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From The State Deputy William H. Chassé



Worthy Brother Knights, we are here a few years early because of the tragic loss of our brother Knight, Antonio G. Vittorini. Tony was a good man, a family man and he will always be remembered as so.

Please help me congratulate and welcome the newest members of our leadership family. Father Paul Erikson is looking forward to leading our diocesan chaplains, as our State Chaplain. We would also like to congratulate our new State Advocate, Barry Borsenik and his wife Mandy, our new State Warden Charlie McCuen and his wife Pam. Welcome to the State Board! With their compassion for the Knights of Columbus's vision, willingness to learn and travel the State; I believe we will have a strong family oriented leadership team.

We would also like to congratulate our State Secretary, Walter Winkle and wife Karen and our State Treasurer Chris Kolomjec and his wife Julie to their new positions. I would also like to usher our IPSD Ken Unterbrink into a slower paced position and thank him for his commitment to the Knights of Columbus these last 10 years.

I look forward to working with these dedicated men and ladies. With **all** of your help and the dedication this board has committed to, we will continue what our PSDS have put into motion and lead Michigan into a successful future.

My Brother Knights, we have been asked by our Bishops and Clergy to help bring back our Catholic family and friends to the church. We can start by asking a brother Knight or family member to church this weekend and just maybe s/he will connect to the mass and continue going.

We must try and do our best to lead the dream that our great founder Michael J. McGivney started. Is there anyone out there that would not say the Knights of Columbus has made them a better man, husband, father and Catholic? I would say not. Brother Knights we can't be quiet any more, but proud and loud that we are part of the Catholic Church.

In the next year I hope to see the communication doors blow open and the willingness of working together as a team, come to the forefront. The State board has agreed that we all will work tirelessly to communicate with you. I ask all of you to open the lines of communication and work with each other. Your District Deputies have a wealth of information to help you be successful.

My hopes are that we as a State realize it is time to pull together, work hard for one reason; To do the work of the order. We are getting older as a state and it's our duty to make sure we have the membership 20 years from now to continue helping others in need. Brother Knights we can only keep the army strong by sharing the honor and asking men to help with the dream. As State Deputy of Michigan I promise, the leadership team will do our best to make this happen. With your help I know we can achieve our goals.

To all the Ladies out there, thank you! Thank you for all your support. Your support is noticed and appreciated more than you realize.

Thank you & God Bless

Bill Chasse

State Deputy of Michigan

From The State Chaplain Rev. Paul E. Erickson



We are at war. We are fighting a war without clear battle lines, without the possibility of the draft, even without bullets or missiles. But make no mistake, we are at war. The battle is raging right now. This war, which is spiritual, is why we dare to call ourselves Knights, and ultimately why it makes sense that we do. If we are to fight, we must come to understand what weapons and defenses we have at our disposal.

In 2015, Bishop Thomas Olmstead wrote to all the men of his diocese about this war. His letter is called *Into the Breach*, and if you have not read it, you should. In this letter, Bishop Olmstead provides remarkable insight into the battle we are fighting. He says,

Since the Church as "field hospital" after battle is an appropriate analogy, then another complementary image is appropriate for our day: the Spiritual Battle College. The Church is, and has always been, a school that prepares us for spiritual battle, where Christians are called to "fight the good fight of faith" (1 Timothy 6), to "put on the armor of God", and "to be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil" (Ephesians 6:11).

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On a daily basis, we must fight the good fight of faith. We do this in our own personal prayer. To go an entire day without praying is, by definition, to lose the fight. This prayer can take many different forms, like the Rosary, Scripture, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mass, etc. While we do not have to do the exact same thing every day, we must do something every single day. Without a daily connection to Jesus Christ, we will not be able to hear His voice clearly or serve Him effectively. His grace is what makes it possible and our prayer is what avails our hearts to grace.

On a weekly basis, we must put on the armor of God. We do this by going to Sunday Mass, without exception. The Mass is the lifeblood of discipleship. This is where we get the strength to fight the good fight everyday. This is where we are fortified by that band of brothers who are fighting alongside us. This is where Jesus makes Himself known to us in word and deed and Sacrament. Without the armor of Sunday Mass, the daily fight of prayer will leave you bruised and battered. This must be our top priority.

On a monthly basis, we must learn to be able to stand against the tactics of the devil. We do this by going to confession. We have to come to grips with the fact that we are imperfect disciples, that at times we do not follow Jesus the way He asks us to. By repenting of those failures and experiencing the infinite mercy that waits for us in this beautiful Sacrament, we gain the actual graces to become better, to rid ourselves of cycles of sin, and to stand firm against the temptations that come.

