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My Brother Knights & Families,
Vivat Jesus.

Happy New Year to you all. The members of the Michigan State Board and their wives hope that you and your families had a very blessed Christmas and holiday season.

Whenever I go to Supreme Council meetings, I am constantly questioned by other jurisdictions about how we, in Michigan, cultivate such good relations with our Bishops and garner their support. I am always amazed and reminded how lucky we are in Michigan to have Bishops so loyal to the Order. I can say to others around the world that Michigan has loyal Bishops because we in Michigan are loyal to them first. It is with great pride that I can say we never say no to our Bishops! They are truly our spiritual fathers around the state and we are there for them as much as they are there for us. St. John Paul II would often say that we Knights are “the right hand of the Church.” To be so, we must recognize our Bishops as our Chief Shepherds and by committing loyalty to them we are committing loyalty to the Church. As a consequence of free will, we all fall short at times, and so may our Bishops, but through Apostolic Succession, they are the face of our local Churches and we must always be loyal. It is in this uncompromising loyalty that we truly become Knights and more importantly, the true “right hand of the Church”.

It is with great pride that I announce that the Bishops in all Dioceses of Michigan plan on attending our Leadership Meetings around the state in January. We will get the opportunity to hear from each Bishop directly regarding his wishes in his diocese and more importantly, we can show each Bishop, in a personal way, our love and devotion to him and his leadership. It is a unique opportunity for personal interaction between a Bishop and HIS Knights from his own diocese. Invite as many officers from the councils to attend this rare opportunity.

Another way to support our bishops and priests is to help the Sacred Heart Major Seminary. As I said, the Knights of Columbus stand in solidarity with our priests and religious. We need to keep our faith alive by supporting our seminarians and postulants. As the strong right arm of the Catholic Church, we, as Knights, are committed to providing moral, financial and spiritual support to our future priests and religious at all stages of their formation. However, the cost of an education can be quite high and our seminarians and postulants need our help. Through the RSVP program, our councils and parish families are able to support seminarians and postulants in their area. Participating in the program also counts as two credits toward the Knight’s Columbian Award. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the council or assembly \$100. The maximum refund a council or assembly can receive is \$400 per individual supported. Though financial support is vitally important, it is not the only aspect of the RSVP. Councils are also called to provide their “adopted” seminarian or postulant with moral support and prayers for their success.

SHMS, under the direction of Rector/President Very Rev. Stephen Burr, is currently preparing 104 candidates for the priesthood for not only the Archdiocese of Detroit but for other dioceses in Michigan and the nation. We have partnered with Fr. Burr, Archbishop Vigneron, and all the bishops of Michigan to help support the education costs of seminarians that will become priests and serve the State of Michigan. Our mission as Knights could not be better served than to help relieve the financial burden of our future priests and sisters. Please continue your generosity in the upcoming year.

As always, membership recruitment is essential for the survival of the order. Each day we lose approximate 6 brother knights to death. Additionally, we lose others to many factors, often, beyond our control. I do not expect our Knights to recruit simply for sake of “meeting goals,” or “checking the box.” We truly need to understand the importance of inviting other men to join our order. We must show how we help the Church in her mission. We must live lives of charity and fraternity to prove we are truly the “right hand of the Church.” We can’t turn our sharing of the faith into a sales pitch. We must believe it. We must live it. Our culture and society have grown more and more hostile to the Christian message. But we as devout Catholics are prepared to stand firm because Christ himself warned us of such opposition, “blessed are you when they hate you and persecute you all because of me,” but also remember He was equal in His assurance to “be not afraid.”

I do not, however, recall Christ ever commanding us to “stay where you are,” or “maintain the status quo,” or “keep to yourselves.” No! Christ commanded us to “Go forth,” and to “make disciples of all nations,” and “proclaim the gospel.” We have no better way, as Knights, to follow Christ’s COMMANDS (not suggestions)

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From The State Chaplain Fr. Aidan Logan



Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. Luke 18:1
Daily prayer is an essential part of the life of every Catholic Christian. Prayer is the lifting of the mind and heart to God to adore Him, to thank Him, to repent of our sins and to ask for his help and protection. With the exception of the Our Father, neither our Lord nor the Church have laid down any specific prayers that we must say. We may always approach God in our own words. We are all creatures of habit and a full and happy human life demands the formation of good habits. This is equally true of the life of faith. To “pray always and not loose heart” requires that we form and continually strengthen the habit of daily prayer. Our prayers do not have to be long but they must be regular and daily. Better, for example, to recite the Angelus (See link below.) three times a day, every day, with attention and devotion, than to attempt a daily Rosary but only manage to get it in a couple of times a week. Prayer is not about quantity but about regularity and attention.

As with an athlete’s daily routine, experience shows that once we have formed a habit of prayer it becomes the structure around which we build our day. Those who form the habit of simple and daily prayer soon find that they naturally wish to pray more. That may mean that we simply speak with God in our own words or spend time in silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Perhaps that elusive daily Rosary now seems possible. Each of us will respond differently according to our temperament and life situation, but the result is the same, to *pray always and not loose heart*.

As Knights of Columbus we are pledged to live as Practical Catholics, our daily lives, our families and our work informed and guided by our Catholic Faith. This means that we know our faith and nurture it by a life of prayer. To support us in this the Supreme Council has published the 2023 edition of *Vivat Jesus*. Intended to assist Knights in their prayer lives throughout the calendar year, this pocket-sized book includes daily devotional prayers, monthly calendars, and suggested personal prayer plans. Each copy contains the Supreme Knight’s message for members, *What it means to be a Knight*, and the Supreme Chaplain’s monthly challenge. vivatjesus@kofc.org

Additional aids to prayer are available on line, many with corresponding apps.

The Angelus can be found at: <https://theangelusprayer.com/angelus-prayer/>

The Rosary On Line: <https://www.therosary.online>

My Catholic Life has a wide selection of traditional prayers: <https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/>

In these times when Catholics are challenged in their Faith more than ever and many have abandoned the Church it is more than ever our duty as Knights to be men of prayer. This is our greatest weapon in spiritual warfare of our day. *Pray always and not to lose heart*.

Christopher A Kolomjec State Deputy

than to invite every Catholic man we meet to be a brother Knight of Columbus. We have no better way to support our bishops and our priests. We have no better way to serve the Church. If we are truly the “right hand of the Church,” as named by St. John Paul II, how can we not strive to build our numbers up? How can we not share the gift of Knighthood? We will be judged by our fruit, as holy scripture states. Ask yourself, honestly, how many members have I recruited this year? I’m sure we can all do more, but have we really done anything? I am personally asking each Knight in Michigan to recruit at least one new member before Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023. I hope each of the ladies in Michigan do the same, often they do the best recruiting! Often it only takes a simple invitation. But always be prepared to explain why they should join. Always be sincere and speak from your heart about why you are a Knight and the Holy Spirit will do the rest!

Finally, I want to thank you all for your support and prayers so far this year. Julie and I are always honored to meet Knights and their families during our travels around Michigan so please don’t hesitate to come up and say hello. Again, it’s an honor to serve as your state deputy and God Bless you all for all you do for the Order and the Church. Vivat Jesus!

Christopher A. Kolomjec

State Deputy

New Ceiling Installed



Knights from **Au-Lac Council 10724 in Anchorville, Mich.**, stand together in the multipurpose room of Immaculate Conception Parish and School after renovating its ceiling. Council members removed the existing drop ceiling and overhead lights and installed a new ceiling with high-efficiency LED lights.

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From The State Treasurer Charles E. McCuen, III



My Brother Knights and Ladies,
As I write this letter, I hope it finds you well and in good spirits with plenty of excitement for the upcoming holiday season. This year so far has flown by for us, it's hard to believe we are in Advent already with Christmas and the New Year closely following with promises of a new beginning for our future. I know our family is looking forward to what is to come, I closed my shop and took a job at a local custom shop repairing classic cars and hot rods, how cool is that. Our son Charles had his 30th birthday in November, Kayla hits the magic "21" and her sister Jessica turns 42 in December. Our daughter Patricia turned 37 in October and is planning her wedding for September. So, we have lots of exciting family future milestones happening.

