart and Past Grand Knight Ed Harkins, our Golf Outing Chairman, presented a \$5,200 check today to Sue White, President of the St. Thomas a'Becket parish St. Vincent DePaul Society Chapter. The donation represents the earnings from our 14th annual council golf outing held last month, along with some additional money earned from our council summer golf league. This is a record donation amount for us from a record year for golf outing attendance. Sue was extremely happy to receive this sizable donation as their funds were running low due to a higher number of families requesting assistance recently. Msgr Kern Council was proud to be able to provide some timely help for them in a time of need. Thanks again to all those who participated in our August 19th golf outing this year. Your participation and support made this charitable donation possible! Next year's outing is already scheduled - August 18, 2018. Mark your calendars and come out and join us then!

Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Council 5492 in Livonia presented a \$1,000 gift to one of the council's benefactors, George Dimopoulos, owner of George's Senate and Coney Island Restaurant in Northville. George chose to donate the gift to hurricane relief. For more than a decade, George has supported many of the activities of the council and the council's parish, St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia, by providing soup, hot dogs,

buns, condiments and other food items. More than 30 Knights recently met for breakfast at George's restaurant to present George with the gift.



Faithful Navigator Tom Fox of **Lansing Assembly** stands with 4th-grade students of St. Thomas Aquinas School, who are enjoying a new flag donated by the assembly at the school's request

Father Arnold Kosco Council 12808 in West Bloomfield renovated the meditation area of Prince of Peace Parish. Knights weeded and reset the area paver bricks, upgraded the landscape and plantings, trimmed trees, refinished the benches and implanted bricks engraved with the names of the council's deceased Knights. The area is truly a place for meditation and prayer for parishioners in stressful times.

Marine City Council 856 In more pleasant social news, George Steinmetz celebrated his 100th birthday on December 3rd. The council wished him many returns for his long friendship in the Brotherhood of the Knights, they also wished him a Merry Christmas.

Msgr. Esper Council 3027 in Fowler held its 12th annual Returns for Vocations fundraiser. The group raised \$6,500 to aid those pursuing vocations by collecting returnable bottles and cans (56,000+) and monetary donations from the community. The event was a way for the community to return support to their local vocations. It was truly a community effort, with over 95 people donating more than 300 hours of service. The fundraiser was such a success that the planning has already started for next year!

Members of the Knights of Columbus

**WHEN YOU LOVE
WHAT YOU HAVE,
YOU HAVE
EVERYTHING
YOU NEED.**



Council #4141 Three Rivers, Michigan voted at their November meeting to donate all proceeds as well as an additional donation from the Breakfast with Santa during the recent Immaculate Conception Parish Bazaar to support the Order's \$2 million initiative to rebuild Karamles, a Christian town in Iraq that had been under the control of ISIS. These funds can help Christian families finally return to the homes from which they were evicted by ISIS. Pictured is District Deputy Jim Highfield with his grandsons Jude and Micah (future Knights). Family isn't defined only by last names or by blood; it's defined by commitment and by love. It means showing up when they'd it most. It means having each other's backs. It means choosing to support each other even on those days when you struggle to like each other. It means never giving up on each other.



Council 8391 Every year the students at Hillsdale College attend the annual Right to Life March in Washington D.C. Council 8391 held a fundraising event to support this culture of life activity by holding a breakfast benefit. A team comprised of members of Council 8391 and Hillsdale College students volunteered their time to host a successful event after the first Sunday mass at St. Anthony's parish.

Council 1874 in Warren reached its 100th anniversary, going strong with a fund drive for people with intellectual disabilities and donations of coats for children in need in the Fitzgerald and Hazel Park school districts. Council 1874 also provided "Casey" teddy bears for youngsters in treatment at the Children's Hospital of Michigan and gave \$1,000 to support a seminarian at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

St. Francis Camp on the Lake



May 25, 2017

By: Russ Smith
Marketing Director
St. Francis Camp on the Lake

As a Brother Knight, I am amazed at this wonderful opportunity to once again share with you the great work that is being done at St. Francis Camp on the Lake. Vivat Jesus!

As the Marketing Director of the camp it is an honor and a privilege to be here.

