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Charles E. McCuen, III
State Deputy



Moving Forward with Faith, Unity, and Purpose

My Brother Knights and Ladies,

As we begin a new chapter for the Michigan Jurisdiction, I am filled with gratitude, humility, and excitement for the road ahead. Together, we stand on a strong foundation built by the dedication, leadership, and service of those who came before us. Now, with faith as our guide, unity as our strength, and purpose as our mission, we have an opportunity to continue that proud legacy and build an even brighter future for our councils, our families, and our Order.

I would like to thank our IPSD Barry Borsenik and Former First Lady Mandy for leading the Michigan Jurisdiction. Under their watchful eye, we had multiple International Award winners as well as several triple, double and Star Councils and Districts. I know that while I am writing this, we are working very hard for our Jurisdiction to attain for the State Deputy and his team the prestigious title of Circle of Honor! I am sure his dedication and hard work to the Order will leave an indelible mark on Michigan Knights of Columbus history. Let's offer a toast to our State Deputy Barry Borsenik and his leadership team for a great 2-year run.

I would like to offer a big thank you to our delegates for their attendance at the State Convention and for doing the work of the order. Thank you for your confidence in my abilities to represent you as your New State Deputy. I am deeply grateful and will lead the Michigan Jurisdiction with integrity, trust and transparency. I will continue to work just as hard as State Deputy as I have in my other chairs along the way. I also want to congratulate my brother Officers on their new positions and especially our new State Warden Dean Hayward and Lady Jody, who have been elected by you, the membership to represent your intentions on the State Board. We are sure he will make a great addition.

Change is never easy, but it is essential if we are going to grow stronger as a Jurisdiction. I ask every council and every member to embrace new goals, programs, and directions with an open mind and a willing spirit. One important step is the possible move of the Michigan Columbian to a digital format, as many councils have already done to reduce costs and improve communication. Members will still be able to read it on mikofc.org and print a copy if desired, while the savings on postage, paper, sorting, and printing can be redirected to the programs and services that strengthen our Order. Let us lead this change together, with faith, unity, and responsible stewardship, so the Michigan Jurisdiction remains strong for years to come.

As Knights of Columbus, we must continue working together with our families, both at home and within our fraternal brotherhood, to secure the future of the Michigan Jurisdiction. Our commitment to faith, family, and service will ensure our strength for decades to come. When we attended the State Deputy's meeting in Connecticut, we were humbled by the respect shown when others learned we were from Michigan. It is clear that many Michigan programs and ideas are recognized and valued throughout the Order. Hold your heads high, Brothers. You are part of the Michigan Knights of Columbus, the best Jurisdiction in the Order.

The Officers and leadership team are looking forward to the future of Michigan and what they can accomplish with the Councils help! I am excited and I hope you are as well.

God Bless

Charlie

State Deputy

Editors Note

For the past several years we have been writing about the increasing cost of postage, newsprint and ink.

To better understand why the cost of printing a small newspaper like the Michigan Columbian keeps going up I did some research using The Village Reporter who did a article on increasing newspaper costs and found the Following.

Effective March 1, newsprint and high brightness mills have announced new price increases with suppliers reporting an overall average increase of 2.6 percent.

The latest round of increases is driven by a sharp tightening of the North American newsprint market following a string of four major mill closures in just over a year.

Together those four closures have removed an estimated 726,000 metric tons of production capacity from the North American Market.

Newsprint is one of the largest operating expenses for print production.

Adding to the financial strain, the United States Postal Service has increased periodical mailing permit rates six times in recent years. With more to come.

The closures reflect a broader trend in the paper industry as declining demand for newsprint-driven by the long-term shift from print to digital media-has made it increasingly difficult for mills to operate profitably.

As capacity shrinks, the remaining demand from newspapers and commercial printers is being met by fewer and fewer suppliers, creating a supply-demand imbalance that pushes prices higher.

Due to the high cost of printing this publication, this will be the last printed copy of the Michigan Columbian.

Starting with the October 2026 Michigan Columbian, you will have to go on line to read the paper.

See page 20 for full details.

From The State Chaplain
Fr. Paul Ballien



This year we are celebrating of course 250 years as a country. And within the celebration of the birth of our country we commemorate the principles of freedom and liberty that it was founded on. But what exactly is this thing that we call freedom anyway? Many think that the answer to such a question is obvious, and perhaps it should be. But in the present day western world, I think that what was once obvious has slowly become a bit more murky.

As a case in point, a famous passage from a Supreme Court pro-abortion decision had this to say in regards to their decision: “At the heart of liberty is the right to define one’s own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life.” Now I know that sounds really profound, but it’s wrong. We don’t define these things, God our creator has already defined them. Human beings, Thomas Jefferson once wrote, are “inherently independent of all but the moral law.” If men defy that law, they are not free. They are slaves, at first to their own desires, and then eventually they will become slaves to political

tyranny, because men who cannot govern their own desires, who lack self-control, cannot sustain a democratic government.

In short, true freedom consists in the liberation of the human person from the shackles of ignorance, oppression and vice. In an article called ‘Freedom and its Counterfeit’ by Robert George, Professor of Jurisprudence at Princeton University, he writes: “True freedom, the freedom that liberates, is grounded in truth and ordered to truth and, therefore to virtue. A free person is enslaved neither to the sheer will of another nor to his own appetites and passions. A free person lives uprightly, fulfilling his obligations to family, community, nation and God. By contrast, a person given over to his appetites and passions, a person who scoffs at truth and chooses to live, whether openly or secretly, in defiance of the moral law is not free. He is simply a different kind of slave.”

He then continues on to say, “The counterfeit of freedom consists in the idea of personal and communal liberation from morality, responsibility and truth. It is what the founders expressly distinguished from liberty and condemned as “license.” The so-called freedom celebrated today by so many of our opinion-shaping elites in education, entertainment and the media is simply the license to do whatever one pleases. This false conception of freedom – false because disordered, disordered because detached from moral truth and civic responsibility – shackles those in its grip no less powerfully than did slavery of old. Enslavement to one’s own appetites and passions is no less brutal a form of bondage...It is no less tragic, indeed, it is in certain respects immeasurably more tragic, for being self-imposed. It is ironic, is it not, that people who celebrate slavery to appetite and passion call this bondage freedom?”

As Knights of Columbus, we are in a position to help further the cause for true freedom. We have the truth which comes from Jesus Christ, we have the moral law that comes from God and we have the Holy Spirit to help us live out with virtue God’s Commandments. When we live out the truth together, we will strengthen our families and the society that we live in, and thereby help our country to truly remain free.

Freedom never comes easy, and it will surely be lost at the price of ignorance. This is why we must always be vigilant in order to preserve our freedom. So as we remember our 250th anniversary as a nation, let us continue the work of advancing the cause of true freedom and liberty. After all, we are very lucky to have these things, as sadly, many in our world do not.

God Bless,
Fr. Paul Ballien
Knights of Columbus State Chaplain

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Fr. Vincent L Ouellette Council 1541



Pictured above is a photo from their first Mass they offered this weekend at St. John the Evangelist in Ishpeming

We had two members from our parish ordained this weekend, both of them are brother Knights. Fr. Drew Langton is a member of our council (Fr. Vincent L Ouellette Council 1541) here in Ishpeming. Fr. Mark Beukema is also from our parish and a member of the Sacred Heart Major Seminary Council 18097 in Detroit. His first assignment is here in Ishpeming and he will be transferring into our council as our new chaplain.

International Free Throw Championship
13-Year-Old Boys Division

The Michigan State Council is proud to announce that **Livi Lutheran** of Gwinn, MI has won the **International Free Throw Championship** in the **13-Year-Old Boys Division**!

Livi's journey began at the council level, where he competed in the Free Throw Competition hosted by **Council 6292 in Gwinn, MI**, part of the **Diocese of Marquette**. From there, he advanced through the district, diocese, state, and was ultimately chosen at the international level of competition by Supreme, representing Michigan with skill and determination at every stage.

Please join us in congratulating Levi Lutheran on this outstanding accomplishment, and in thanking Council 6292 for their continued support of our youth athletic programs.

Matthew Wierzgac
Former State Program Director

From The State Warden Dean Hayward



My Brother Knights and Ladies,

As we begin a new fraternal year, I am both humbled and honored to serve in the role of State Warden. I want to sincerely thank my family, friends, fellow Knights, the Faith Over Fear committee, and all those who offered their encouragement and support throughout this journey. The confidence you have placed in me is deeply appreciated, and I look forward to serving our Order and our councils across the great State of Michigan.

The strength of the Knights of Columbus has always been rooted in unity, fraternity, and service. Every council, parish, and family plays an important role in carrying forward the mission of our Order. I have witnessed firsthand the dedication of our brother Knights and their families who continue to support their communities, churches, and charitable causes with humility and faith.

As State Warden, one of my primary responsibilities is overseeing protocol for our meetings, official functions, and state events. Proper protocol is an important part of our Order because it provides structure, respect, and decorum during our gatherings. These traditions help ensure that our meetings are productive and organized while reflecting the dignity of the Knights of Columbus. By following proper procedures, we continue to function as a true fraternal Order united in purpose and faith.