Our KofC family is also super busy, it seems we are on fire with our membership intake, men and their families are looking, looking for something more, something they and their families can be a part of, looking for something they can be proud of. I know this to be true, my new place of employment has three of us who belong to the Order and two employees asking about information on what and who we are, I know I'll have them becoming Brothers before the year is up! I even had a young man from our favorite restaurant come up and ask for information on how to join just by spotting the emblem on my jacket, so you never know when the opportunity will present itself. You must be prepared. As you know as the Treasurer its my job to deposit the checks and reconcile the accounts. I must say that you have been doing an awesome job in writing those checks, I hardly need to decipher the amounts on them which makes running them thru the electronic check depositor effortless! When your depositing 50 or so checks at a time this is a time saver, so please keep up the great job. Well, the evening is drawing to a close so let me finish up with some heartfelt thanks, first to my family for giving me the time I need to do what I love to do for the Michigan Jurisdiction, my committee the "We are One" crew who without your help and friendship Pam and myself would be lost, and you my Brothers who saw fit to allow me to continue on my journey as a State Officer, Oh and I cannot forget my lovely wife Pam, my soul mate, who stands behind me no matter what craziness I cook up! Love ya babe.

On behalf of myself, Pam, and our family we wish you a happy holiday season and a bright future in the upcoming year.

God Bless

Charlie

Knights Donate Boots to Local Elementary School



Knights of Columbus Council 7561 is sharing some warmth with local children this year. On Monday, December 5, Knights Frank Candela and Bob Guzowski delivered donations of 25 pairs of boots Ami Beebe at Larson Elementary. They also donated 25 pairs of boots to Farwell elementary School.

From The State Membership Director James Escott

Happy New Year to all of you and your families.

Looking at the past 6 months, I want to thank you all for your efforts inviting new men to join our Order. We've made very good progress and are on track to reach Circle of Honor (if we keep up this pace).

Looking forward, we have lots of opportunities we need to capitalize on.

January, February and March are typically great months for recruiting. It's wintertime so there is not much else to do. Please take this opportunity to reach out and ask men to join our Order. It's easier to get them to join and to get them to an exemplification during these winter months. Winter will be over soon so... Carpe Diem!!! Seize the Day!!!

April, May and June is a great time to get high school seniors to join before they head off for college. Get them to join. At least as an e-member. If possible, bring them into your councils as well. We can find councils near their college for them to visit and participate while they are off at school. This is really a critical time in their lives. Unfortunately, all too often, once they move away from home, they also stop going to church and practicing their faith. The Knights can be that link to the Church to keep them on the right track.

In conclusion, you are all in my prayers. Thanks for all the great work done so far. Thanks for helping your parishes and making a significant contribution to your communities. I'm hear to help as needed. Just let me know.

2022-2023 State Raffle

Brother Knights, you should have received your packet of tickets for this year's Michigan State Council charity raffle. We're off to an impressive start, as knights and friends of the order have been sending in their purchased and sold tickets. This year we've added an incentive to get your sold tickets in as soon as possible. You've likely noticed an early bird ticket included in your packet that can be sent in with your 12 SOLD tickets. By getting your tickets in early, your early bird entry will be placed in up to 4 monthly drawings held in December through March. That's four chances to win \$250 just for getting your tickets in! So don't let the tickets sit forgotten in a drawer, get them in!

As in previous years, 20% (\$1 per ticket) comes back to your council. So not only will your ticket sales allow the Michigan State Council to support great charities and Catholic endeavors, your home council can earn a lot of money for the causes that you support. Add to that the chances to win early bird drawings, incentives for top council sales and individual sellers, there's a lot of reasons to get these tickets purchased and returned!

You can request extra tickets if needed, the more you sell the more your council earns. Additionally, why not reach out to brother knights that are not going to purchase and offer to sell their tickets at your events? While our annual raffle has done phenomenally well over the years, a large number of tickets that are printed and mailed go unsold. This leaves a lot of potential revenue untapped. The councils that perform the best have a knight or group of knights that take the lead on efforts to sell. Like any program, having a plan and a committed leader(s) makes all the difference. We are approximately four months out from the drawing, so that gives you a lot of time to sell and earn.

The prizes are great and the incentives are huge, so help make this year's raffle a giant success!

Kevin Rowley, State Raffle Director

Mike Haughey, State Raffle Director

Programs = New Members

**From The State Program Director
Paul Palka**

As we turn to the second half of our fraternal year, we have much to look forward to at the council and state levels. We are proving ourselves at the membership level with finishing the 2nd quarter strong, and number of our councils achieving their 50% or more of membership growth by year-end. We have participated in many programs already, including our usual council picnics, MI drives, and memorial services for our fallen brothers. We have also looked further and have hosted expositions of sacred relics, our fight against Proposal 3, and serving meals for the Special Olympics Unified Soccer World Games in Detroit. We have a lot to be proud of in Michigan! Let's discuss what we can do in our four Faith in Action Categories in the 3rd quarter of the year!

Faith: We have our Lenten devotions including programs like *Into the Breach*, Holy Hour and the RSVP program. *Into the Breach* by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted outlines the challenges faced by men of faith in the world today. Using either Bishop Olmsted's inspirational letter or the Knights of Columbus video series it inspired, councils will prayerfully examine the crisis of religious faith in our world. The Holy Hour program encourages deep personal encounters with Christ through Eucharistic adoration in the form of holy hours and Eucharistic processions. As Catholics, we believe in the Real Presence: that Jesus Christ is truly present – body, blood, soul, and divinity – in the Eucharist. Councils who participate in the RSVP program are committed to providing moral, financial and spiritual support to our future priests and religious at all stages of their formation. Through this program, council and parish families raise funds to support seminarians in their area. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the council or assembly \$100. The maximum refund a council or assembly can receive is \$400 per individual supported. These are all great faith-based programs!

Family: The programs I would like us to concentrate on are Family of the Month, Family Prayer Night, and Food for Families. For Family of the Month, the council committee selects one parish family that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day. Once a year, each participating council also selects one of the previous twelve Family of the Month winners to represent the council/parish as the potential international Family of the Year. Family Prayer Night is an opportunity for children to be exposed to regular people living their faith in a casual setting. Families of council members, as well as other Catholic families within the parish and community, gather for prayer, dinner, and fellowship. In the Food for Families program, council and parish families raise funds to support their local food pantries, food banks and soup kitchens. For every \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food donated, the Supreme Council will refund \$100 back to the council – up to a maximum of \$500 per council per fraternal year. What better way to celebrate the Lenten Season of sacrifice than to help those who cannot help themselves?

Community: We love to serve the community through several beloved programs including the Free Throw Championship, the Global Wheelchair Mission, and Habitat for Humanity. There is still time to do the Free Throw Championship; this is for boys and girls ages 9-14 and provides an athletic outlet and encourages the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Kids compete within their own gender and age groups and progress from local level to district, regional and state/province competition. The Global Wheelchair Mission wheelchairs help provide aid to those who lack the freedom of mobility in our communities. The Global Wheelchair Mission is a perfect opportunity to put your Faith in Action and involve the entire community through rewarding charitable work done by councils. Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit Christian organization, builds homes for families in need at substantially reduced costs. Each year, councils throughout the Order donate a considerable number of volunteer hours and dollars to this worthy cause. What better way to give back than helping someone become a homeowner?

Life: We all believe life is an essential part of the Catholic faith. The programs I want to concentrate on are the March for Life, Christian Refugee Relief, and the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) Program. The March for Life encourages others to choose life through public support of the pro-life cause. Knights can organize and participate in local/state/province/regional marches for life or rallies and/or organize participation of Knights/parishioners/students/etc., in bus trips to the national March for Life in

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Ladies Corner

Dear Ladies,

Thank you to all the ladies who attended the Winter Leadership Meeting held at the Amway Grand Hotel on December 9th-10th. We had an abundance of ladies in attendance and it was great to see such a large in attendance. We had a delightful ladies program on Friday evening and then on Saturday morning met again to put together 105 toiletry travel bags for the Seminarians at Sacred Heart Major Seminary for Christmas.