It's been just five short years since we built Knight of Columbus hall a 35 bed dormitory thanks to you and the state board. Since that time you may recall I shared with you how the campers have been learning, living and loving camp. That year "Philip" caught the largest bass in the history of Goose Lake. Four years ago they said our special needs campers couldn't go "tubbing" behind a boat, over 500 have gone so far. Three years ago we built a climbing wall, not up but horizontally so that the campers can enjoy the same thrills of a wall climb without the risks. The past two years we have added Kayaking, canoeing, and paddle boating to our beach activities, providing the ultimate recreational camping experience. Last year when I told about the group of campers from Belding, MI in the back yard of Past State Deputy Bob Fox, they needed financial support you all responded overwhelmingly and again this year they need your help.

Today I would like to talk to you about "Baseball" yes Baseball.

Do you know how wide home plate is? SEVENTEEN INCHES!

In Cy Young's day home plate was SEVENTEEN INCHES!

And when Justin Verlander pitched a "NO HITTER" home plate was SEVENTEEN INCHES!

And what do they do with a Big League pitcher who can't throw the ball over seventeen inches? We send him to the minors and retrain him till he can.

"What they don't do is this: 'Ah, that's okay, if you can't hit a seventeen-inch target, we can make it eighteen or nineteen inches. We can make it twenty inches so you have a better chance of hitting it. If you can't hit that, let us know so we can make it wider still, say twenty-five inches.'" Do we hold him accountable? Or do we change the rules to fit him? Do we widen home plate?

This is the problem in our homes today. With our marriages, with the way we parent our kids, with our discipline. We don't teach accountability to our children, and there is no consequence for failing to meet standards. We just widen home plate!

This is also a problem in our schools today. The quality of our education is going downhill fast and teachers have been stripped of the tools they need to be successful, and to educate and discipline our young people. If they can't make the grade we pass them up anyway. We just widen home plate!

And the same is true with our government. Our so called representatives make rules for us that don't apply to them. They take bribes from lobbyists and foreign countries. They no longer serve us. And we allow them to widen home plate!

I suspect you are wondering what does all this have to do with St. Francis Camp on the Lake. Well at camp, home plate is always SEVENTEEN INCHES!

If we were to widen the plate to accommodate our special needs campers then their success would be compromised and less fulfilling. Don't get me wrong there is some assistance with those who are physically challenged such as a ramp instead of stairs, but at camp home plate is always SEVENTEEN INCHES!

If we lower the bar, adjust the standards to which success is measured then the kids that suffer the most are the ones who are told that they are different, the ones who aren't given the opportunity to succeed alongside their peers. It's a shame to label a child "LESS THAN" so that the world can put them in a box and dismiss them before they even have a chance to succeed in life on their own terms.

Imagine if a camper was trying to catch a fish with no success should we send out a scuba diver and hook one on? No, we teach them other techniques and patience so that when they do catch a fish their joy is real and authentic because at camp home plate is always SEVENTEEN INCHES

Sally, who's 42 years old, has been in a wheel chair all her life. You see when your developmentally disabled sometimes your brain doesn't send the proper signals to your arms and legs, and in Sally's case, the wheel chair. Now she wants to go down an old fashion 100 foot slip n' slide but she's afraid it may be too steep and she would go too fast. Do we change the slide? NO What we do is help her define her limitation and then through special design programs we teach her to overcome her fears and in the process she can have the ultimate camping experience she's always wanted. And when she does go down that slide we have truly empowered her and her scream of joy are worthy of her smile, because at camp home plate is always SEVENTEEN INCHES!

On behalf of all the campers who went to St. Francis Camp on the Lake and those in the future, thank you for opening your hearts and your wallets and helping us make sure that at camp home plate stays at SEVENTEEN INCHES.

By the way ... Philip's fish SEVENTEEN INCHES!

Catholic Potter's Field Blessing



Some 60 people braved a rainy Sunday on September 17 for the Blessing Ceremony of the Catholic Potter's Field, celebrating the completion of two-year \$5,000 improvement effort by the Knights of Columbus - Council 649 in Sault Ste. Marie. Following comments by project coordinator Jim Hendricks, Grand Knight Joel Krupa and Sault Ste. Marie Mayor Tony Bosbous, special prayers and blessings were conducted by Brother John Hascall, Knight of Columbus Chaplain, and Father Sebastian Kuvumkal, pastor of Holy name of Mary Parish. Choir members from St. Mary's and choirmaster Gary Guevera provided the music. Assembly 509 in Sault Ste. Marie provided the Color Corps for the event. Also speaking was Caroline Grabowski, local author who identified the 189 forgotten souls who are buried there, and who sought the assistance of the knights for this project. The finished project consists of signage, benches and a post-and-rope guide for the 450 foot path to the field.