Throughout the year, many councils host outstanding events and programs that often include invitations for members of the State Board to attend. To help us coordinate these requests effectively, councils are encouraged to contact the State Deputy in writing at least six weeks prior to the event whenever possible. Early communication allows the State Council to accommodate more requests and better support your council activities.

When submitting an invitation, please include as much detail as possible, including the type of event, date, time, location, whether Mass is included, and contact information for the event coordinator. This information greatly assists in planning and preparation. Should a State Officer be assigned to attend your event, I will personally follow up to review the details and help ensure everything runs smoothly.

Many questions regarding meeting and event procedures can be answered by reviewing the Supreme Protocol Handbook (Item #1622), available through Officer's Online and also accessible through the Michigan Knights of Columbus website. I encourage council officers to familiarize themselves with these guidelines as we continue to strengthen the professionalism and traditions of our Order.

My wife Jody and I feel truly blessed by the friendships and experiences we have gained through the Knights of Columbus. The dedication and faithfulness of our members continue to inspire us, and we are excited to work alongside the State Board and councils throughout Michigan during the coming year.

If there is anything I can do to assist your council or answer questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. Together, with faith in God and commitment to one another, we can continue building stronger councils, stronger families, and stronger communities.

May God bless each of you and your families, and may God continue to bless the Knights of Columbus.

Fraternally,
Dean Hayward
State Warden

From The State Membership Director Martin R. Brown

Brother Knights and Ladies,

I am honored that State Deputy Charlie McCuen has asked me to serve as State Membership Director. My wife, Vicki, and I have been married for 38 years and are blessed with three children and two granddaughters. During my 22 years as a Knight, I have been involved in degree work and have served as a Council Officer, District Deputy, Diocesan Membership Director, and SDRR. Each role has been both an opportunity to serve and a challenge to grow.

What inspires me most is seeing men we welcomed into the Knights of Columbus grow into leaders in their Councils—and seeing a grandmother, receiving coats for her three grandchildren, embrace you with tears in her eyes because she did not know how she would provide for them.

What will your Council's legacy be? Will it be remembered for what it once accomplished, or will it continue to serve, grow, and make a difference? Men may need time before joining, and one effective approach is to invite prospects to help with a program or two so they can experience the rewards of service firsthand. Be sure to stay engaged with him and his family.

To support our parishes and communities, we must work together to increase our membership. My goal is to help every Council strengthen its membership, programs, and COR activities. Together, these efforts attract new members, keep them engaged, and deepen our faith.

Recruit a new member in July and you will receive a keychain featuring Our Lady of Knock on one side and the message, "I am Catholic, in case of accident, please call a Priest," on the other. I would be happy to give you one, so please make every effort to invite a new member.

In the spirit of "In the One, We are One," let us invite men to join the Knights of Columbus and help them become better men, husbands, and fathers.

Fraternally yours,
Marty Brown
State Membership Director

International Free Throw Championship 13-Year-Old Girls Division

The Michigan State Council is proud to announce that **Isabella Bennett** of Caro, MI has won the **International Free Throw Championship** in the **14-Year-Old Girls Division!**

Isabella's journey began at the council level, where she competed in the Free Throw Competition hosted by **Council 8892 in Cass City, MI**, part of the **Diocese of Saginaw**. From there, she advanced through the district, diocese, state, and was ultimately chosen at the international level of competition by Supreme, representing Michigan with skill and determination at every stage.

Please join us in congratulating Isabella Bennett on this outstanding accomplishment, and in thanking Council 8892 for their continued support of our youth athletic programs.

Matthew Wierzgac
Former State Program Director

MDOT Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up



In April the St. Peter Council 6534 Eaton Rapids Knights participated in the first of 3 annual roadside trash pick ups on M-50 in Eaton County. The photo shows the team of 10 (one taking the picture) with 21 trash bags collected on a cool and sunny Saturday morning.



Join
The Guild
Now!



From The State Program Director Ron DePestel

Brother Knights,

Welcome to the start of the 2026-27 Fraternal year. First, I would like to congratulate the new State Deputy Charles McCuen III, and all the other State Officers, the Diocesan, District, and Council Leadership on their new positions. Every one of us is essential to the success of our order in Michigan. Through our commitment we will continue to grow the order and bring our families and communities closer to God.

The start of each new fraternal year brings new names and faces to your state leadership team. This year is no different and we have some new and some returning state directors to support our councils this year. My name is Ron DePestel, the new State Program Director. I have been blessed to be married to my wife, Jeanine, for 28 years. We have two children, Ronnie 27, and Jenelle 23. I am a proud member of Anchor Bay council #5981, where I have been a member for 19 years and have held multiple leadership roles at council, Diocesan, and State levels. I am excited to be in this new position and look forward to all the exciting work we are going to do this year.

Serving alongside me this year are Faith Director Kevin Duffy, Family Director William (Bill) Corey, Community Director Larry Herman, and Life Director Ed Strach. Each of us is committed to helping ensure our councils have a successful fraternal year.

The beginning of a new fraternal year is the perfect time to develop a month-by-month plan for your council. Deciding early which programs to conduct will benefit the growth of your council and your community both spiritually and fraternally thus making the year more successful. The Supreme Faith in Action programs are a good place to start if you are looking for new programs to engage the membership. But take some time to review the recommended New the Faith in Action Guidebook available on Supreme council Website (KofC.org). Supreme has updated the recommended program list this year, adding several new programs and removing some others. There are changes in all four categories, Faith, Family, Community, and Life, so be sure to review the recommended list.

The Faith in Action programs are not just programs for us to check the box and be done. We need to get out and make a difference by interacting with each other. Go out and put coats on children instead of simply donating them to others to distribute. Feed the hungry rather than just dropping off food at a pantry. Visit the sick instead of only praying for them from afar. Prayer is powerful but imagine the impact of praying with someone in their moment of need. By living our Faith through our actions others in the community will see the difference we make and how we work together to build a better world. Show them why we are Catholic and Proud. Supreme designed these programs to help us grow in our faith, our commitment to charity, and to make our councils and our families closer. Let's Start the year off right and set one of our goals to live our Faith by participating in programs by living it and making a difference.

My family and I look forward to seeing you and your families living your faith through action this year, In the One, We are One

God Bless and Vivat Jesus

Ron DePestel

State Program Director

Ladies Corner

Hello everyone! For those of you who may not know me yet, let me introduce myself—I'm Pam McCuen, and I'm so proud to be the wife of your new State Deputy, Charlie McCuen. Charlie and I have been happily married for almost 38 wonderful years, and we'll celebrate our anniversary on September 30, 2026. We're blessed with four amazing children: Jessica, Patricia (married to Greg), Charles (married to Jessica), and Kayla. I'm also the very lucky grandma to two incredible grandchildren who bring so much joy to my life Boyd and Inara. Our family has been part of the Knights of Columbus for over 25 years, and it truly means so much to us. My passion is caring for others. I work as a Private Caregiver for Seniors, with a special focus on end-of-life care.

Allow me to introduce my State Board wives:

Christy Miron wife of State Secretary Vern Miron from the Marquette Diocese.

Kara Fuller wife of State Treasurer Dan Fuller from the Detroit Diocese.

JanMarie Kendzorski wife of State Advocate Joel Kendzorski from the Gaylord Diocese.

Jodi Hayward wife of State Warden Dean Hayward from the Lansing Diocese

We just returned from Mackinac Island for the 2026 State Convention and we raised Over \$13,000 with the Weingartz family generously matching the total. Under the guidance of Kara Fuller wife of Dan Fuller State Treasurer Elect over \$26,000 will go to Michigan Charities this year. Amazing job Kara.

This year's Summer Leadership Meeting will be held at the Book Cadillac in Detroit with the Installation of Officers on Saturday July 4th at Most Holy Trinity Church in Cork Town. Don't forget the theme is Red, White and Blue and Saturday is Formal. A banquet will follow the Mass. Please come and be ready to have a great time.

I'd love to share a little about the charities that are closest to my heart: ASAP, St. Louis Center, and Special Olympics and Catholic Charities across Michigan. While I truly appreciate all the wonderful causes we support, these are especially meaningful to me. I'm excited to be actively involved and hands-on with these organizations over the next two years, right alongside my husband. I hope to see more ladies and families attending events as Ceremonies are now open to all. I can't wait to get to know more of you and work together to make a difference!

In the One, we are one

Warmly,

Pamela McCuen

First Lady

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION AT LAKE ORION

Lake Orion Council 4764 members provided canopy support for the monstrance and a color guard for the outdoor Corpus Christi procession at St. Joseph's Church, Lake Orion, presided by Fr. Jim Kean. Over 100 parishioners and K of C members participated. Knights of Council 4764 are parishioners of Christ the Redeemer and St. Joseph parishes.