As you read this, the holidays are already past. It seems like before we know it they are here and gone. I hope you all had a very blessed Christmas with your families and friends.

Many of you have heard our State Deputy emphasize the Knights commitment to Vocations. Several of the State Board members and their wives visited the Mother House of the Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor several weeks ago. The Sisters were presented with a check from the proceeds of our Summer Leadership meeting basket raffle. Our visit was scheduled intentionally on a Sunday when the majority of the Sisters were "in house". During our visit we had the opportunity to spend time with a number of the Sisters, tour their beautiful community and attend Vespers, followed by a rosary. It was one of the most spiritual, prayerful moments I can remember and an afternoon many of us will remember forever.

Their story began in 1997 with four Sisters in Ann Arbor. Now, 25 years later, their community has grown to over 150 Sisters with an average age of 35 and average age of women entering is 21! The Sisters come from 35 states and several Canadian provinces.

On August 22nd, the feast of the Queenship of Mary, six young women entered their community, offering their "yes" to God's call to religious life. This past summer, five Sisters professed Temporary Vows and six Sisters made their Perpetual Vows – "for all my life...". Their community is now over 150 strong with more than 100 perpetually professed Sisters.

In preparation for work in the classroom and throughout the apostolate, more than 50 of their Sisters are engaged in college studies, earning teaching credentials and pursuing God's truth.

As Dominicans, their apostolate is preaching and teaching, with prayer and contemplation at the very center of all they do. They start each day with Mass and a renewal of their Marian consecration. Over 90 of the Sisters serve as teachers and administrators in 14 elementary, 13 high schools and 2 universities across the country. What we didn't realize was that they also serve as librarians at the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

They cannot accomplish the work to which they are called alone. Through prayer and support we, the men and ladies of the Knights of Columbus of Michigan, want to become an integral part of their mission. The Sisters told us we are in their prayers; we need to pray for them also as they fulfill their mission.

Mother Teresa, as many of you are aware, is one of the most famous saints to emerge from the 20th century for her work helping the poor in India. In November, while Chris and I were at a meeting with other State Deputies and their wives, I had the opportunity to attend a Ladies Program hosted by the Supreme Knight's wife. We had the opportunity to see and meet the director, David Naglieri, of a documentary "Mother Teresa: No Greater Love" – produced by the Knights of Columbus. The documentary is part of Fathom Events' Saint Series, a collection of films that examines the lives of Catholic Saints and its aim is to help a new generation of people understand and know the about the saint's life and how her order, the Missionaries of Charity that she founded in 1950, continues to help

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Your Take 10 for Charity Gift is So Important

Dear Brothers and Ladies,

Joyce and I hope that you had a Merry Christmas with friends and family. May we have the Peace of Christmas this day and every day of the coming year.

As we begin the new calendar year, you and I and members of the Knights of Columbus throughout Michigan are receiving our annual dues notice from their council's Financial Secretary. Included with your dues notice is a yellow slip of paper. This slip includes a short description of the Take 10 for Charity program and a partial list of the worthy charitable works that the Take 10 for Charity program helps the State Council support. In the Spirit of Charity, the first principle of our order, I am asking you to help the Take 10 for Charity Program so it can continue to grow as a State Council resource for those in need.

Below is a sample of the yellow slip that you should have received in your dues. If the yellow slip is missing this will give you the information on the program and some of the charitable donations that the program helps and how to contribute.

Since the program's inception in 1977, this program has grown as a main resource of charitable funds for the State Council. The State Council receives many requests all year long, and many of these requests are for an amount that a single local council could not possibly meet. To help we ask each Brother Knight for a \$10 contribution submitted with their dues payment. In turn your Financial Secretary will collect the members' individual donations and submit them to Barry Borsenik, our State Secretary. In Unity, with over 57,000 Brother Knights in Michigan, this would give the State Council approximately \$570,000 in charitable funds to distribute. For the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year, due to your generous support, the Take 10 for Charity Program generated over \$150,000.00. The State Officers and I cannot thank you enough.

To meet the ongoing demands in charitable needs, we are again asking you to look at your dues notice, pay your dues, and add that donation to Take 10 for Charity. Your \$10 may seem relatively small, but just like a single drop of rain seems relatively small in a thunderstorm, that \$10, with 57,000 similar donations, will help us help those in need.

To recap:

- Included with your dues notice is a yellow slip detailing the Take 10 for Charity program
- Please add \$10.00 to your dues amount, or make a separate \$10.00 donation, and mail to your Financial Secretary. Please note on your check that the \$10.00 is for the Take 10 for Charity program
- If you did not receive a yellow slip a copy is above for your information. You may contact your Financial Secretary for an original yellow slip as well.

Thank you in advance for your prayers and for your contribution. Together let's make our \$10 donation a part of the thunderstorm that creates a new record of giving for this year.

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

MICHIGAN STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Dear Brother Knight:

In the spirit of charity, the first principle of our order, we ask you to help the Take "10" for Charity Program of the Michigan Charities Fund so it can continue to grow as a State Council resource for those in need.

Since its inception in 1977 the Take "15" Plus Program, now the Take "10" for Charity Program of the Michigan Charities Fund has been able to help many charities. The following are just some of them.

Vocations: All Diocese	Prep Bowl
Bishop Saraga Association	Protect Life of Michigan
Catholic Education	RTL Local Agencies
Catholic High School League	Right to Life Michigan Education Fund
Catholic Publications	Shared Pregnancy Crisis Center
Catholic Radio	Special Days Cancer Camp
Center for Women	St. Anne's Mackinac Island
Family Donation / All Dioceses	St. Francis Cabrini Clinic
Guest House	St. Francis Retreat Center
Livingston County Ultra Sound Initiative	St. Vincent Home - Lansing
Diocesan Men's Conferences	Solarus Casey Center
Most Holy Trinity Parish	UP Catholic (Newspaper)

Brother Knights, a \$10 contribution by each of the approximately 66,500 Michigan Knights would give the Michigan Charities fund \$665,000 to distribute. Just think of the good that we could do if each member gave his fair share.

We need your support. Please include \$10 or more with your dues payment or send a separate check payable to your local council. (Write Take "10" for Charity Program on your check's memo line.) Your Financial Secretary will send the total Take "10" for Charity Program Contributions to the State Secretary.

Working together as a team of 66,500 we can be a tremendous source of support for those who truly need us. Please do what you can.

We thank you in advance for your Help to others. Vivat Jesus!

TAKE "10" FOR CHARITY PROGRAM
MICHIGAN CHARITIES FUND COMMITTEE

Programs = New Members

Ladies Corner

those in need. If you have an opportunity to see it, please do.

The ladies of the Board want to thank all the ladies for supporting the men in their involvement with the Knights. We hope that you, too, will be involved. Before we know it, the State Convention will be upon us. If you are attending the State Convention on Mackinac Island, we ask that you sign up to help with the raffle.

We would like to wish you all a healthy and happy 2023 and we look forward to seeing you in the near future.

God Bless,

Julie, Mandy, Pam, Christy, Kara and Karen

Home Repair For Disabled Person



Members of our Council repaired the floor and walls in a disabled person's home in our community. Insulation was also installed on the water piping to prevent it from freezing again. The interior walls were repainted and the trim was replaced. The work

occurred over 5 days with 208 total man hours.