LASTING REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DEPARTED

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

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

Please complete the form below for a Memorial Plaque.

Memorial Plaque Application

In Memory of: _____
 Date of Death: _____ Gift of: _____
 Requested by: _____
 Phone No. _____ Council/Assembly No. _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 E-Mail Address (if applicable): _____

Make should be made checks payable to: DAVL
 Mail form to: John Beirne
 DAVL Treasurer
 30237 Taylor St.
 St. Clair Shores, MI 48087

We Golf "Four the Kids"



Ninety nine golfers all in a hall
 Ninety nine golfers all having a ball.

On August 20th, 2017 some 99 golfers gathered to play golf for some kids battling cancer at St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

I thank the golfers, merchants and those that helped keep Danny Thomas' dream alive that "No Child Should Die in the Dawn of Life".

Please pray for the children, for the doctors and the staff who will continue their mission of finding cures and saving children.

We would have had 103 golfers but one team of Ken Unterbrink, Mike Malinowski, Tiger Woods and Tom Parsch had other commitments - maybe next year when our golf outing will be held on August 19th, 2018.

**" NO ACT OF KINDNESS,
 NO MATTER, HOW SMALL,
 IS EVER WASTED"**

YES I wish to enroll in the Guild and to receive the newsletter.
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Country _____
 Please list below the names and addresses of any family or friend who might be interested in the Guild's work.
 Name _____
 Address City/State/Country _____
 Name _____
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MONTHLY MASS FOR GUILD MEMBERS
 Please remember these specific intentions at the monthly Mass for Guild Member.
 1. _____
 If you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to support the mission of the Guild, checks should be made payable to The Father McGivney Guild, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, Ct

Casey Teddy Bear Order Form

Council No. _____ Council Name _____

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

Ship To:
 Name _____

Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Code _____

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

Send to:
 Lawrence Stopczynski State Council Activities
 Director 885 E. Dawson Rd., Milford, MI 48381

Date of the	Start Time of	Start Time of	Start Time of	Location of	Council	Host DD	Host DD
Degree	Admission	"Formation"	"Knighthood"	Degree	Number		Phone No.
	Degree	Degree	Degree				
1/7/18	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Chesaning	2943	Gerald Leinberger	989-225-6749
1/13/18	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Yale	8710	Greg Brunson	810-824-9533
2/10/18	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Ortonville	6824	Joseph Brenner	773-631-8497
2/11/18	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Dearborn	3860	Tim Casey	734-444-4538
2/17/18	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Utica	2950	Jason Meyer	586-383-0285
2/19/18	None	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Clawson	4188	John Reeser	248-217-4842
2/22/18	None	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Kimball	9526	Jac Armstron	810-841-6456
2/25/18	State	Deputy	Tribute	Dinner		De-Carlos Banquet	Center
3/3/18	Patriotic	Degree		Warren		John Hundiak	248-652-3433
3/10/18	None	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Muskegon	9802	Garret Kelenske	231-744-8126
3/10/18	8:45 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Sturgis	2508	Jim Highfield	574-286-3290
3/10/18	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Sterling Heights	5460	Erni Boulos	586-419-2255
3/17/18	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Erie	7413	Kenneth Dressel	734-888-1192
3/18/18	None	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Carson City	2198	Ralph VanOcker	616-240-0273
3/18/18	9:45 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Clio	13703	Larry Prevo	810-964-3415
3/21/18	None	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Dewitt	7237	Jim Kraus	517-230-2153
4/7/18	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Milford	7444	Larry Paffi	248-701-4950
4/14/18	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Richmond	2667	Greg Brunson	810-824-9533
4/15/18	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Saginaw	4232	James Callahan Jr.	989-714-7768
4/21/18	Patriotic	Degree		TBD		David Buick	517-927-8044
4/22/18	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	St. Clair Shores	3797	Kenneth Warzybok	586-343-9972
5/5/18	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Lapeer	1987	Walter Sierakowski	810-797-5190
5/19/18	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Gaylord	2781	Patrick Oliver	989-731-5554
6/9/18	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Ann Arbor	13360	Dan Gibbons	734-355-2362
6/16/18	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Battle Creek	575	C.Thomas Hickey	517-629-2556
10/21/18	11:00 AM	12:30 PM	1:30PM	Portland	2168	William Vallier	517-526-2956

A Portfolio of Protection

Over the course of the last 135 years, the products and protection offered by the Knights of Columbus to members and their families have grown to meet changing needs.