Fr. Jim Kean carried the Holy Eucharist in procession



Council 4764 Honor Guard



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Passing of Former Supreme Director Robert C. Stebler, PSD



Former Supreme Director and Past State Deputy Robert C. Stebler passed away on his 91st birthday, Wednesday, May 20, after an 18-month hospice period. Bob is survived by his beloved wife, Barbara; children, Kenneth, Patricia and Wendy.

Robert Stebler was a proud son of the U.P., a professor at Michigan Technological University until his retirement. He served the Michigan State Council in many capacities, including State Deputy for the years 1992-1994. He was then elected to serve the Order as a Supreme Director in 1995 and served the three terms of three years each, ending in 2004.

In addition to their work and dedication to the Knights of Columbus and the Church, Robert and Barb were awarded Knight Grand Cross of the Holy Sepulcher and Knight Commander of the Pontifical Order of St. Gregory.

Bob and Barb wintered in Hudson, Florida and then remained in Florida when traveling became more difficult.

Mass of the Christian Burial was offered at 12:00 Noon on Friday, May 29 at St. Teresa Catholic Church, Spring Hill, FL.

Burial at Calvary Cemetery in Lake Linden, MI will be announced at a later date.

Condolences may be mailed to:

Mrs. Barbara Stebler
11239 Sun Tree Rd
Hudson, FL 34667

Au Lac Council 10724 Youth of the Month for April



Congratulations to Maria Los on being chosen as our Au Lac Council Youth of the Month for April! Maria is the daughter of John and Anna Los and is a 5th grade student at Immaculate Conception School where she completed OCIA, made the Pastors List (A-Honor Roll) multiple

times, received the Advanced Reader award for reading over 2 million words during the school year, placed 3rd in the Academic Olympics and was a co-founder of the Creativity Club in 2025. Outside school Maria is a pianist, a trained dancer and a 2nd place winner for poultry at the 2024-2025 4H competition. She also won our Council K of C Spelling Bee (Grades 4-6) and the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Maria attends weekly Mass and is active in and around the parish participating at the Lenten Fish Fry, Horn of Plenty and the Immaculate Conception Festival.

We thank Maria for sharing her faith through service to her school, parish and community!

Au Lac Council 10724 in Ira Township started the Youth of the Month Award in January 2023 to recognize students in grades 3-12 for demonstrating their faith through service to others. So far the council has honored 39 students with a certificate of appreciation following a weekend Mass. Every six months they host a pizza dinner for the winners and their families with Pastor Fr. Joseph Esper in attendance.

St. Hubert's Council #11658 & St. Louis Roundtable Install Walkway for Outdoor Stations of the Cross at St. Louis Catholic Church

Harrison Township, Michigan — June 2, 2026 — Members of St. Hubert's Council #11658 of the Knights of Columbus and the St. Louis Roundtable are pleased to announce the completion of a rustic walkway serving the Outdoor Stations of the Cross at St. Louis Catholic Church.

The newly installed walkway is part of an ongoing effort to create a peaceful and prayerful environment where parishioners and visitors can reflect on the Passion of Christ while walking the Stations of the Cross. The pathway improves accessibility and enhances the outdoor devotional experience, providing a serene setting for personal prayer, meditation, and spiritual renewal. Benches positioned along the route offer visitors a place to rest, pray, and quietly reflect on the message of each station.

Open to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the Outdoor Stations of the Cross offer a unique opportunity for faith-filled reflection throughout the year. Illuminated stations allow visitors to pray during evening and dusk hours, creating a welcoming atmosphere for those seeking quiet contemplation at any time of day.

Funding for the project was made possible through the generous support of council fundraisers and contributions from members of the parish community. The walkway reflects the Knights of Columbus commitment to faith, service, and community while providing a lasting spiritual benefit for current and future generations.

While the walkway marks a significant milestone in the project, future enhancements are being considered to further beautify the prayer path. Potential additions may include seasonal flowers, landscaping improvements, and additional benches to provide even more opportunities for visitors to pause, pray, and reflect.

"We are grateful to everyone who supported this effort," said representatives of St. Hubert's Council #11658. "Our hope is that this walkway and the Outdoor Stations of the Cross will provide a place of peace, prayer, and reflection for all who visit."

Project Highlights

- Rustic walkway installed along the Outdoor Stations of the Cross
- Benches available throughout the pathway for rest, prayer, and reflection
- Open to the public year-round
- Illuminated stations available for evening prayer and reflection
- Funded through council fundraisers and parish support
- Future enhancements may include flowers, landscaping, and additional benches
- Designed to provide a peaceful setting for prayer, meditation, and spiritual growth

Location

St. Louis Catholic Church

24415 Crocker Boulevard

Clinton Township, MI 48035

About St. Hubert's Council #11658

St. Hubert's Council #11658 of the Knights of Columbus serves the local community through charitable works, faith-based initiatives, and service projects that strengthen parish life and promote the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Through volunteer service and support of parish ministries, the council seeks to make a positive impact on the spiritual and civic life of the community.

Programs = New Members

Knights of Columbus
Memorial Plaque Application 2026

Memorial Plaque: A beautiful and lasting remembrance is to have your loved one enrolled in the Knights of Columbus Vacations Committee Memorial Society Plaque, which now hang 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 16, 2026



PLEASE ALLOW FOR US POST OFFICE TIME, MAIL EARLY

K of C Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Major Seminary

Sunday November 8, 2026 @ 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 _____

Gift of \$ _____ Requested By _____

Street: _____ Telephone _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DAVL

MAIL TO: Michael Cousins
DavL Memorial Mass Chairman
30001 Camden Circle
Chesterfield, MI 48051

Applicants will be contacted for multiple line engraving information

Knights of Columbus use only: Rec'd \$ _____ Date _____
Applications available at: MikofC.org/resources/manuals and documentation/Council Materials
In the Michigan Columbian or
Contact: Mike Cousins at m.cousins@mikofc.org 586-610-6497
Sponsored by the Detroit Archdiocesan Vacations League.

DAVL Memorial Plaque Samples

Sample one line name: Just the name and date of death.

Vincent R. Beauvais 2-18-2024

Sample two line name: Name, date of death and any other expression.

Brother Joseph M Naujokas 5-23-2024
St. Francis of Assisi Council 4401

Sample Four line names:

A:
Rev. James L. Bjorum 10/30/1947 to 10/23/23
Rest in Peace Fr. Jim
Devoted to those he served, Chaplain K of C 3725
Faithful Servant of God, Pastor Our Lady of Hope

B:
Chuck Hoste 7-19-2024
Loved by all
Friend to many
Loving Husband, Father Grandfather

C:
In Loving Memory of
Michael J. Mullan 5-7-2023
Son of Jeremiah and Eileen Mullan
Brother to John, Patricia, Dennis

Queen of Apostles, Council 6548



Queen of Apostles Council 6548, Prudenville, held a 3rd degree exemplification on May 18th for 5 new members

Michigan Exemplification Traveling Team
Eugene Murawski, State Former Ceremonial Director

I would like to give you an end of the Fiscal Year update. In Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025, the Exemplification Team had completed 43 Exempts with 162 new Brother Knights. In the current Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026, the Exemplification Teams completed, as of May 31, 39 exempts and 159 new Brother Knights with another 3 exempts being scheduled. So, you can see we have been consistent year after year.

When I was at the Michigan State Convention on Mackinaw Island in May, I heard rumors, which are not always true, that Our State Deputy Elect Charles McCuen III was going to disband and not support the Michigan Exemplification Traveling Teams. I do know that I have not been reassigned for the coming year as your State Ceremonial Director.

With this being the situation, the Exemplification Traveling Team Captains all agreed to continue to conduct exemplifications the way we have always done them. We felt we can do exempts like any other Council, District or Diocese Exempt Team can. OK, we don't get reimbursed for expenses but have not gotten reimbursed in the past 2 years anyway.

Therefore, if you want the Exemplification Traveling Team to do any exempts for you, just call me or one of the captains and we will take care of your request.

It has been a real pleasure to be involved with many degree staffs over the last 27 years as a Conferring Officer and State Ceremonial Director. It has been a journey that I will never forget. I worked with many outstanding staffs and individuals and really appreciated their help over these years. God Bless.

Au Lac Council Supports ASAP for Moms & Babies



The Knights of Columbus Au Lac Council 10724 in Ira Township recently delivered over \$8000 in baby items and gift cards to four pregnancy centers in their region as part of the Aid & Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program. The recipient agencies were Compassion Pregnancy Center in Fraser, Gianna House in Eastpointe, Heart of Christ

Clinic in Troy, and Spero Center in Port Huron. These donations were made possible by Au Lac Council's Breakfast For Babies fundraiser held on January 24 & 25, 2026. Thank you to the parishioners and guests at Immaculate Conception Parish for your generosity.

St. Augustine of Hippo Council 14729



Knights of Columbus Council 14729 extends sincere gratitude to all who participated in and supported this year's St. Patrick's Day Breakfast. Thanks to the generosity of our parish and local community and the dedicated efforts of our volunteers, the event was a tremendous success—raising meaningful funds to benefit local charities. Proceeds from the event will support charitable organizations within our community, helping to provide essential resources and assistance to

local families.