**From The State Program Director
Paul Palka**

Washington, D.C. The Christian Refugee Relief program is for Christians that are at risk in areas all around the globe. The Knights of Columbus responded with the Persecuted Christians Fund, which has provided humanitarian assistance, primarily in Iraq, Syria, and the surrounding region. Councils aid this cause by collaborating with their parishes to spread awareness and raise funds to help these Christians and those in their care. In particular, councils are encouraged to utilize Solidarity Crosses as a fundraiser and prayer campaign in their parishes. The ASAP program describes the Knights of Columbus' efforts to support pregnant women, mothers, and their new children by serving pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes. These pro-life non-profits are lifelines to women and babies in need and offer essential services that make the difference between a baby being aborted and a baby being born in a supportive environment. Through the ASAP initiative, councils can now contribute even more support. For every \$500 a council donates to a qualifying pregnancy resource center or maternity home (up to \$2,000), the Supreme Council will donate \$100 more.

If your council participates in all these programs, I am in awe of you and want to visit your meeting at least once. If you do even half of these programs, I am very impressed, and give you kudos! If you do not do these programs, consider them in the second half of the year. Be inspired and ask for help from your district deputy, diocesan program director or SDRR. Remember: each of these programs lend themselves to a recruitment opportunity to bring even more men in to help with our charitable works!

Paul Palka
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State Family Director

My Brother Knights and Families, I hope you all had a Blessed Christmas Season. With the many obligations we have at this time of the year we may have overlooked an incredibly special program. The Consecration to the Holy Family Program is designed to ask for the intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, the perfect mother Mary, and Joseph who is the model for every father. This program is usually done on the Feast of the Holy Family, but it can be done at any time. This is a program that could easily be done in conjunction with a membership drive. Please take the time to do this wonderful program if you have not already done so.

I am sure a few of you reading this article went out on that brisk November 15th morning in search of the elusive whitetail deer. Did you take the time to take a youth out with you? A son, a daughter, a grandchild these are just a couple of examples that would qualify you to take credit for the Youth Sportsman Program. Take the time to get a youth involved in Michigan's great outdoors. There is also an opportunity to get out ice fishing on a free fishing weekend, which is on February 18th and 19th, 2023. This brings to the forefront the importance of taking the Youth Protection classes that help ensure the safety of all our children it is a great idea if all members complete these courses!

I would like to remind you of the Family of the Month Program I have mentioned this program on numerous occasions and still unfortunately we have a small number of Councils participating. It is such a fantastic way to acknowledge the hard work of both members and nonmembers alike. This program gives us the ability to help bring in new membership and recognize current members in a distinct way. Please take the time and make the effort to participate in this worthwhile program.

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Sacred Heart Major Seminary



Michigan Knights of Columbus
SHMS Endowed Scholarship Fund
Please -- \$6.00 a year per member or more

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2. Priest who help Christ to be known and loved.
3. Priest who are leaders.
4. Priest who are true shepherds of souls.
5. Priest who proclaim, teach and defend the Faith effectively.

Write the check to: Michigan K of C Charities, Inc.
Memo line: SHMS Endowed Scholarship Fund

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OUR TRAVELING EXEMPLIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSIFUL
by
Gene Murawski, State Ceremonial Director

We will have done at least 10 traveling team exemplifications by the end of the December. These exemplifications have been very impressive and well appreciated by the new 3rd degree knights, members and guests who were present. Most of these exemplifications were done after a Mass and followed by a dinner. I have attached pictures of some these great exemplifications.

Now that I have certified 4 teams and working on a few more, these guys are hungry to do more of these exemplifications. I know that many councils have their own great exemplification teams, but we also have councils that do not have any staffs. Why not ask for one of our Traveling Exemplification Staff to have a live exemplification rather than using the video? We all know that the first impression for a new member is so important.

If you know of any individual or a staff that wants to become part of one of these Traveling Teams, give me a call at 517-256-7289. It is a lot of fun and you get the satisfaction of teaching the lessons on what the Knights of Columbus stand for.

The Memorable Coins have been well excepted by the new members. If the exemplification is done by the traveling staff, the new members will get the Memorable Coin free, but if you do your own exemplifications and want to give out the coin, you can. You can get the Memorable Coins from only me at \$7.00 each. Just me a check made out the "Michigan State Council K of C" and send me the address to send the coins to.

I hope that we have many more of these great exemplifications in the final six months. Just send me the request and we will get the job done with pleasure.



**"We consider Christmas as the encounter, the great encounter, the historical encounter, the decisive encounter, between God and mankind. He who has faith knows this truly; let him rejoice."
Pope Paul VI**

Faith & Family First for Life!

Your prayers, hard work, and donations during an unprecedented challenge to defeat the most extreme proposal against life in Michigan were noble and admirable. The letter from State Deputy Christopher Kolomjec sent during the campaign had the subject heading "Leading Through Conviction and Leadership". I think we should all stand with our heads held high, knowing that is exactly what we did. We did lead through conviction and leadership in support of our bishops and priests, the Michigan Catholic Conference, RTL Michigan, and the coalition under Citizens to Support MI Women and Children.

Although the proposal regrettably passed, our job and commitment to defending Life must continue with the fervor and passion we are known for. In looking ahead to the second half of this fraternal year, please include one or all the following Pro-Life initiatives:

- **March for Life – continue to be out front** as a strong participant and supporter in a Right to Life March near you.



- **ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) – Michigan is #1 in the Order for approved submissions!** For every \$500 a council or assembly donates to a pregnancy resource center or maternity home, Supreme will donate another \$100.



- **Moving Toward 100 Ultrasounds in MI – a total of 81 Ultrasounds are dedicated with twelve more on the way!** Get on board and take part in helping to place an Ultrasound unit to reach our 100th in Michigan.
- **Created in The Image of God baby blanket – we've reached over 1,200 blankets with your support!** Purchase these unique baby blankets for only \$10 each for baptisms, support of a local pregnancy resource center and/or local hospital, or gift for family and friends.

Lynn and I look forward to working with each of you alongside councils, assemblies, and members' families to continue our efforts through these events and all other pro-life initiatives we can offer. Remember, lead through conviction and leadership.

Faith & Family First for Life!
Ed & Lynn Strach
Pro-Life Chair Couple

"For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child himself."

Charles Dickens

COMMUNITY UPDATE

2022 is behind us and the new year is wide open with opportunities to serve our communities. The last quarter has been a very busy time of the year with many important events.

The first event was the State Soccer Challenge Finals that was held on Saturday, October 8, 2022 in Grand Rapids. Competitors from all over the State competed for the championship for their divisions. Special thanks to the Grand Rapids knights who helped setup and coordinate this event. A great time was had by Knights, competitors, and parents.

The Coats for Kids program got off to a rough start. Due to funding issues, the ordering process for the coats was delayed by several weeks. This caused great concern and hardship for most areas. This year, the State was unable to supplement funding for the coats. This was due to higher priorities within the State budget. Councils had to raise money for coats for their own areas in order to participate in the 2 for 1 matching program from Supreme. I am very happy to say that the councils from around the State stepped up and raised over \$50,000 for the program. This equates to almost 5,000 children receiving a new coat from the Knights of Columbus. On behalf of all the children receiving coats a BIG THANK YOU! to all who were able to participate in the program. We have already started on revamping the process for next year to ensure a much smoother process.

The Essay Contest should be done by now and the Diocesan winners submitted to the State Community Director, John Hundiak (j.hundiak@mikofc.org). The submissions will be judged between January 7, 2023 and January 15, 2023. The winners and councils will be notified by January 21, 2023. Winning Essays will be published in the Columbian and sent on to Supreme.

Our State Spelling Bee Championship will be held on March 11, 2023. All of the information is available on the State website. The wordlist will be the same one that was used last year. Work with your local schools (Catholic and non-Catholic) to implement this program. Rules and regulations are on the State website (www.mikofc.org) under Community Resources.

The State Free Throw Championship will be held on March 18, 2023. Councils should have already ordered their Free Throw Championship Kit and scheduled the council competition. Remember there will also be District and Diocesan level competitions that must occur before the State Championship. All young people ages 9 to 12 are eligible to compete. This competition started 50 years ago and has been an excellent way to get the young students and their parents introduced to what the Knights do!

We have already distributed 34 cases of Casey Bears to the councils. This wonderful program connects families to the Knights by sharing a little something that helps them feel good.