We are proud to say that we offer a complete portfolio of protection to our members – a portfolio that we think is our best yet, with high quality, customizable products designed to fit your family’s needs and budget.

Permanent Life Insurance – Insure Your Life for Life

Permanent Life Insurance is our signature product. Why? Because it provides *guaranteed* protection for your loved ones until the day you die. And, while you’re still alive, it builds cash value. It’s the total package.

Permanent Life Insurance is a great solution for many basic needs, such as final expenses, income replacement, and debt protection, and it can also serve specialized purposes such as estate planning and charitable giving.

Whatever the planned use, permanent life insurance is reliable. It will be there when you won’t be, regardless of when that happens.

Put simply: as long as you pay your premiums, when you die, *whenever you die*, your beneficiaries will receive the guaranteed death benefit (if not more) that you established for them.

There is one exception, though. Should you be fortunate enough to live to the ripe old age of 120, your Knights of Columbus permanent life insurance policy will pay *you* your death benefit. It wouldn’t be the worst 120th birthday present you receive.

Term Life Insurance – Affordable Protection for Temporary Needs

Sometimes in life, our financial obligations are temporary, and that’s where term insurance brings the most value. Like permanent insurance, term insurance provides a death benefit to beneficiaries, but only within the specific term period.

These types of temporary needs are what term insurance is made for. Term can provide extra protection at affordable rates that – if structured properly – will go away once the needs themselves go away.

The Knights of Columbus offers two basic types of term insurance – annual renewable term, and level term (which is offered in 10, 15, and 20 year periods).

Retirement Annuities – Retirement income you can count on. Guaranteed.

Retirement income can be a tricky thing to calculate, especially with a changing landscape of federal and employee-provided benefits. But, with a properly structured retirement annuity from the Knights of Columbus, you can have retirement income that you *cannot* outlive, guaranteed.

It’s peace of mind that most of us hope to achieve.

The Knights offers a variety of annuities to members and their families, including traditional IRAs, Roth IRAs, and non-qualified,

which are available as both single premium and flexible premium annuities.

Long-Term Care Insurance – Protect your assets. Get quality care. Prepare for the future.

On average, nursing home care can cost upwards of \$83,000 per year, while at-home care can cost more than \$60,000 per year.*

Yet most regular health insurance plans or government assistance programs do not provide sufficient coverage for long-term care needs. Long-term care insurance from the Knights of Columbus helps mitigate that risk by helping you cover your costs.

Knights of Columbus Long-Term Care policies are customizable to fit your needs, and come in two basic forms: comprehensive coverage, which covers you in a nursing home or at home; and facility-only coverage, which covers you in a nursing home only.

Disability Income Insurance – Receive an income even when you can’t work.

A lot of us know about disability insurance, and many of us even have it, and yet it’s chronically misunderstood.

Many people receive disability coverage from their employer, yet they don’t know too much about the particulars. Is it short-term disability? Is it long-term disability? Is it both? Does it cover your entire salary? Or only part? How much?

Yet despite the confusion, disability income insurance provides critical protection to families, especially those who rely on their paychecks to pay the bills.

That’s why the Knights of Columbus introduced Disability Income Insurance in 2011. Now Knights and their families have a trusted provider to turn to help protect their paychecks from the unexpected.

So, if you’re among the more than 100 million workers without private disability income insurance**, or among the 38 million families who live paycheck to paycheck***, a tailored Knights of Columbus Disability Income Insurance plan may be just the right solution for you – even if it’s a supplement to what you already have.

Insurance by Brother Knights for Brother Knights

When structuring the best insurance plan for you and your family, there is a lot to consider, but keep two things in mind.

First and foremost, remember that you have a dedicated, professional Knights of Columbus agent whose job it is to help you consider your current situation, evaluate the options, and put a plan in place to help protect you and your family according to your terms and your budget.

** Data for March 2013 was obtained from online beneficiary database maintained by the U.S. Social Security Administration’s Office of the Chief Actuary, available at www.ssa.gov/oact/ProgData/icp.html (last accessed April 2013)

***CNN Money, “Middle Class & living paycheck to paycheck,” April 25, 2014.

**** As of 1/1/2016, rated A++, Superior for financial strength by AM Best.

The Many Benefits of Membership

Share this list when describing the many benefits that Knights of Columbus members and their families enjoy.