1	Prize	Ticket #	Winner	City	State	Seller	Council
2	1st	743023	Jeffrey Couper	Iron Mountain	MI	Jeffrey Couper	1585
3	2nd	463497	Kate Przywara	Dearborn	MI	Jerry Przywara	3860
4	3rd	30222	Joelle Maleszyk	Sterling Heights	MI	Rob Maleszyk	5460
5	4th	90747	Mo Wilkie	Livonia	MI	Mo Wilkie	13475
6	5th	241126	Richard Beauchamp	Grand Blanc	MI	Dick Beauchamp	7418
7	6th	80569	Ken Gawkowski	New Boston	MI	Council 15932	15932
8	7th	657733	Dan Burch	Manchester	MI	Dan Burch	4354
9	8th	205283	Bill Jurzysta	China	MI	Bill Jurzysta	2251
10	9th	612040	Mary Slayton	White Lake	MI	Chris Slayton	8605
11	10th	654187	Jenny Shaddach	Dexter	MI	G. Shaddach	2835
12	11th	83836	Stan Emerick	Carleton	MI	Stan Emerick	15932
13	12th	558664	Joe Snow	Calumet	MI	Joe Snow	1245
14	13th	385628	Richard Fisher	Wales	MI	Richard Fisher	10501
15	14th	716933	Kendrick Weber	Lowell	MI	Kendrick Weber	2890
16	15th	271097	Michael Argiero	Ann Arbor	MI	Michael Argiero	587
17	16th	708383	Joseph E. cross	Coldwater	MI	Joseph E. Cross	2900
18	17th	268979	Daireli & Carol Abbott	Northville	MI	Dairell Abbott	14427
19	18th	167962	Nancy Kandow	Posen	MI	Dan Kandow	6657
20	19th	410397	James J. Bueltel	Sterling Heights	MI	James J. Bueltel	13453
21	20th	93630	Janet McShane	Brownstown	MI	Council 13980	13980
22	21st	217198	Ronald Stec	Washington	MI	Ronald Stec	7018
23	22nd	60248	Charles Maskal	Saginaw	MI	Charles Maskal	4232
24	23rd	246677	Debbie Trundle	Swartz Creek	MI	Mike Trundle	6694
25	24th	78481	Greg Vink	Dearborn Heights	MI	Greg Vink	2660
26	25th	114325	Steven Koschay	Grand Ledge	MI	Steven Koschay	7311
27	26th	310498	Gary Fedewa	Portland	MI	Gary Fedewa	2168
28	27th	429735	Mary Lynn Booms	Harbor Beach	MI	Bradley Booms	3823
29	28th	162624	Kyle Koestner	Grand Rapids	MI	Kyle Koestner	162624
30	29th	591930	David Klemmer	Warren	MI	David Klemmer	13419
31	30th	83589	Paul S. Funk	Howell	MI	Paul Funk	8169
32	31st	522539	Donna Wahmhoff	New Buffalo	MI	Al Wahmhoff	14366
33	32nd	95065	Larry Sullivan	South Lyon	MI	Larry Sullivan	12295
34	33rd	718792	Fred Patin	Sand Lake	MI	Fred Patin	8425
35	34th	144007	Sherry Dunn	Lansing	MI	Joe Dunn	7816
36	35th	398592	Robert Dux	Berkley	MI	Robert Dux	13419
37	36th	647847	Erica Kruszewski	Detroit	MI	Steve Kruszewski	14427
38	37th	468881	Ernest Renaud	Monroe	MI	Ernest Renaud	1266
39	38th	85305	Jerome Kramartz	Dearborn	MI	J. Kramartz	3312
40	39th	87905	Michael Prokopowicz	Gwinn	MI	Michael Prokopowicz	6293
41	40th	715304	Patrick Burns		MI	Council 4362	4362

Fatima Rosary Rally



In June, 2020; St Augustine parishioners Cindy and Mike Vennix started praying the Fatima Rosary Rally weekly on the front steps of St Augustine Cathedral in Kalamazoo, MI. Mike is a member of St Augustine Council #15439. In January, 2021, they changed it to once a month, on the 2nd Saturday of the month. At that time, they also contacted St Catherine of Siena Council #6980, who then became involved. In addition to the Rosary, the Fatima Rosary Rally contains prayers, songs, and litanies. The Knights from both councils lead the Rosary portion of the rally.

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Your Excellencies: Most Reverend Edward Weisenberger, Archbishop of Detroit, Most Reverend Allen Vigneron, Archbishop Emeritus of Detroit, Most Reverend David Walkowiak, Bishop of Grand Rapids, Most Reverend Edward M. Lohse, Bishop of Kalamazoo, Most Reverend Earl Boyea, Bishop of Lansing, Most Reverend John Doerfler, Bishop of Marquette, Most Reverend Robert Gruss, Bishop of Saginaw, Most Reverend Jeffery Walsh, Bishop of Gaylord, Most Reverend Robert J. Fisher, Aux. Bishop of De-

troit, Most Reverend Jeffrey M. Monforton, Aux. Bishop of Detroit, Most Reverend Donald J. Hanchon, Aux. Bishop Emeritus of Detroit;

Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Diocesan Chaplains, Worthy Council Chaplains, Reverend Monsignors, Reverend Fathers, Deacons and Religious, Worthy Supreme Directors, Worthy Vice Supreme Master, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Former Vice Supreme Masters, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy State Deputy Regional Representatives, Worthy State and Diocesan Directors, Worthy District Masters of the Fourth Degree, Worthy Supreme Council General Agents, Field Agents and Asset Advisors, Worthy Delegates and Guests...

Vivat Jesus!

On this occasion of the 126th Michigan State Convention I am honored to present you this recap of the past year and my assessment of the state of Columbianism here in the great jurisdiction of Michigan. Last year's convention was well attended with approximately 350 delegates and 1,000 guests at our formal banquet. Numbers are up for this year with interest in the election of a new state officer. The activity and accomplishments of our councils over the past year in membership recruitment, program participation and COR activities has been impressive and encouraging. Michigan is definitely SOARING!

We finished out the last fraternal year with a busy month. The board attended along with dozens of 4th degree knights, the Special Olympics Summer Games Opening Ceremony in Mt. Pleasant where we presented a check on your behalf and cheered on the special athletes from around the state. Training began when Lady Mandy and I joined all State Deputies in New Haven, Connecticut with Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly. He spoke of knights being "guardians of the mission" and how it is now, "our moment" to carry on Blessed McGivney's vision. The importance of COR (Prayer, Formation and Fraternity) was reinforced with updates on resources and training. Council priorities were defined (Leadership, Recruitment and Activity) and again fit nicely into my plans for the focus of our next six months on the theme of ASPIRE or ASPIRATION, the third of the four-letter acronym S.O.A.R. We are all encouraged to strive to do just a little bit more, to work a little bit harder. We were introduced to our new Territorial Growth Director Alain Cayer who has proven to be an inspiration and a reliable resource. District Deputy training was provided in early June followed by Council officer training to get us prepared in advance of the new fraternal year.

June kicked off the golf outing and gala season as we participated or had representation in many fundraising events supporting charities and causes such as Guest House, St. Louis Center and Sacred Heart Major Seminary. At the Archbishop's Gala fundraiser, we presented checks on your behalf from the Seminarian Tuition Assistance Assessment and donations to the Endowed Scholarship Fund. Thanks to Past State Deputy Kenneth Unterbrink for encouraging council and individual participation in these initiatives. State officers participated in activities as diverse as a Eucharistic Procession in the capitol of Lansing, to the Gaines Rodeo.

We gathered at the end of June at DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Center in Bay City with all the district deputies, regional, state and diocesan directors. We set the expectations and plans for programs and membership consistent

with our strategic plan. State Program Director Matt Wierzgac and State Membership Director Doug Kokot along with their trainers provided workshops reinforcing the theme of "ASPIRE". The COR initiative was demonstrated with attendees participating. This continues to be a great tool for faith formation and connecting our membership and our councils to our catholic foundation. We enjoyed fraternalism with a no-risk "Casino Royale" theme for Saturday hospitality. As usual, we followed the conference with the "Diocesan Road Show" taking key elements of our training and information to all seven dioceses, holding sessions in Detroit, Saginaw, Kingsford, Indian River, Brooklyn, Grand Rapids and Allegan.

Seminarian and vocations support events frequent our calendar. Events this year included the Saginaw Seminarian Golf Outing and Banquet, Lansing Diocesan Seminarian Dinner in Davison, Desert Meal in Clarkston, DAVL Golf Outing in Casco, SHMS Desert Golf Classic in Ann Arbor, Lansing Lugnuts Vocations Night, and a number of diocesan, district and council clergy appreciation dinners.

The Supreme Convention in Washington D.C. was attended by our delegation in early August at the historic Omni Hotel. Your delegates from councils around the state were on hand to see Michigan receive recognition for International Life Program of the Year (Rochester Hills Council 13950) for the area-wide support of the renovations and renaming of Father McGivney Field. While Council 13950 led the effort, an amazing 43 councils contributed to this effort, creating an accessible facility for disabled and special needs athletes.