Please consider doing a Community Program Book for the State Competition this year. You can get more information and help from any of the State Directors. Your council does fantastic work and here's your chance to let the world know.

On behalf of my wife, Elizabeth, and I we wish you Blessed and prosperous New Year.

John Hundiak
State Community Director

May you feel God's presence in the candles that softly spread their glow at Christmas and may you experience the wonder of His abiding love, as He guides you, through each day of the coming year. May God's Blessings be with you, this Christmas season!

Gary Kolbicz
Editor Michigan Columbian

“Charity of Person”

December 19, 2022, marked the 180th anniversary of St. Guanella’s birthday. This date carries a very deep meaning for the St. Louis Center family. It marks the beginning of the life and history of St. Guanella on Earth, of his call to do works of mercy through the institutions and schools he envisioned and built later in life in favor of those who were neglected, abandoned, and outcast. It was the birthday of the same St. Guanella who felt his call couldn’t stop with his death. For this, he founded two orders: The Daughters of St. Mary of Providence and the Servants of Charity.

The Sisters, Daughters of St. Mary of Providence, came to this country in 1913 sent by Fr. Guanella himself after his visit to the US a few months earlier. The Priests and brothers, Servants of Charity, came in 1958. Since the death of St. Guanella on October 24, 1915, these two orders have continued the work of mercy entrusted to St. Guanella and spread it to the four corners of the world.



Both Orders, through their activities, carry out the spirit and charism of St. Guanella which is the work of God who heals our brokenness and fills us with the joy of His fatherly love. St. Louis Center came out as part of the vision St. Guanella had of revealing through the work of charity, the merciful love of God for everybody, especially those in need. St. Guanella used to call this work of mercy, “Charity of Person.” This concept reveals the

love, commitment, and involvement of the people belonging to the St. Louis Center family.

On May 31, 1896, after the Thanksgiving Mass of Fr. Silvio Vannoni and Fr. Joseph Roncoroni, a banquet was held during which St. Guanella addressed all the people present: guests, religious, and residents of the House of Divine Providence in Como, Italy. On this occasion, he explained the meaning of “Charity of Person:”

“Your joy is my joy, with the newly ordained priests, there has come for us, the possibility to do good and to accomplish with more competence, the duties we have taken upon ourselves.

“Children of Charity, you have a duty to be constantly charitable. I am not talking about the charity of purse, this belongs to the wealthy, I am talking about the charity of person, you can practice this, for all of us can do something for others.

“The charity of person consists in willingly and lovingly taking care of the needs of others. It is a charity acceptable to the Lord because in exercising

it, we are required to sacrifice a part of our freedom, our wants and comforts for the love of our suffering neighbors. Is there anyone here who is not our suffering neighbor? ... How many benefits are yours to obtain with charity of person!

“There are people who often want what is detrimental to them at any cost: you have to take care of them in those moments of temper tantrums with the most possible kindness, you must answer all their threats with caresses, you must drive them away from these dangers in a sweet manner, you must stay with them till they regain self-control.

“There are sick people who, in certain hours of the day, are overcome by depression, and lament about their past life and they need to be distracted. They must not be left alone, they must not feel that they are far away from their relatives, their friends, their children ...

“There are crippled who need to find someone who understands them. Here I speak in a particular way to you young people whom God has given a healthy mind and body. You too have your cross; I don’t deny it; but at least you don’t need help getting out of bed! You are able to work, you can run, jump, and move as you like. But how many of your companions of misfortune are not able to! Those poor crippled are always there, sitting on their benches, following your movements with teary eyes. Oh what they would do if only, leaving their crutches they could at least once, stretch their limbs and play with you! ... Oh young people, the charity of person urges you to find games in which they too can take part; you have the duty of talking to them frequently, of not leaving them alone for a long time, they are with us and with you. They too must live life rejoicing at your cheerfulness and thus lessening their feelings of misfortune your cheerfulness and thus lessening their feelings of misfortune.

“I warmly recommend, and I exhort you – all of you – big and small, young and old to practice the Charity of Person. To embrace it fully and reverently, to live it ... everywhere and always, with good words, wise advice, gentle manners, with patience, self-denial and gracefulness ... Then we will create one true family, bound by the sacred and holy ties of Christian charity truly lived. Your Superiors will then be able, though they be few in number compared to a great need, to attend with peace and profit to the consolidation of the institution for your benefit and for the greater glory of God.”

These words reveal all his deep feelings of how he loved and cherished his neighbors, especially those who were with him constantly.

Fr. Enzo Addarie, SdC

State Family Director

The month of January usually means wintry weather and snow. Growing up in Michigan I have so many memories of skiing, sledding, snowmobiling, ice fishing, drinking hot chocolate next to a warm fire. These are all memories of family and friends getting together and having fun. I hope we are taking the time to make these memories with our children and grandchildren instead of sitting around watching everyone on their phone in their own little world. Time passes and we cannot bring back the good old days but that does not mean we cannot pass those days on in the present. Change the future by being in the present!

Your Brother in Christ
Garret A. Kelenske
State Family Director

Escanaba Council #640



Escanaba Council #640 brother knights prepare their KC Float for their hometown Christmas parade.



From Our President & CEO

Every new year offers us the opportunity for new beginnings – to make the resolution to be a better version of ourselves. For 75 years, Holy Cross has supported our neighbors to strive toward a better life, to help each of us become the best “us” we can be. The truth is, while some of our personal growth is our own doing, it is ultimately the influence of our surroundings that sets the stage for progress. When we are frightened, we think only of survival. Only when we feel safe – physically, emotionally, spiritually safe – are we able to dream of the future person we hope to be.

For the children, adults, and families we serve, felt safety isn’t easy to come by. Years of abuse, hardship, and injustice can cause our bodies to fight for survival at all costs, often contributing to only further traumas: failed foster placements, addiction, incarceration, revictimization. It is not enough to protect a hurting body when that individual also has a hurting heart. This is why at Holy Cross we specialize in healing hurting hearts. Our programs are designed to extend God’s love in the unique way each individual person needs nurturing. Sure, we provide nourishment, shelter, and other basic necessities. But our true impact comes from the connections we build: the relationship that allows therapy to stick, that soothes fear-based brain chemistry, that rewires a person’s ability to trust again. Love is truly an incredible thing.

As we embark into Holy Cross’s 75th year, we strive to be the best we can be. For the Holy Cross team, the Knights of Columbus and the broader faith community offer us our own sense of felt safety. With your support, we feel empowered, capable, ready to be the best version of ourselves. For your love, we are immeasurably grateful.

Happy New Year from all of us at Holy Cross,

Susan Rosas

How You Can Help

Are you looking for a way to serve? Maybe you have a special family recipe that you would like to share with our neighbors at the New Hope Community Center? If so, we would love to have you come to our Community Kitchen and prepare and share a meal with us. Contact Kim Hughes at KHughes@hccsnet.org for more information.

As we move through the winter months, we are in need of new twin size blankets and pillows for those we serve. If you would like to do a new pillow and blanket drive, reach out to Wendee Rex, wrex@hccsnet.org or call 248-980-

Join us on Thursday, March 2nd for our Homeless No More Event at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing.

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THANK YOU KNIGHTS

Christmas Wishes Fulfilled



Over 1,500 sweatshirts,
150 hygiene kits, and
numerous gift cards.

Raffle Calendar Winners

Winners announced monthly on our Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/HolyCrossServices1/>

OCTOBER

Week 1 Jim Combs
Week 2 Robert Vandenboom
Week 3 Marge Ziemba
Week 4 Louis Kish
Month End Carolyn Simon

DECEMBER

Week 1 Bob Marcero
Week 2 Marcia Horst
Week 3 Tracie Davis
Week 4 Brian Hamilton
Month End Thomas Knack

GRAND PRIZE WINNER
Dale Thelen

NOVEMBER

Week 1 Dennis Borek
Week 2 John King
Week 3 Karl Sziesz
Week 4 Donna Hedrick
Week 5 Dan Langan
Month End Kevin Nicholson

St. Christopher Council 2943 & Bishop Untener Assembly 3136



St. Christopher Council 2943 Knights of Columbus and Bishop Untener Assembly 3136 delivered 72 coats, 150 knitted hats and winter gloves for each coat to our three area elementary schools. These supplies were divided equally between Big Rock Elementary, New Lothrop Elementary, and St. Charles Elementary schools. In the picture above Faithful Navigator Tom Rombach and Grand Knight Mike Maxa are shown delivering coats to one of the area schools. A special thank you to all who support the Knights by coming to our fish fries and bake sales. We could not do these things without you.