COLUMBIA MAGAZINE – Free subscription to the Order’s monthly magazine, which examines issues of concern to Knights, Catholics and families. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROSARY – Blessed by the supreme chaplain, presented during the First Degree exemplification to each new member.

DAILY MASS OF REMEMBRANCE – Mass for deceased members and their wives at St. Mary’s Parish, the birthplace of the Order.

INSURANCE – Portfolio of affordable life insurance, long-term care and annuity products available exclusively to members and their families. Our unique benefits include family fraternal benefits, member/spouse fraternal benefits and widow benefits. For the details of these benefits, reach out to your insurance agent.

SCHOLARSHIPS – Scholarship programs for higher education available to members, their spouses and children.

FAMILY, YOUTH AND RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES – Participation in a variety of programs and activities conducted by local councils.

State Soccer Challenge Winners



9 year old Girls -
Kendyl Smith - Lansing Diocese - Council #6742
 9 year old Boys -
Levi Cameron - Saginaw Diocese - Council - 2724

10 year old Girls -
Maeve Rojas - Gaylord Diocese - No Council Listed
 10 year old Boys -
Alejandro Montoya - Kalamazoo Diocese - No Council Listed

11 year old Girls -
Makaila Cantrell - Saginaw Diocese - Council # 1546
 11 year old Boys -
P.J. Drysdale - Gaylord Diocese - No Council Listed

12 year old Girls -
Ella Wardlow - Saginaw Diocese - Council # 2291
 12 year old Boys -
Chase Adams - Gaylord Diocese - No Council Listed

13 year old Girls -
Maze Gusa - Saginaw Diocese - Council # 1546
 13 year old Boys -
Francisco Medyano - Grand Rapids Diocese - Council #2198

14 year old Girls -
Josie Gusa - Saginaw Diocese - Council # 1546
 14 year old Boys -
Josh Wardlow - Saginaw Diocese - Council # 2291

Fr. Vincent L. Ouellette Council 1541



Pictured L-R- PGK Clifford Trudell, Tom Charland food bank director, Sidney Edington District Supervisor, GK Peter Longtine presenting check, Ralph Quayle PGK and Trustee Carl Hosang.

At their annual Mission Dinner Fr. Vincent L. Ouellette Council 1541 collected funds to support their local west end Marquette County food bank. In October they presented a check to the Saint Vincent de Paul food bank for \$2500.

One member per council per month

SJMH – Chelsea Celebrates 30 Years of Charity for St. Louis Center



The State Council of the Michigan Knights of Columbus presented Fr. Enzo Addari with a check for \$25,000 to St. Louis Center. (L to R) Chris Kolomjec (State Warden), William Chasse (State Treasurer), Kenneth Unterbrink (State Deputy), Fr. Enzo, Tony Vittorini (State Secretary), and Walter Winkle (State Advocate).

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Chelsea (formerly Chelsea Community Hospital) was the place to be on the evening of Saturday November 11, 2017, as the 30th Annual St. Louis Center Fall Dinner Auction was held once again in the hospital's fine dining room. Initiated in 1987 by retired Chelsea Hospital CEO Willard Johnson, the event was meant to generate community support for St. Louis Center, which cares for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. "We've come a long way during the past 30 years," said Johnson, "and I'm proud of the work we've done to support the center over the years." The hospital donates the food and the wait staff for the event so that all proceeds go directly to the charity. According to Chairwoman Kathi Neuman, "This was one of our biggest turnouts, and we had a lot of great bidders here to support our cause. We are grateful to everyone who came out to support us tonight."

Some of the more interesting live auction items included a trip for two on Azamara Cruise Lines anywhere in the world, a fishing trip to Loch Island, Canada, a Northern Michigan Golf Package, and a one week stay at the Hilton Los Cabos Beach and Golf Resort in Mexico. Fr. Enzo Addari, CEO, honored five generations of the Joseph Merkel family for their many contributions to St. Louis Center over the years by presenting a gift to Judy Merkel, former owner of the Wolverine. Finally, the State Council of the Michigan Knights of Columbus presented a check to Fr. Enzo for \$25,000 for the Legacy Campaign.