Later in August we had our first ultrasound dedication of the year in Niles. State Life Director Ed and Lynn Strach have continued throughout the year helping with ultrasound approvals, dedications and ASAP programs in addition to Right-To-Life events and support. Additional ultrasound machines were dedicated at Sacred Heart Mercy Clinic in Alma, Spero Pregnancy Center in Port Huron, Positive Options in Allegan, and Sturgis Pregnancy & Family Resource Center. Ed and Lynn also represented Michigan at the National March-For-Life in Washington D.C. in January. There is much work to be done, in education, advocacy and influence as we try to change hearts and minds on the issue of abortion. We are collaborating with great local partners like Protect Life Michigan and Michigan Right to Life who are both attending our convention.

As a Former Master I was pleased with the appointment of PSD Walter Winkle Jr. as Vice Supreme Master of the Fr. Hennepin Province. We attended many of the patriotic exemplifications in all 4 districts of Michigan. I encourage all brother knights to join the 4th Degree and those who are able, to participate as Color Corps members. We have lost a lot of older members but it is encouraging to see more and more younger members getting the uniform and participating in Corps fallouts such as the living rosary in Lansing and here at the convention. All five State Officers and VSM Winkle, proudly presented colors at the beginning of the Detroit Red Wings Game.

We support and participate in statewide fraternal events like Knights on Bikes Meet-up weekend, Detroit Tigers Knights of Columbus Night, Detroit Lions and Detroit Red Wings Outings and the State Campout which was held near Houghton Lake with outdoor Mass, campfire stories, cornhole and pontoons. Other events include Baraga Days, Downriver Knights Picnic, Former Masters Picnic, and the Posen Potato Festival.

We celebrated the first of many significant milestone council anniversaries in August with the 75th anniversary of Renaud Council 3292 in Plymouth. The long and impressive history of many of our older councils is testament to the continuing importance of the service our order provides across generations and through many changes and challenges of the times. Some of the other anniversary events we attended included the 50th anniversary of Council 6851 in

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Ossineke, 50th anniversary of Council 6657 in Posen, and the 125th anniversary of Council 529 in Alpena.

A state membership recruiting team sponsored and participated at the August Michigan Catholic High School Cross Country Meet in Dewitt and the October Prep Bowl at Ford Field. While supporting our catholic youth and educators, we also successfully recruited a good number of men, bringing them directly into the order as E-Members. I was pleased to give an address and appeal for membership along with Lady Mandy to about 1,200 attendees at the Catholic Women's Conference in Lansing. I also spoke at the Saginaw Catholic Men's Conference in Bay City. Other membership efforts under the leadership of State Membership Director, Doug Kokot, yielded results at the Lansing and Grand Rapids Catholic Men's Conferences and the Hispanic Men's Conference in Detroit.

Representing you across the state, we contribute to, sponsor and attend many formal fundraising dinners such as Southeast Michigan Catholic Charities Gala (Host Sponsor), Heart of Christ Clinic Gala, St. Louis Center Fall Harvest Fest, Guest House Archbishop's Dinner, Special Olympics Ties & Tennessees Gala at Central Station, Gianna House Golf Outing, Drew's Home of Clarkston Gala, Angel's Place Fundraiser at the Henry Hotel, Petoskey Sausage Supper, West Branch Sausage Dinner, St. Francis Camp on the Lake Comedy Dinner, the Antonio G. Vittorini Memorial, St. Louis Center Fall Auction Dinner, Inter-Fraternal Brotherhood Dinner, Detroit Catholic Campus Ministry Mission Night, and Protect Life of Michigan Vision Dinners.

My home Council 7233 in Birch Run held a fundraiser in late September to bolster their Medical Fund which subsequently purchased a standing wheelchair for Lady Mandy that was not covered by insurance. We are so grateful for the generosity of our brother knights and others who supported this effort. Unfortunately, Mandy was not able to attend as she was in the hospital with kidney stones. Since then, she has been back on track, attending most events with me. The standing wheelchair is a helpful part of her continued therapy, as are the prayers and messages of encouragement by individuals and councils around the state.

District Deputies and council leadership attended late September Diocesan Steering Meetings in Warren, Chelsea, Wyoming, Clare, and Sault Ste. Marie. These meetings were intended as a health-check of council status so we could provide correction and support as needed.

The Fall MI Drive was held in October around Columbus Day weekend with many councils opting for a second effort each year or simply trying to target a warmer weather option. Council submission of the participation paperwork through Form 10784 earns the state a share of the incentive money from Supreme which we donate to Special Olympics of Michigan.

Supreme called State Deputies together in Denver, Colorado for our mid-year meeting in November. It was the first time I missed opening day of deer hunting gun season since I was old enough to hunt. Fortunately, there's still plenty of meat in the freezer so I shouldn't complain. We were blessed with good training, good counsel and reinforcement of Supreme's priorities for growth and development. Significant emphasis was placed on the need for cooperation and visibility with and for the insurance field force. The insurance arm of our order needs to be recognized for the important role it represents to our founder's vision. We left energized to finish the calendar year strong and motivated to keep our councils engaged through the winter months.

Speaking of our Supreme Insurance Field Force, I am pleased with the cooperation we share with our General Agents Ken Huard, Benji Borelli and Chris Masoglia. They, their AGAs, agents, and asset advisors are a valuable resource to our membership and our councils. We can help them be even better. The biggest challenge is the shortage of agents to properly cover the numbers and geographic size of our jurisdiction. If you or anyone you think of may be interested in a career with Knights of Columbus, talk with one of our General Agents. I

joined their statewide team meeting in October and shared our intent as a leadership team to support their participation at council, parish and community events. I trust you will welcome them and realize the importance of the economic power they provide to our order. Many of the "big things" the Knights of Columbus is able to do, is because of them.

The Winter Leadership Conference was held again at Crowne Plaza in Lansing in early December. District Deputies along with diocesan and state directors gathered to renew our commitment to our roles and learn from training and workshops. With the help of State Program Director, Matt Wierzgac, State Membership Director, Doug Kokot, and State EFF/COR Director Chris Wegener, we launched the fourth element of S.O.A.R.; Responsibility. All who hold leadership positions, even as a volunteer, have a responsibility to fulfill our role and provide leadership, guidance, counsel and support to those under our care. We all have the obligation to recruit more men into our order. We can help them, and together, they can help us accomplish more.

The Diocesan Meeting Road Trip began in January and we traveled the state with the theme of "Responsibility," as we again visited every diocese. The bishop of each diocese attended these meetings and shared their personal support and message of encouragement directly with the knights of his diocese. We held meetings in Grand Rapids, Augusta, Vassar, Lansing, Marquette, Gaylord and Detroit.

Youth events continue to be offered by local councils with winners advancing to district or diocesan competitions including the Soccer Challenge, State Spelling Bee, Poster Contest, Essay Contest, State Free Throw Championship and the Hockey Challenge. Michigan can boast an international Soccer Challenge winner, 12 year old Kiera Mackmiller from Council 7891 in Brighton.

In February, the State Bowling Tournament was held in St. Clair Shores. This fraternal event provides a nice financial boost for the sponsoring council, is a great opportunity to fraternalize with brothers from across the state, and can be a recruitment tool for your council. The State Deputy rolled another gutter ball on the ceremonial frame. It did get better from there. At the end of February we held the State Deputy's Tribute Dinner at Horizon's Conference Center in Saginaw. We recognized and thanked councils, districts and individuals that have excelled in recruitment. We're doing well, but we can do better! Michigan always rallies late in the fraternal year, and we need it to get to our goal.

Steering Meetings were held again in early March to prepare districts and councils for the final quarter of the fraternal year. Meetings were held in Kalamazoo, Midland, Lansing, Comstock Park, Sault Ste. Marie and Shelby Township. The Columbiettes have organized the second chapter in Michigan. The first was in White Lake, and the new chapter is in Gladwin.

The board and many other knights participated in the Detroit St. Patrick's Day Parade and Sharin' O' the Green Mass at Most Holy Trinity, maintaining a long-standing tradition. Most activities paused for a focus on Easter, except for the Spring MI Drive. April took the board to the Tri-District Rally in St. Clair Shores this year. This 86th annual event was well attended and is a good model for other districts to consider. We then attended the 54th Inter-Fraternal Brotherhood Dinner which includes several other organizations. It was encouraging to hear a general trend of younger men showing greater interest in joining fraternal organizations. Also in April, Michigan knights held another Cross Catholic Outreach packing event in Flint, creating meals that will serve thousands of hungry families. These and/or other outreach projects bring knights and others together to provide needed goods or services within our communities. The State Charities Raffle drawing was held April 16th and early figures indicate good, but not record results. These funds are important for allowing us to contribute to the many worthwhile charities, organizations, programs, projects and needs across the state on your behalf.