1-2-3 "THANK YOU" John A. Harden Assembly #3099



In September of 2022 the John A. Harden Assembly #3099 held their B.B.Q. Picnic at the Piquette Center for the homeless Veterans. There are some 150 Vets at the center and they were treated to hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, sodas and deserts.

Its our chance to serve those that served us. The sir knights that made the trip were Bob Brines Faithful Navigator, Mike Adler, Marc Daniels, Phil Weipert, Greg Zerba, Doug Sordyl, George Garcia and Mike O'Palko, who supplied the music, Gus LaRuffa and Lady Marge LaRuffa who chaired the event and John Rogers. And a big "THANK YOU" to Emily Madden the manager of the Piquette Center.

LIFESPAN CHRISTMAS CARD SALE



Pictured L-R - DGK Tom Tiffany, GK Frank Kramarczyk, and Martia Mandalay selling LIFESPAN Christmas Cards at Christ the Redeemer's Christmas Market.

Knights of Fr. Thomas R. Carey Council 4764 assisted Right to Life - LIFESPAN with selling Christmas Cards at Christ the Redeemer's Christmas Market. Twenty-seven boxes were sold. KC literature was available, resulting in one new member being recruited.

Michigan State Bowling Association



The upcoming State Bowling Tournament is quickly approaching and we look forward to seeing everyone for some fun in 2023. This tournament will be hosted by Bay City Council #414. The tournament will begin with the Opening Ceremonies Officers' Tournament (teams do not need to be all council officers) and continue into the Open Division. The dates are: **Saturday February 18th, 2023 to Sunday March 19th, 2023 at Monitor Lanes in Bay City, MI.**

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

For tournament flyers, applications and information visit: <https://www.michigankofathletics.com>

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Chelsea Knights of Columbus Council #3092 Celebrates 75th Anniversary

St. Louis Guanella Knights of Columbus Council #3092 of Chelsea celebrated its 75th Anniversary with a banquet dinner held at St. Mary Parish following the Christmas Parade in downtown Chelsea on Saturday December 3, 2022. The Council was chartered on December 17, 1947, and was named after St. Louis Guanella following his canonization in Vatican Square on October 23, 2011. St. Louis founded the Servants of Charity who opened St. Louis Center in Chelsea in 1960.

The event began with a banquet at the parish prepared by Ginny & Shelly Wheaton, and was followed by a history presentation by Past Grand Knight Joe Yekulis (93-95) who also emceed the event. The presentation highlighted the many accomplishments and awards received by the Council during the past 75 years, and reviewed the 44 past grand knights who have led the council since 1947. George Merkel was mentioned for his 75 years of service, and is the last surviving member of the 1947 group of founding Charter members.

Very Rev. William J. "Canon" Turner, pastor of St. Mary Parish, discussed the importance of the Chelsea Knights and the impact they've had on the parish and the community, and noted the many projects they've undertaken to improve and support the Church. Fr. Turner was the State Chaplain of the MI K of C from 2016-2018. Finally, current Grand Knight Jack Kloviski thanked the planning committee, recognized eighty-six Service Award recipients, and announced the Knight of the Year and Family of the Year for 2022.



- Al Letizio received a Service Award for his 50 years of Service in the Knights of Columbus.

- PGK Rich Hollo was recognized as Knight of the Year for his many years of service to the Council as Treasurer.

Grotto History
Queen of Apostles Council 6548
Houghton Lake, MI 48629



In the summer of 2020, the Knights of Columbus, Council 6548, decided to build a grotto that honors the miracles at Lourdes. The council's theme is Mary Queen of Apostles as well. At that time, Council 6548 resided on the east side of Prudenville near M-55. The original grotto was designed by Howard Norris and approved by Grand Knight Joe Burlak. The grotto was built by JMH Cement Contractors and brother knights such as Dick Belinski and Clare Cereska.

The original grotto featured a statue of Mary standing in front of a large walkway that was built in the form of a 75 foot cross. The cross was built with red bricks. Some of the bricks were used and engraved to honor the death of our brother knights and their families. The grotto was also utilized as a background for the installation of new members and new officers within Council 6548. The grotto was completed in September 2001 and dedicated on October 19, 2001. The Burlak monument was later installed on October



1, 2002 in his memory and for his many contributions.

On January 29, 2021, Council 6548 sold their property where the original grotto was located. During that time, it was intended to relocate the grotto to a different site. In May 2022 the council finally decided to rebuild a new grotto at Our Lady of the Lake Church (and school) with the permission of Father Peter Eke. The process of relocating the original grotto to Lady of the Lake Church began in July 2022. The new grotto was designed by Grand Knight Clyde Straub. The project manager was Trustee George Everett.

The new grotto site is now visible from highway M-55 with many improvements to serve our community. This grotto includes the original red bricks from the original grotto and installed to form a smaller, 45 foot cross. A new oval walkway was installed around a new garden. Solar lighting was installed throughout. New flags, prayer benches, and a history sign were also included. The statue of Mary was transported from the original grotto and installed at this location. New angel statues were placed near Mary to enhance a prayerful atmosphere.

Those who contributed to the construction of this grotto include the members of Council 6548, Better Yards Landscaping and Bella Construction. Mary was painted by Pam Quinby. This grotto was completed and dedicated to Our Lady of the Lake Church on October 12, 2022.

St. Nicholas Council's Baby Bottle Campaign Celebrates Five Years



St. Nicholas Council #7011 Grand Knight, Eric Suchland (left) and Right to Life Chairman, Gino Vitale (right) present a check for \$11,000 to Mary's Mantle pregnancy center support staffer Anna Fifelski. Mary's Mantle is the 2022 recipient of the Council's Baby Bottle Campaign.

Sterling Heights, Michigan -- For the past five years, the Knights of St. Nicholas Council #7011 have conducted a Baby Bottle Campaign in support of K of C national Right to Life initiatives, hosted by our supporting parish, Ss. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church, in Sterling Heights.

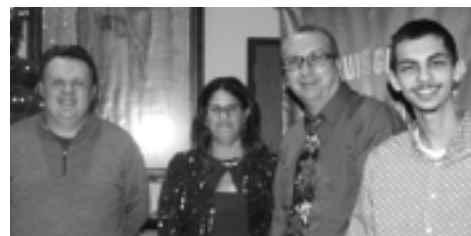
Led by Brother Knights, Pro-Life Chairman Gino Vitale and Treasurer Ken Pullis, both of whom have been consistently involved in the greater Pro-Life Movement, St. Nicholas Council has raised and donated more than \$46,000 over those five years and, along with a partner charity and matching funds assistance from K of C Supreme, has been responsible for donating an ultrasound machine to one of our selected recipient organizations and supported the day-to-day operations of the others. The Michigan-based pregnancy centers receiving donations from the Baby Bottle Campaign include:

The Lennon Center, the recipient of the ultrasound machine, offers non-judgmental counseling, material assistance, and education before, during and after pregnancy. Gianna House provides a safe residence for at-risk, pregnant young mothers-to-be and mothers with their newborn infants who are homeless and/or housing insecure. And this year, the Knights of Council #7011 chose Mary's Mantle to receive a gift of \$11,000 to support the operating costs of housing pregnant and new Moms and their babies. This latest recipient organization's Mission Statement reads: "Mary's Mantle is a Catholic residential program for homeless expectant women. We witness the love of Christ by promoting the dignity of life. We provide a safe, faith-based, and caring environment that supports the transition into motherhood, including extended aftercare for continued personal growth and integration into the community. We focus on the spiritual, emotional, physical, educational, and vocational well-being of mother and child."