For more information about St. Louis Center, please visit the website at www.stlouiscenter.org

MEDITATION AREA RENOVATED



The Father Kosco Council 12808 at Prince of Peace Parish in West Bloomfield, Mich. renovated the church's outdoor Meditation Area over the summer months. The Knights weeded and reset the Area



paver bricks, upgraded the landscape and plantings, trimmed trees, refinished the benches, and implanted bricks engraved with names of the Council's deceased Knights. The renovated Meditation Area was the site of a recent

Remembrance Memorial for the Council's deceased Knights, attended by Knights' widows, parishioners, 4th Degree Honor Guard, and current Knights and families. The Area is truly a place for meditation and prayer in stressful times.

**Men of Faith Men of Action
Council 7237**



After the hurricane struck – we all looked for a way to help those impacted by Harvey. I received an email from Ken Farley, a brother knight from the Msgr. Esper Council 3027 of Fowler with an idea on how the knights in the area could help out. Ken is the owner of Ken’s Kar Kare in Fowler and a member of the statewide Jeep enthusiast’s group JeepEnd.

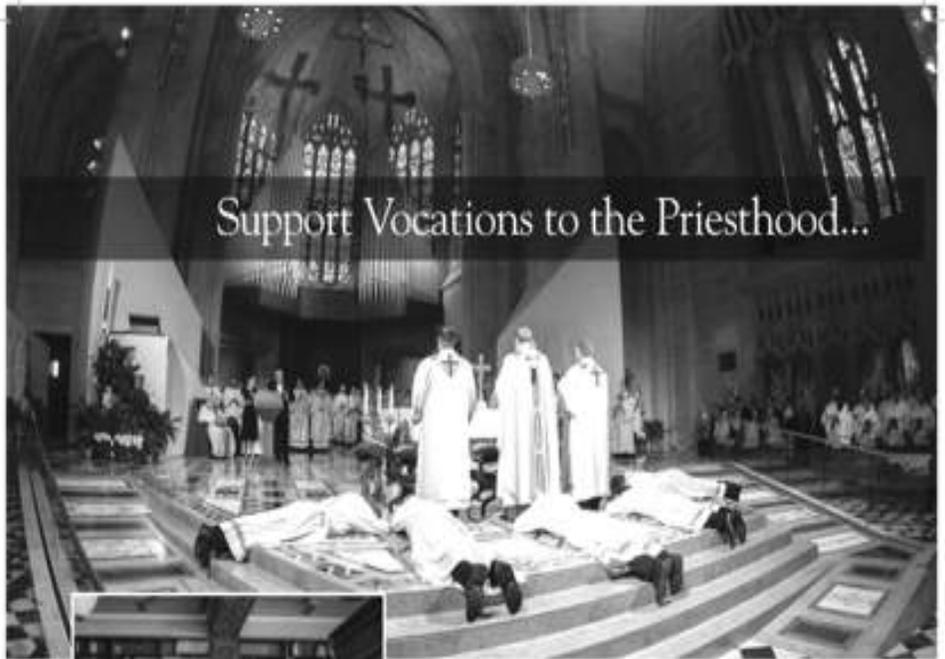
The members of JeepEnd opened their businesses as donation sites in various cities in Michigan to gather personal care items to be shipped to Texas and Ken’s Kar Kare was one of these sites. Ken worked together with Simon Brothers Trucking of Fowler who donated the use of a semi-trailer to move the items collected to Texas.

We learned about the effort about a week before the truck was scheduled to leave for Texas. The word was put out to our knights in DeWitt. Members brought items to our monthly Council meeting and Past Grand Knight Dr. Mitch Dobrzelewski agreed to collect the donations at his office following the meeting for the next several days. We filled a pickup truck with the items donated by our knights and these items were taken to Fowler. Our donations were added to the items collected in the area and transported to Texas to aid in the relief efforts.

We hear a lot about how people come together when tragedy strikes and this was certainly true in this case. I am very proud of how quickly we were able to come together as group and assist with this effort.

Charitable works is at the core of what your Parish Knights of Columbus do and this is just a part of the work we do in our DeWitt community, within our State and beyond when folks need a

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MORE POWERFUL
THAN ANY DRUG, AND
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WITH WORK, PLAY,
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COPY DEADLINE	MONTH
MARCH 1st.....	APRIL 2018
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Mid-Year Meeting

DeCarlo's Banquet Center

Collection for Charity

Sweat Shirts – 2508 – at \$30.00 each = \$75,240.00

Gift Cards - \$10,449.00

Hats & Glove Sets – 156 – at \$15.00 each = \$2,340.00

Sheet sets – 202 – at \$30.00 each = \$6,060.00

Bath Baskets – 527 – at \$15.00 each = \$7,905.00

Bath Items (Small Size) – complementary

Checks from District #37 = 4 for \$899.00

Total value = \$102,893.00

Collection was delivered to Holy Cross Services and The Four District Masters of the Patriotic Degree for veterans.