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As Guest House celebrates its 70th anniversary, the ministry is entering a new chapter with the construction of a state-of-the-art Health and Wellness Center on its Lake Orion campus. Ground was broken on December 11, 2025, and completion is anticipated in late 2026.



The new center reflects Guest House's belief that lasting recovery embraces the whole person: body, mind, and spirit. The facility will include expanded fitness space, a demonstration kitchen, and classroom and meeting areas to support education, nutrition, movement, group learning, and long-term wellness.

This expansion comes at a time when the needs of the Church are increasingly complex. Many clergy and religious carry heavy pastoral, emotional, and spiritual burdens, often while continuing to serve others. At Guest House, they receive treatment, spiritual support, and practical tools needed for recovery. Guest House provides compassionate care rooted in our Catholic faith and values.

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As Guest House looks to the next 70 years, the Health and Wellness Center represents more than a building. It is a commitment to the future health of the Church and to those who have dedicated their lives in service to others.



From left to right: Al Hassinger (Knights of Columbus Grand Knight of Fr. Thomas R. Carey Council #4764); Peter Jonna, Jr. and Peter Jonna from Jonna Construction; Architect Salvatore LoRe, Jr. from AKA Architects; Jeff Henrich (Guest House President & CEO); and Guest House Trustee Michael J. Fontana (MI State K of C Guest House liaison).



To learn more or to support the healing ministry of Guest House, visit guesthouse.org or scan the QR code.



MICHIGAN COLUMBIAN AROUND THE STATE

St. Faustina Council 7340



The Knights of Columbus St. Faustina Council 7340 recently shared donations from its very successful Tootsie Roll(TM) Drive with the Keith Bovenschon School and Regina Catholic High School; both located in Warren. K of C 7340 Grand Knight Bruce Trudgeon and Knight 3rd Degree Member George Eichorn recently presented the Regina High School check to: Principal Prima Dailey, President Anna Bulszewicz, Vice President Emily Radatz and Instructional Specialist & Book Club Moderator Michelle De-Grez. Not shown: Mae Daniels, Marketing Director. Students of Regina High School and De La Salle Collegiate (Warren, MI) recently held a joint special School Mass at St. Faustina Church, 14025 East Twelve Mile Road, Warren MI 48088

Lake Orion Knights Donate New Fryers



Shown above: Fr Mark Tibai, Grand Knight Al Hassinger & part of the Council 4764 team

The Lake Orion Knights of Columbus Council 4764 purchased 5 new fryers for the St Joseph parish school kitchen in Lake Orion, Michigan. The old unreliable fryers were estimated to be 60 years old. Total cost came in well over \$9,000, but it was money well spent. St Joseph's Associate Priest Mark Tibai was on hand to bless the new fryers which will be used for events held in Myrick Hall.

St. Sebastian Council 14642



At our Exempt on April 29, 2026, St. Sebastian Council 14642 in Byron Center, MI, welcomed 5 new members, Donald Appel, Jim Doane, West Hudson, Don Pattock, Eric Potvin shown with our Council Degree Team.

Programs = New Members

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen Council 7487

Our May Youth of the Month is Gabe Leazier. Gabe volunteers as an altar server, in the past he has played music at Christmas and Easter Masses, helped with Vacation Bible School, and assisted a local food pantry in packing meals for families in Ukraine.

Lake Orion Knights Go Patriotic



Shown: Grand Knight Al Hassinger & Oxford Village Manager Joseph Madore

The Lake Orion Knights of Columbus Council 4764 donated \$1,500 to the Oxford Stars & Stripes Community Flag Retirement Ceremony. The immersive experience featured a "Walk of Flags" historical display, colonial games, & a formal retirement of unserviceable flags conducted with full honors.

St. Patrick White Lake Council 13319 New Knight



At its May 6th general membership meeting, St Patrick Knights of Columbus Council #13319 welcomed a new Knight to our ranks. Greg Bagby had previously completed his online Third Degree exemplification on April 30th and at the meeting was presented a rosary and was introduced to our Brother Knights.

We are excited to have Greg as part of our Council!

St. Patrick White Lake Council 13319 Mother's Appreciation Brunch



On May 31st, the St Patrick Knights of Columbus Council #13319 provided a brunch after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. masses to celebrate all the mothers of the parish. We acknowledge the treasures that our mothers are in our lives. We appreciate them for who they are and what they mean to us. This brunch was just one small way for us to show our appreciation.

We pray that God watches over our mothers and continues to bless them all.

Knights Visit Veterans



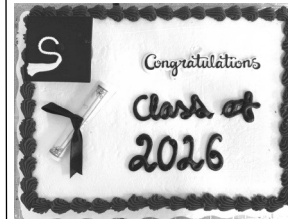
Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus from the Bishop Kevin M. Britt Assembly #3102 in Jenison/Byron Center served ice cream, visited and provided snacks and pop to veterans at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans on March 14.

Initially, two or three members started the quarterly visits a few years ago. Now, 10 to 12 members and their families attend.

High School Graduation Breakfast



On Pentecost Sunday St.. Peter Parish Eaton Rapids celebrated 3 high school graduates with a Baccalaureate Mass and pancake breakfast in the Father Ben Parish



Hall. 10 Knights from St. Peter Council 6534 prepared and served 78 meals. A portion of the goodwill donations were given to the church. The graduates

were from Chesterton Academy of St. George and Charlotte High School. Their various plans include working in the family business and attending Lansing Community College.

Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Council #386



Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Council #3860 held an Exemplification after Mass on Saturday April 18, 2026 welcoming three new Knights. A dinner reception followed the Exemplification performed by one of MI's Traveling Teams. Msgr. Schulte Assembly 0492 Col-or Corps fell out for Mass as well.



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Again this year we experienced some devastating storms with high winds and tornadoes in the Southwestern portion of the state, more ice storms and heavy snowfall that left widespread damage throughout the Northern portion of the lower peninsula and much of the upper peninsula, and flooding in many areas of the state resulting from extreme rainfall combined with snowmelt. I again heard stories of knights in action from single one-on-one assistance by brother knights to councils mobilizing resources to help with cleanup, safety and security, shelter for displaced people, and damage recovery and repair. It truly makes me proud to be a Knight of Columbus, when we see Faith in Action and brother knights demonstrating the first principle of Charity.

At the time of this convention, the fraternal year is not yet over. We still have work to do. Last year, our membership goal was 2,461 (adjusted) and we ended up at 2,365. Close, but short. This year, our quota was 2,634. We have earned adjustments to lower it to 2,467. As of May 1st we were at 1,987. This seems like a big gap, but it is typical for May and June to be big months. While we haven't earned Circle of Honor, the good news is that we are bringing in more knights than we have in decades. Third-party data shared by Supreme shows that Michigan only has about 8% of eligible catholic men as knights! That leaves 92% that need to be invited. I continue to believe the hunger is there among men to want to belong to something bigger, something true. The pendulum will swing and the desire will continue to grow. We are positioned to offer a fraternal experience based on our common Faith where families can unite in Charity to fight against real evil, counter secular forces contrary to reason, righteousness and nature, to support our priests and bishops and those pursuing vocations, and to strengthen our Church in Michigan even during a time of decline, consolidation and change.

We look forward to the next round of new State Deputy training at Supreme in New Haven as well as the Summer Leadership Conference to be held this year in

Detroit. Our state officers and wives will gather for both New-Board Weekend and Board Turnover to continue the tradition of an orderly hand-off and training of the duties of each state officer.

Almost two years ago I asked and challenged Michigan leadership to "SOAR with us". I'm very proud of the work accomplished since then and the dedication of so many to do the work of the Order. We have many really good men in leadership positions across the state. Despite many challenges, I am pleased and still very optimistic. Michigan is in good shape, even great shape. We can always do better. I'll continue to ask for "just a little bit more". Too many councils have zero recruitment activity, limited programs, or a lack of good leadership. We are making progress and Supreme is giving us more tools and resources than ever before. Costs continue to rise and we need to consider some significant changes if we want to keep providing support and leadership development along with charitable assistance to those counting on us. Recommendations are being considered regarding travel reimbursement, printing and mailing costs and per capita dues. The Michigan Jurisdiction is a big operation. Much of our revenue is pass-through, direct to charitable contributions. We still need to pay the bills. We need to be able to sustain our operation and our charity with responsible fiscal policy.

In conclusion, I thank you for the opportunity to be your State Deputy and still believe the Michigan State Council is solid and strong, built on a legacy of great accomplishment and leadership in the Order. We have talent, dedication, resources and opportunity. With your cooperation, Michigan can and will continue to be a state jurisdiction where the name Knights of Columbus is held in high regard because of our accomplishments, our conviction, and our men of action!

Fraternally,

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St. Augustine of Hippo Council 14729



The Knights of Columbus St. Augustine of Hippo Council 14729 of Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Edwardsburg proudly hosted its 2026 Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser, raising over \$3,000.00 in support of the Edwardsburg Food Pantry (EFP). The event brought together 10 local chefs, each serving up a unique and flavorful homemade chili. Thanks to strong community support, the evening was a great success, providing meaningful assistance to local families in need. In addition to chili tastings, attendees enjoyed raffles, baked goods, and a fun, family-friendly atmosphere.