Ken Pullis, Treasurer of St. Nicholas Council #7011, said recently, "Our Council especially thanks the parishioners and visitors of Ss Cyril and Methodius Church for their on-going generosity in taking and filling hundreds of baby bottles over the years with checks, cash, and coins in support of this Campaign. The support checks we provide help these worthy organizations in any number of ways, and we couldn't do it without the help of the parish."

Chelsea Knights of Columbus Council #3092 Celebrates 75th Anniversary

- The Benoit Family of Shawn, Monica and son Jacob, were named Family of the Year for their enthusiastic efforts and involvement in Council activities since moving to Chelsea from Wisconsin over one year ago.



The 75th Anniversary Committee consisted of Jack, Ken & Stacey Klovski, Tom & Colleen Turek, Scott & Robin Staelgraeve, Brad Angelocci, and Joe Yekulis. There were 65 people in attendance. End.

NOTE: FOR GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCIL PR CHAIRMAN

In each issue of the Michigan Columbian we print the Current Knights of the Month as designated by the local councils in the State. These men deserve State wide recognition. We appreciate your help in keeping this information current. A copy of the names of the Knight of the Month need to be sent direct to:

John Hundiak, FDM, State Council Community Director, 2439 Westwood Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48306

*cky - council knight of year , send a copy of the names

to the Michigan Columbian.

Knight of the Month**Detroit Council 305**

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James Duemier

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Lansing Council 788

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Charles Wendolowski

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Lance Koschtial, Tom O'Brien *cky

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Greg Mulka *cky 2019-20

Jim Kendzorski * 2020-2021

Bob Idalski

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Christopher Blunt

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Belmont Council 13526

Orv Egeler

Howard City Council 13653

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NOTE: FOR GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCIL PR CHAIRMAN

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

Families of the Month**Mount Clemens Council 744**

Glen & Nancy Heath
Mark & Anne Gajewski

Lansing Council 788

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Mike & Pattie Schaefer
Michael & Kristen Mc Cue

Monroe Council 1266

Douglas & Carie Kuras
Vincent & Sue Lajiness
Dennis & Sue Miller

Portland Council 2168

Jake & Mari Moyer
Steve & Betty Goodman
Pat & Stacey Russman

St. Clair Council 2251

Thomas & Susan Schwehofer

Gaylord Council 2781

Dan & Jill Zanger
Robert & (Mother) Bonnie Heska
Thomas & Sue Wojtkowiak

Westphalia Council 2890

Andy & Casey Miller
Scott & Susan Thelen

Chesaning Council 2943

Craig & Jamie Trierweiler
Robert & Sheri Warner
Kenneth & Violet Wending

Utica Council 2950

Anthony & Amanda Quagliato
Brian & Emelie Krull

Rick & Laurie Similuk

Pinconning Council 2986

Richard & Bonnie Misiak
Jeffrey & Annette Szyperski
Richard & Jane Maida
Dennis & Judy Michalik

Lincoln Park Council 3078

Dennie & Chris Carmondy
Robert & Mary Ziembiak
Mike & Karen Knox
Tom & Gale Pretko

Southgate Council 3956

Lou Butka, family
Kathleen England ,family
Mark & Jocelyn Garcellano

Gladwin Council 5280

Daniel & Marlene Brooks
Pete & Val Van Der Elzen
Roy & Debbie Kinkela
Jeri & Pat Betts

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Ferdinand & Arlene De Chavez
Michael & Kathleen Cousins
Joseph & Theresa Whitenight

Roscommon Council 6593

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Swartz Creek Council 6694

Ken & Linda Klungle
Joe & Ginny Sollinger
Ken & Molly Lixey

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Randy & Kelly Bennett
Cory & MacKenzie Lakatos

Birch Run Council 7233

Kirk & Angela Dupuie
Joe & Vanna Haley

Alexa Jentzen & Pattie Malecki

Caledonia Council 7341

Jim & Deb Perkins

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Ray & Cathy Rayl

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Jackson Council 8392

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Paul & Jenni Snabes

Flushing Council 8489

Gene Richards family

Jon & Jackie Danaho

Ryon &v Renee Shaw

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Charles & Winifred Kemler

Matt & Beth Fuhrman

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Duane & Connie Tripp

Temperance Council 8902

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Jim & Patricia Lammers

Brian & Denise Pigula

Angelo & Karen LaLacci

Mason Council 9182

Anthony & Sara Ingle

Patrick & Irene Morrison

James & Sue Powers

Ann Arbor Council 10963

Joe & Rebekah Lussier

Kurt Hiester, family

Kevin Galbraith, family

Pat Schloss, family

Cole & Annika VanCamp

Lansing Council 11099

Donald & Gayle Gardner

John & Beth Belfiglio

Eric Cullimore family

Gaines Council 12186

Douglas & Kathy Perry

White Cloud Council 13939

Tom & Mary Carpenter

Craig & Judy Grunow

Comstock Park Council 15548

Justin & Jodie Karamol

Michael & Denise Becker

Knight of the Month**Sterling Heights Council 13799**

Euardo Santana, Robert Lessnau
Ron Piwonski

White Cloud Council 13939

James Dood, Max Willcutt
Virgil Houle, Man Dinh

Lake Odessa Council 14404

Ryan King, Michael Rodriguez
Andrew Coats, Andrew Snider

Davisburg Council 14883

Steve Rawe, Jim Szandzik

Southfield Council 14928

LaVerne Newman, Tom Bassett

Grand Rapids Council 15495

Rodney Cronin, Larry Clouse

Park Council 15548

Patrick Thome

Canton Council 16169

Leonard Carravallah, Michael Polovich
Randy Martin

Washington Twp. Council 16630

Clem Chagot

**Circle of Honor**

On Friday December 9 2022, Supreme Council Regional Growth Director William Chasse presented Immediate Past State Deputy Walter Winkle with the Supreme Council Circle of Honor Award.

The Supreme Knight's Circle of Honor Award recognizes those

jurisdictions who have led the Order through excellence in membership growth. Congratulation Worthy PastState Deputy Walter Winkle, jr.

AROUND THE STATE

Fr. Mac Council #7816

On Tuesday, October 11, Fr. Mac Council #7816, in honor of Columbus Day, held an exemplification with 4 new members.



Pictured left to right is District Deputy Kevin Duffy, Chaplain Fr. Gordon Reigle, 3 of the 4 newest members, and Grand Knight Paul Gadola.

Bishop Battersby Council 7586

Detroit West State Regional Representative Richard Shelt presented the September Council of the Month Award to Grand Knight James Chuck



Pictured left to right is SDRR Richard Shelt, and Grand Knight James Chuck

Pierogi Fest Support



Members of **Bishop Joseph C. Plagens Council 13318 in Detroit** take a break during the annual Pierogi Festival at Sweetest Heart of Mary Catholic Church. In helping to organize and run the festival, the Knights were involved in raising more than \$100,000 for the historic church.

A Warm Welcome



Rich Sweers (left), a member of **St. Mary Magdalen Council 16223 in Kentwood, Mich.**, stands with a couple from St. Mary Magdalen Parish and their newly baptized child. The council recently began giving blankets — embroidered with the words “Created in the image of God” and the K of C emblem — to babies baptized at the parish.

Pope St. John XXIII Council 5436

Detroit East State Deputy Regional Representative Paul Thorn and Detroit East Archdiocesan Program Director Joe Brenner presented the August Council of the Month Award to Grand Knight Michael Mandziuk of Pope St. John XXIII Council 5436 in Waterford.

Congratulations to Council 5436.



Pictured Left to Right- SDRR Paul Thorn, GK Michael Mandziuk and Detroit East Archdiocesan Program Director Joe Brenner.