Council 13983



Many thanks to all who volunteered their time to support our MCREST guests during their visit during the last week of August as transportation experts, laundry aids, shower attendants, servers, bakers and listeners.



Darrell Pawlowski & John Jonas spicing up

A special thanks to those who provided help during the dinner we sponsored on Saturday September 2nd. Head Chef John Moore prepared his family special pasta sauce that received many compliments from the guests. Also thanks to those who assisted in the preparation and serving, John Jonas, Joe

Vogel, Darrell Pawlowski, Tim Meyer, John Benincasa, Tom Petz, Chuck & Gini Filar, John Bieda, Roger & Pat Quitter, Steve Szubielski, Ed DeBaene, Bob Ansell, Dennis Jacks, Wally Jakubowski, Ed Kettner, Tom Cupisz, Len Kasprzyk, Mark Kicinski, Joe Lentine, Enzo Paglia, Jerry Schroeder, their spouses and any others that I have unintentionally missed.

2018 Mackinac Island Charity Raffle

We are in need of your help. The raffle doesn't happen on its own.

Please consider taking a few hours out of your schedule while you are at the State Convention to help set up on Wednesday, May 23rd or Thursday May 24th, selling tickets during one of the time slots Thursday through Saturday morning (May 24th -26th) or help at the end. On page 24 is a donation sign-up sheet and a sheet to help with the raffle. Please either fill it out and return it to Karen Winkle or email her or call her to offer your assistance. Thank you for everything you do for the Knights of Columbus of Michigan. We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and healthy, happy New Year.

Ellie Unterbrink
Sue Vittorini
Marybeth Chasse
Karen Winkle
Julie Kolomjec

K OF C FILMS WIN EMMYS

Two Knights of Columbus produced documentary shorts were recognized at the 59th annual Chicago/Midwest Emmy Awards.

The red carpet event, which honors regional Emmy winners in a wide range of broadcast and craft categories, was hosted by the Chicago/Midwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. The winning films were produced for World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow and were featured at the Mercy Centre, the Knights of Columbus-sponsored international English-language catechetical and youth festival site at the Tauron Arena Kraków. The Mercy Centre held the largest World Youth Day gatherings outside of the papal events.

The Emmys were awarded in the following categories. Outstanding Achievement for Interview/Discussion Programming **The Testimony of Fr. Donald Calloway** Outstanding Achievement for Human Interest Programming Program/Special/Series/Segment **Witness of Mercy: The Story of Jennifer Trapuzzano**

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson was honored with two Emmy awards for serving as executive producer on the documentaries. The videos were produced by David Naglieri, producer and media manager for the Knights of Columbus and Chicago-based Spirit Juice Studios who were also honored with Emmys.



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2018 Ladies Charity Raffle

SIGN UP FOR SELLING TICKETS:					
NAME	ADDRESS	CITY & ZIP	CELL PHONE	E-MAIL	PREFERENCE*
SIGN UP FOR SET UP or AUCTION DAY:					
* Areas to consider helping:					
Ticket Sales Thursday	Ticket Sales Friday	Ticket Sales Saturday	Set Up Wed & Thurs	Auction Day	
9:00am - 11:00am (4)	8:30am - 11:00am (4)	8:30 - 9:30am (3)	12:00pm - 2:00pm (5)	Packing Up 8:30am (5)	
11:00am - 12:30pm (4)	11:00am - 12:30pm (1)		2:00pm - 4:00pm	Runners (6)	
12:30pm - 2:00pm (6)	12:30pm - 2:00pm (5)			Canisters (2)	
2:00pm - 3:30pm (3)	2:00pm - 4:00pm (4)				
5:00pm - 6:00pm (3)	4:30pm - 5:30pm (2)				
7:30pm - Ladies Program (3)					
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY					
Return to: Karen Winkle	Karen Winkle 2600 Ellsworth Columbus, MI 48063	E-Mail: k.winkle@mikofc.org	Cell Phone: (586) 615-2508 Fax: (586) 727-1864		

2018 Mackinac Island Raffle for Ladies Charity Raffle

DONATION SHEET

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT AND FILL OUT COMPLETELY

Donation Value \$ _____

NAME YOUR GIFT ITEM BEING DONATED:

DONATED BY: Please be sure to include those who contributed, such as Council, District, and Assembly. Also include your position.