Pictured (left to right) at the check presentation are Brother Knight Ron Merwin, Pastor Scott Sheel, Director of EFP and Brother Knight Bill Eustice.

John Cardinal Dearden Council #744



Congratulations to John Cardinal Dearden Council #744 in Mt. Clemens. JCD 744 Exemplified 4 new 3rd Degree Knights on April 15th.. Well done Brother Knights. Congratulations to the new Knights and we are looking forward to the fun and expertise you will bring to this great Council.

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:
William Corey, State Council Family Director, 23906 Edward St., Dearborn, MI 48128, w.corey@mikofc.org
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Families of the Month

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GUEST HOUSE

Guest House is dedicated to providing quality recovery and overall health and wellness to the ordained and consecrated of the Catholic Church, including those in formation. Founded in 1956 by Austin Ripley, Guest House began as the first residential treatment center dedicated to priests suffering from alcoholism. Today, more than 8,000 priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, and seminarians have found recovery, renewal, and restored hope through Guest House.

As Guest House celebrates its 70th anniversary, the ministry is entering a new chapter with the construction of a state-of-the-art Health and Wellness Center on its Lake Orion campus. Ground was broken on December 11, 2025, and completion is anticipated in late 2026.

The new center reflects Guest House’s belief that lasting recovery embraces the whole person: body, mind, and spirit. The facility will include expanded fitness space, a demonstration kitchen, and classroom and meeting areas to support education, nutrition, movement, group learning, and long-term wellness.

This expansion comes at a time when the needs of the Church are increasingly

complex. Many clergy and religious carry heavy pastoral, emotional, and spiritual burdens, often while continuing to serve others. At Guest House, they receive treatment, spiritual support, and practical tools needed for recovery. Guest House provides compassionate care rooted in our Catholic faith and values.

“The wellness of our Church is our mission,” said Jeff Henrich, Guest House President and CEO.

No priest, sister, brother, deacon, or seminarian who seeks treatment at Guest House is ever turned away because of an inability to pay. Philanthropic support makes this possible and helps return the ordained and consecrated to their communities and ministries with renewed strength.

As Guest House looks to the next 70 years, the Health and Wellness Center represents more than a building. It is a commitment to the future health of the Church and to those who have dedicated their lives in service to others.

To learn more or support Guest House, visit guesthouse.org/give.

St. Patrick White Lake Council 13319 Shoe Donation



For the fourth year, the St Patrick Knights of Columbus Council #13319 provided shoes to children in need at Dublin Elementary. We presented 28 pairs of shoes at a cost of over \$1,000. The cost of the shoes was covered by donations from our Brother Knights. Each year the students receiving the shoes are extremely grateful and excited as they will no longer need to wear old shoes that are worn out or are a hand-me-down of the wrong size. The students receiving the shoes showed their appreciation by sending our Council a thank you card that they created. It was a heart-warming event for all those that were there.

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:

Larry Herman, FDM, State Council Community Director, 501 Georgetown Drive Apt. 17, Traverse City, MI 49684

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Eric Vannewkirk

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Larry Lewalk, Michael Meister
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Fremont Council 3111

Robert Scott, Tommy Gallan
Robert Maycroft

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Warren Council 3848

Michael Garcia,

Fr. Nicholas Zukowski *cky

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Wyoming Council 4362

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Fr. Joseph Abraham

FR. Mark Vyverman

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John Curell, Rob Houbeck

Birch Run Council 7233

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William Currie, Edward Rivet

Harbor Beach Council 11432

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Au Lac Council 10724 Youth of the Month for June



Congratulations to Andrew Mehay on being named the Au Lac Council Youth of the Month for June! Andrew is the son of Chris and Samantha Mehay and is a 6th grade student at Anchor Bay Middle School North. He is on the Student Council Leadership Team, Varsity Cross Country team and the "A" Honor Roll.

Andrew attends Mass each week with his family and is active in his parish as a frequent altar server, member of the handbells group, volunteer at Fish Fry, coffee and donuts and the parish listening sessions.

We thank Andrew for sharing his faith through service to his school, parish and community!

Pictured L-R: Mark Kehoe (Grand Knight); Andrew Mehay; Fr. Joseph Esper (Pastor)

Queen of Apostles Council 6548



St Mary's Cathedral in Gaylord.

Deputy Grand Knight Steven Sandoval of Queen of Apostles 6548 was ordained into the Order of Deacons by Bishop Walsh on April 18th at

Programs = New Members

Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus

126th Annual State Convention

May 22, 2026

Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Supreme Director, and brother Knights, Vivat Jesus.

Since 1882, the Knights have helped Catholic men put their faith into practice through charity and service. We have carried out vital work that reflects both Old and New Testaments. Isaiah 58 calls us to share your food with the hungry and provide the poor wanderer with shelter and, when you see the naked, to clothe them. In Matthew 25, Jesus is just as direct: I was hungry, and you gave me food; a stranger and you welcomed me; naked and you clothed me; ill and you cared for me; in prison and you visited me. The message is clear, so clear it needs little commentary. In other words: just do it.

But the slogan “just do it” has deeper meaning when it flows from a relationship with God formed through prayer. Prayer naturally bears fruit in action, and service is one way faith shows itself as real. Under the theme of Justice and Peace, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops said that our faith is social. St. Teresa of Calcutta likewise taught that we meet Jesus both in the Eucharist and in the distressing disguise of the poor. Faith in Action turns faith into an active verb.

The Good of the Order Committee has highlighted practical examples of how prayer becomes Faith in Action.

- The MI or Tootsie Roll Drive for people with intellectual disabilities is a visible, community-centered charity. Knights raise more than \$200,000 each year for Special Olympics Michigan and volunteer at the games.
- Coats for Kids moves from praying for those facing the cold to directly providing warmth.
- Pro-life prayer becomes pro-life action through funding and practical medical supplies for mothers in need. Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) including ASAP100, which calls for participation by every council, offers a strong way to provide that support. One ASAP partner is the Heart of Christ Clinic in Detroit, which cares for the whole person: spirit, mind, and body. Councils like Bishop Gallagher Council in Royal Oak also assist centers like Mother and Unborn Baby Care in Southfield with hands-on maintenance and yard work.
- The Helping Hands Program serves those who are poor, homeless, or struggling with addiction through efforts such as soup kitchens, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference, and facility repairs.
- Knights strengthen the Domestic Church by supporting families as they live their vocations through programs like Food for Families in Garden City and Anchor Bay, local food drives, service with Open Door Outreach, **Cross Catholic Outreach**, and fundraising for groups that provide social services. Scripture and initiatives like Consecration to the Holy Family and Family Fully Alive encourage families to bring faith into everyday life.
- The Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) and the Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowment Fund provide moral, financial, and spiritual support for seminarians and religious. Building on this, the Diocese of Gaylord is developing a Culture of Vocations and recently launched the "[Called by Name](#)" initiative to encourage community-led nominations. Supported by the St. Monica and St. Andrew Society, the effort emphasizes prayer, invitation, and forming a culture of vocations grounded in love for the Church. In the same spirit, parish events from Christmas and St. Patrick's Day gatherings to pancake breakfasts, parish picnics, and coffee and donuts after Mass help draw families closer to the Church and foster vocations.
- Knights invest in the next generation by promoting faith, community involvement, and sportsmanship through programs such as the spelling bee, free throw contest, and soccer challenge helping young people grow closer to the Church.

- Many councils including Immaculate Conception Council in Garden City offer scholarships for students attending Catholic high schools.
- Cor helps Catholic men deepen their faith and bring it home to their families and parishes through resources such as This Man is You and Into the Breach.
- Members also engage legislative concerns, for example, by hosting town halls on the realities of physician-assisted suicide.
- Knights assist pastors with church repairs, hosting social events, financial aid to their parishes, and informal gatherings that find out their individual interests to increase our bonds and relationships.

As reported at the 143rd Supreme Convention last August in Washington, D.C., this work totaled a record **\$197 million** donated to charitable causes worldwide, **48 million hours** of volunteer service, and **\$100 million** in contributions through RSVP.

Moving from private reflection to public service begins with two simple steps. First, explore the four Faith in Action categories of Faith, Family, Community, and Life to choose a clear path to serve. Ask your parish Christian Service commission where help is needed. Then commit by joining a Faith in Action program in your council.

Remember: our strength to serve is received in the Eucharist. As Mass attendance in the United States has declined in recent years, we must hold fast. Faith in Action depends on renewed reverence for Christ's real presence, which forms a culture of charity and peace. Work with your priests to grow in Eucharistic reverence, and balance time in adoration and prayer with time in shared service.

From the beginning God meant for us to be driven primarily by love, not by rewards. Our service should not depend on what we might receive in return, but on the good that lies before us and the worth of the work itself. The committee sees Knights loving their neighbors in what we accomplish in charity, service, and growth and using it to do more. We aim to discern together, with every Knight participating toward shared goals. Each member has a voice, and we honor the Orders purpose and ideals from the beginning. Recognition is welcome, but never as an end, only insofar as it supports the service we provide. Our programs, growth, and care for widows and orphans find their true meaning in a prayerful relationship with God that naturally expresses itself in action.