Supporting Life of all Kinds

St. Michael of Sterling Heights (Mich.) Council 13799 regularly raises funds to support people with disabilities and pregnant mothers. For the past 10 years, the council has held an annual fund drive that raises around \$9,500 each year for special education programs at four local schools. The council has also held an annual baby bottle drive since 2017, which has raised more than \$40,000 for Abigayle Ministries, a residential housing program for pregnant women and their children.

St. George Council 16311

Council of the Month 16311



Pictured L-R- DPD Greg Zawalski, GK Raad Orow and SDRR Richard Shelt

Crossing the Neighborhood

Members of Newberry (Mich.) Council 2929 gave out more than 160 wooden crosses to local Catholic families to place in their yards. Each cross, handmade by the Knights, bears the K of C motto “*Vivat Jesus*,” the name of the council, and the name of one of the four parishes the council serves.

Queen City Council 575

SDRR Jim Highfield presented the August Council of the month to Council 575 Battle Creek for reaching 60% of their membership quota and qualifying for the quick start award.



Pictured left to right is Fr. Christopher Ankley, DD 401 Bob Budeski, GK Ryan Hoch, SDRR Jim Highfield, and KDPD Dan Dahmen.

School Revitalization



Members of Au-Lac Council 10724 in Anchorville, Mich., gather during a work day at Immaculate Conception Catholic School in Ira Township. More than 20 Knights volunteered over nine days to replace the school's ceiling tiles and overhead lights. The council previously held a fundraiser that collected more than \$20,000 for school improvements

Queen of Apostles Council 6548



The Knights of Columbus Council 6548 of Houghton Lake had its annual Tootsie Roll Fundraiser. The generous donations from the Houghton Lake community will be used to assist the COOR Intermediate School District and the Michigan Special Olympics for the intellectually challenged people in our state. The Council of

Knights wishes to thank the great generosity that was shown to support these great causes. Approximately thirty-five hundred dollars were collected this year.

Bottle Drive for Vocations

Msgr. Esper Council 3027 in Fowler, Mich., raised \$16,000 to aid men and women pursuing vocations to the priestly and religious life. The funds were raised through the council's bottle and can drive

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Steak Dinner for Campers



Knights from councils throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit and family members stand together at Camp Cavell in **Lexington, Mich.**, which provides recreational activities for individuals with disabilities who have aged out of youth programs. The Knights provided a steak dinner for camp participants.

Programs = New Members

Jackson District #513 Blue Mass for First Responders held on September 11, 2022

Jackson area Knights of Columbus Michigan District #513, under the direction of District Deputy Ben Dandrow, organized a Blue Mass on Sunday September 11, 2022. The District is comprised of five councils representing the following churches: Queen of the Miraculous Medal #609, St John the Evangelist #8392, St. Stanislaus Kostka Chapel #8858, St Joseph Oratory #9131, and St Mary Star of the Sea #9301. The concelebrated Mass was held at St Mary Star of the Sea Church located in Jackson, MI at 10:00 am.

A Blue Mass is to honor, thank, and pray for the safety of all First Responders, Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Responders, the men and women who lay their lives on the line daily to protect the Jackson community. It was appropriate we did this on the 21st Anniversary of the 9/11 attack on this country when 412 emergency workers lost their lives that day. 2000 more have died from injury or illness contracted during the recovery efforts. All Jackson area Public Safety departments were invited and more than 50 responders and their families attended the Mass, many who were not Catholic. At the Mass, Fr Tim Nelson, Pastor of St Mary's, read the names of those who fell in the line of duty serving the community. Many who attended were on duty as witnessed by the three fire trucks and police and sheriff vehicles parked outside the church.

After the Mass a delicious brunch catered by West Texas Barbecue was served for the first responders and their families who were most appreciative of the generosity of the Knights of Columbus.

The Jackson area Knights of Columbus, who continue to pray for the safety of our first responders, would like to thank Fr Tim Nelson Pastor and Fr Tyler Arens Parochial Vicar for hosting and concelebrating the Mass at St Mary Star of the Sea and St Mary's Council #9301 for their support and help in making the Blue Mass a success.



May the Christmas season fill your home with joy, your heart with love, and your life with laughter. And may God bless you today and every day.

LASTING REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DEPARTED

**Knights of Columbus
Memorial Plaque Application 2022**

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

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL OCTOBER 15, 2022



K of C Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Major Seminary –
Sunday November 6, 2022 @ 10:00 am

Families of these brother Knights and friends are invited to attend the Memorial Mass

Those enrolled will share in the daily Masses, prayers, and good works of the Priests and Seminarians of Sacred Heart.

Proceeds from this ongoing fundraiser go to aid students studying for religious vocations that are in need of help.

In Memory of _____ Date of death _____

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DavL Memorial Mass Chairman
30001 Camden Circle
Chesterfield, MI 48051**

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In the Michigan Columbian or

Contact: Mike Cousins at m.cousins@mikofc.org 586-610-6497

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2022-2023 State Raffle

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GRAND MARAIS, MI
4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms
Includes Pictured Rocks Tour
PLUS \$1,000.00 Cash

5th - 10th Prizes = \$400.00

11th - 20th Prizes = \$200.00

21st - 30th Prizes = \$150.00

31st - 40th Prizes = \$100.00

Drawing Thursday, April 13, 2023 Doors Open @ 5:00 pm Drawing @ 8:00 pm
St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Rd., Canton, MI 48187 (586) 436-0121

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20% of Gross Ticket Sales goes directly to participating Councils. \$1.00 per Ticket

Where does the money go and what Charities do we support through the State Raffle?
Angela Hospice, Bishop Baraga Association, Capuchin Community Center, Catholic Radio, Diocese of Michigan, Gianna House, Guest House, Madonna University, Most Holy Trinity Church, Right to Life Programs, Holy Cross Services, Special Days Camp, St. Francis Cabrini Clinic, St. Vincent Catholic Charities, Vocations Programs, Catholic High School Sports Programs (Prep Bowl, Catholic Cross Country Meet, Catholic Track Meet) Catholic Publications (Michigan Catholic, U. P. Catholic) And additional charitable causes addressed by the Michigan State Council.

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Early Bird Raffle Drawings
This year you have **FOUR (4)** chances to win **\$250.00** for a total of **\$1,000.00**. This is an additional incentive program for **ALL Raffle Ticket Sellers**. Each book of tickets includes a separate **EARLY BIRD RAFFLE TICKET** for sellers. Simply fill-out and return this ticket with your check and **SOLD** book of tickets. **The Earlier you return your sold tickets, the more chances you have to win.**

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You're Invited!

Brother Knights, Family and Friends, are ALL invited to join the Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus State Officers for the Charity Raffle drawing **Tailgate Party**. Doors open at 5:00 pm Drawing at 8:00 pm. Sold tickets may be returned until 7:00pm the day of the raffle. A light dinner featuring "Tailgate Party Food" and cash bar will be provided by St. John Neumann Council #16169

Grand Prize Drawing held at St. John Neumann Parish
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1st Degree Charity Bonus - \$700.00 2nd Degree Unity Bonus - \$350.00
3rd Degree Fraternity Bonus - \$200.00 4th Degree Patriotic Bonus - \$100.00

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Ticket Sales % of Membership
1st Degree Charity Bonus - \$700.00 Ticket Sales \$700.00
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4th Degree Patriotic Bonus - \$100.00 Ticket Sales \$100.00

Prize Ticket Sellers
Seller Council
1st Degree Charity Bonus - \$250.00 \$500.00
2nd Degree Unity Bonus - \$100.00 \$200.00
3rd Degree Fraternity Bonus - \$50.00 \$100.00
4th Degree Patriotic Bonus - \$25.00 \$50.00

Early Bird Drawing Incentives
1st Early Bird Drawing : December 28, 2022 Seller Price \$250.00
2nd Early Bird Drawing - January 28, 2023 Seller Price \$250.00
3rd Early Bird Drawing - February 28, 2023 Seller Price 250.00
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Whittaker Council 8113
George Magda
Reese Council 9305
Arthur Durussel
Sterling Hgts. Council 13340
Tom Wesley
Cedar Springs Council 15889
Chuck Schneider

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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