Name and address of the person who donated the item – We would like to thank them.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail Address _____

Contact person if different than raffle gift donor:

Name _____ Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

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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



Fr. Vincent L. Ouellette Council 1541 approved funds at their October meeting to help those affected by the hurricanes thru the Diocese of Marquette. \$1,000 was presented by GK Peter Longtine and PGK Clifford Trudell to Terri Gadzinski representing the Diocese.

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Rev. Corey J. Litzner

Saginaw Diocesan Chaplain
Rev. James WM. Bessert

Manchester Council 4354



The Manchester Knights of Columbus, Fr. Edwin A. Fisher Council 4354, in conjunction with St. Mary Catholic Church Manchester, recently operated a school supplies donation program for Manchester's Klager Elementary School.

In just five weekends, St. Mary's parishioners donated many much-needed supplies to assist those young students most in need of the necessities for an elementary school education. Donated were the obvious things like pencils, paper, crayons, markers and tissues. But, some other great ideas like sanitary wipes, pencil cases, folders and backpacks were collected as well. Those items still don't tell the whole story, though, as countless other thoughtful supplies were generously given so that many less fortunate young students have access to items that others take for granted.

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Immaculata Council 8274



The Knights of Columbus Council #8274 ran another Food Drive distribution event on October 13, 2017, at St. Edward on the Lake Parish in Lakeport, MI. More than 90 people attended to receive meats, produce, box goods, baked goods and household items. In conjunction with the Partners in Hunger Relief from Flint, MI, Council #8274 purchased ~ \$800 of food, distributing 7000 pounds to help about 350 people of the Blue Water area.

Council #8274 has 100 members serving St. Edward on the Lake Parish and the surrounding communities. Visit us at www.facebook.com/KofCCouncil8274.

2018 Joint Fundraiser For Council And State Charities



Brother Knights:

Welcome to this year's Joint Council and State Charities Raffle. We have put together these top 4 prizes that we consider memorable trips.

These tickets are easy to sell at \$5.00 each for the most respected fraternal organization in the world "The Knights of Columbus". The sale of these tickets have a big impact on our charities which help people that do not have it easy.

We thank you in advance for selling or buying these tickets.

This is one PROGRAM that helps councils fund their charities.

1st Charity Prize - 8 day Western Mediterranean Cruise for 2, Overnight in Rome W/Vatican Tour (Civitavecchia) Italy, Monte Carlo (Cannes), France, Ajaccio, Corsica, Palma De Mallorca, Spain, Sardinia (Cagliari), Italy. Includes roundtrip flights, ocean view balcony room, transfers, cruise, taxes & port charges . Plus \$50 on board credit and \$5,000 cash.

2nd Unity Prize - 9 Night Canada/New England Cruise for 2, Cape Liberty, Bayonne, Boston, Massachusetts, Portland, Maine, Bar Harbor, Maine, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Saint John, New Brunswick (Bay of Fundy). Includes roundtrip flights transfers, cruise, taxes & port charges. Plus \$50 on board credit and \$3,000 cash.

3rd Fraternity Prize—7 Night Western Caribbean Cruise for 2, Ocho Rios, Jamaica, Grand Cayman, Cozumel, day at sea, Miami. Includes ocean view room, roundtrip flights transfers, cruise, taxes & port charges and \$1,000 cash.

4th Patriotic Prize - Philadelphia for 2, tour pass with 27 stops hop-on hop-off sightseeing tour. Includes roundtrip flights, 3 nights at the Marriott Hotel Downtown, and a 3 day tour pass and \$500 cash.

**5th & 6th Prize \$1,000 each 7th - 10th Prize \$500 each
11th - 20th Prize \$250 each 21st - 30th Prize \$150 each**

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“Trips are transferable to another trip or person.”**

**Grand prize Drawing held at DeCarlo's Banquet Center
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Grand Prize Drawing on April 14, 2018, 2:30pm**

Kenneth B. Unterbrink—State Deputy

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Western Mediterranean Cruise**



ROME W/VATICAN TOUR

**2nd Unity Prize
Canada/New England Cruise**



**3rd Fraternity Prize
Western Caribbean Cruise**



**4th Patriot Prize
Philadelphia For 2**



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