Our faith is social, brother Knights. We are responsible for what we carry back to our home councils. Take what you have received here, return safely home with renewed purpose, and look for new ways to participate, grow the Order, and remain engaged.

Thank you and God bless you.

Worthy State Deputy, I request that the Good of the Order committee stand to be recognized and released ... and that this report be approved and incorporated into the proceedings of this meeting.

The Good of the Order Committee: Round Table Director and Chair Daniel Remeika, E-Membership Director James Escott, Archdiocese Membership Director – South Hans Hansen, Gaylord Diocesan Membership Director – West Joseph Zayaz, District Deputy #309 Brian Galloway, District Deputy #405 James Vote, Grand Knight #2950 Michael Dixon, and Grand Knight #6223 Matthew Girdham.





St. Louis Center

What's on Your Bucket List?

Greetings in the Name of the Lord, Brother Knights!

It was a joy to join you at the Knights of Columbus State Council of Michigan Convention on Mackinac Island in May and celebrate your commitment to knighthood. Thank you for your friendship.

The fellowship I share with you and your families is always a blessing. Knowing your devotion to our Catholic faith and your desire to lead your families in Christ is deeply moving.

St. Louis Center is home to more than fifty adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Though adults, they experience the world like children or young teens and require around-the-clock care. By supporting St. Louis Center, you become part of our residents' extended family. To us, you are like fathers and brothers to those who need your steady comforting presence.

The funds raised through your annual Tootsie Roll Drive help us provide these dear residents with a joyful, loving, and faith-filled home. I cannot thank you enough for your dedication and generosity.

As Knights of Columbus, you protect and honor life. Your support for the unborn, for those in need of medical care, for Special Olympics, and for the residents of St. Louis Center reflects your deep commitment to the dignity of every person created in the image of God.

In gratitude, our residents and staff pray for you and your families during the Friday Rosary. We also remember the Knights of Columbus councils across Michigan at daily Mass in our chapel, as well as on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

We pray that the Lord blesses you, your family, and the faith-filled service you wholeheartedly offer. May God bless you.

Fr. Satheesh

Fr. Satheesh Alphonse, SdC

MEET THE RESIDENTS

Albert Valaer



Pat Valaer describes her son Albert, affectionately known as "Bert," as an adventurous, friendly man about town who is always ready for his next big experience.

As a young man growing up in Ohio, Bert discovered a love for swimming through programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Pat later taught at a public school in Grand Ledge that offered similar swim opportunities funded by the St. Michael's Council #7311 Tootsie Roll Drive. Those experiences sparked a lifelong love of the water. Every summer at

the family cottage, Bert eagerly grabs his goggles and dives into the lake in search of "precious stones" to collect for his mom.

Bert is also a huge Elvis fan. One of his lifelong dreams was to visit Memphis and tour Graceland. That dream became a reality when he explored Elvis Presley's famous home, museum, and even Elvis' airplane. Bert called it the best trip ever.

After seeing Elvis' plane, Bert knew he wanted to fly too. For his 50th birthday, he checked another adventure off his bucket list when he boarded a plane to Florida with Pat for a magical trip to Disney World.

Most recently, Bert enjoyed a train ride from East Lansing to Chicago. In the Windy City, he spent the day marveling at sea life at Shedd Aquarium, strolling along Navy Pier, and visiting Lincoln Park Zoo. Seeing the gorillas was the highlight of the trip. Bert especially loves staying in hotels, proudly calling them "the bee's knees."

Bert has been part of the St. Louis Center family since 1991. Known for his friendly spirit and willingness to help others, he enjoys music therapy, volunteering with Meals on Wheels, and embracing every adventure that comes his way.

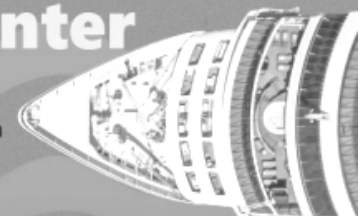


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St. Louis Center: Upcoming Events

2026 GOLF SEASON IS NOW IN FULL SWING

There is still time to join the fun!

IAD Golf Outing

The Italian American Delegates support St. Louis Center and other charities with proceeds from this outing.

Date: Monday, July 13, 2026

Place: Pine Knob Golf Club, Clarkston

Sean Brian Ashline Golf Outing

SBAF supports St. Louis Center and students who need an alternative to traditional college, including scholarships for post-secondary education, trade and certificate programs.

Date: Monday, July 20, 2026

Place: Lakelands Golf & Country Club, Brighton

Dad & Lad Golf Outing

The Dad & Lad Golf Outing was created in 1997 to encourage father and son camaraderie and stewardship. This year we honor the memory of Michael A. Chirco.

Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2026

Place: Twin Lakes Golf & Swim Club, Oakland

Memorial Golf Outing

Since 1987, the Memorial Golf Outing has allowed us to remember our deceased friends and their generosity to the Center. This year we honor Ellie Unterbrink, late wife of Past State Deputy Ken Unterbrink.

Date: Saturday, August 15, 2026

Place: Pierce Lake Golf Course, Chelsea



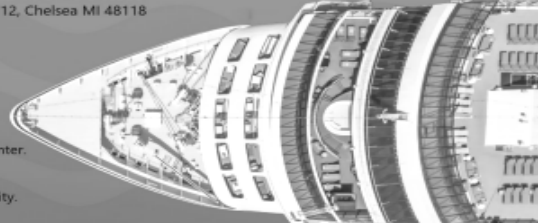
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MEN'S SOCIAL

Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 5:30pm



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St. Louis Center is a private non-profit residential family living and learning environment providing for the needs of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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ST. PETER COUNCIL 6534 EATON RAPIDS



St. Peter Council 6534 Eaton Rapids presented their annual Last Supper Play for Lenten reflection titled "Is It I?". Actors included 7 Knights. Parishioners provided narration, singing, music, lighting, sound and refreshments.

The play has Jesus and the twelve apostles in a still pose as depicted in Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper. After Jesus declares He will be betrayed, each apostle approaches the audience and reflects on their relationship with Jesus. Each speech ends with the same self doubting question: "Is It I?". The Holy Eucharist then takes place followed by the exit of Judas to complete his betrayal. The apostles then exit through the audience while singing "Jesus remember me when You come into your Kingdom".

Two performances were held: March 22nd in the St. Peter Father Ben Parish Hall and March 29th at The Work of Christ Community Center. Combined attendees numbered around 200. Donations totaled \$1232.36 with all proceeds going to the Pregnancy Center of Eaton County (PCEC). An additional \$200.00 will be donated to the PCEC through the ASAP Grant Program.

Lake Orion Knights Get Dirty



Part of the "Adopt a Road" team, from left to right: Knights Mark Sullivan, Tom Tiffany, Jack Arb, Rick Alagna, & event leader Tim Yoder

On a chilly damp Saturday in April, a dozen brave souls from the Lake Orion Knights of Columbus Council 4764 hit the roads for their twice a year "Adopt a Road" clean-up. Carefully navigating brush, water hazards, small critters, & traffic, the team attacked 3 miles of local roads with a vengeance, gathering an impressive 32 bags of garbage. A Spring Saturday well spent.

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Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Council



Vincent Nowak earned the Shining Armor Award. To get this award in his first year he had to attend at least 3 meetings, help in at least 3 council events, meet with our insurance agent, and get one new member to join our council. Congratulations on your achievement Vincent!

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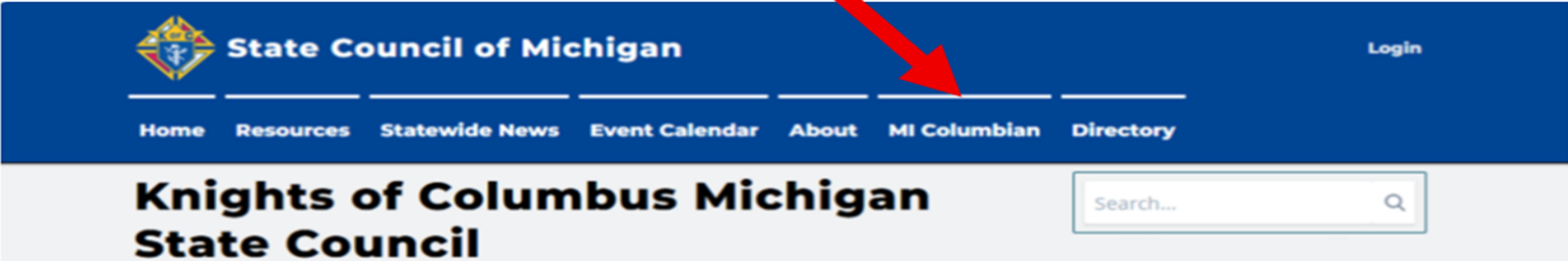
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