Prayer and Sacraments are not optional niceties, but requirements of those who enter the fray. We dare to call ourselves Knights. We dare to mark ourselves as those who fight the spiritual battle. We dare to claim the grace of Jesus Christ. These dares are not reckless as long as we make use of the weapons and defenses that are ours. Do not be afraid to enter the battle! Fight the good fight of faith, put on the armor of God, and learn to be able to stand against the tactics of the devil. Become the Knight you know you want to be.

**2018 Convention Guest Speaker
Patrick E. Kelly
Deputy Supreme Knight**



Patrick E. Kelly, a Past State Deputy of the District of Columbia, became Deputy Supreme Knight on Jan. 1, 2017, following appointment by the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors. He previously served as the Order's Vice President for Public Policy and as the first executive director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C.

Kelly was elected to the Order's Board of Directors in 2013. In 2016, he retired with the rank of Captain from the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps Reserve, where he specialized in international and operational law and served as the Commanding Officer of the international law unit at the United States Naval War College. Previously, Kelly had a long career of public service that included advisory roles to Congress and the Department of Justice.

Kelly also served as Senior Advisor to the Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom at the State Department. His responsibilities included serving as the Department's principal interlocutor with the Holy See and other nations on religious freedom issues.

As executive director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, he oversaw the renewal of that facility, previously known as the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, which was purchased by the Supreme Council in 2011.

During his tenure, the Shrine developed a world-class permanent exhibit, called "A Gift of Love: The Life of Saint John Paul II," and created two new worship spaces that feature the mosaic artwork of Jesuit Father Marko Rupnik — the Redemptor Hominis Church and the Luminous Mysteries Chapel, which enshrines a first-class blood relic of St. John Paul II.

He holds a law degree from Marquette University Law School and a master's in theology from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at The Catholic University of America. He and his wife, Vanessa, have three young daughters.

***"Our faith in Christ, who became poor,
and was always close to the poor and the outcast,
is the basis of our concern for the integral development
of society's most neglected members"***

– Pope Francis

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**From The State Warden
Charles E McCuen, III**



My Brother Knights and Ladies Vivat Jesus

Let me introduce myself, my name is Charles E. McCuen III and I will be serving as your State Warden for the 2018-2019 calendar year. I want to first thank my committee "We Are One", my wife Pam and our children Kayla, Charles, Patricia and Jessica and you my Brothers who without your belief and support and Gods blessings none of this could have happened!

As your Warden one of my main jobs is the Business of Protocol! I know with summer here your Councils will be having lots of events that you will want to share with your State Officers and their families so here are a couple of points to remember.

Please be sure to send your request to the State Deputy in writing 6 weeks in advance, we run on a first come, first serve basis and we try to attend as many as we can but our calendar fills fast.

Please make sure to include as much information as possible on your event such as Dates, Times, Location and weather we will attend Mass and other important items, so we can plan accordingly. As your event gets closer you will receive a phone call from me to aid in your planning. If you have any questions most of them can be answered by reading the "Protocol Handbook" #1622 available from Knights Gear or you can contact me via e-mail at c.mccuen@mikofc.org, and

I will answer them as best as I can.

I look forward to seeing and serving with my Brother Knights and your families around this Great State over the next 12 months.

God Bless

**State Membership Director
James N. Kraus**

I was honored to be asked by our Worthy State Deputy Bill Chassé to serve as your State Membership Director starting on July 1st. I am a Past Grand Knight of Council 7237 in DeWitt and a Past Faithful Navigator of the St. Francis Assembly 2982 also in DeWitt. I have also served as one of the Lansing Diocese Program Directors and as a District Deputy for district 56. In case you were wondering – I am not related to Ken Krause (you may notice the difference in the spelling our last names).

A goal of the State leadership team in this new fraternal year is to move membership beyond a series of number-based goals to a system of actions by our members sharing the Catholic Faith. We want to grow the practice of our Faith within our families, assist our Parishes to grow, to become more involved in our charitable works and focusing on the positive outcomes of building our sustainability while introducing new men to the Order.

To reach these goals, the State Council will work to improve communication between our members, to provide easy to use ideas and plans of bringing the Domestic Church and the Family Fully Alive into a core belief of our members. Understanding if we are living our Faith personally and within our homes, being involved in our Parishes and active in our Council programs – our need to solicit men to join will naturally tend to resolve itself as men will want to join us and share in the great works being done by the local Councils. However, we are a fraternal organization which requires a human touch. While our actions are the reason men will want to join the Knights, reaching out and asking a man to join is critical. Who can resist the chance to be a better Catholic, a better husband, a better father and more involved in helping those in need?

Membership and sustainability doesn't happen on its own; it takes work and focus. Strength in numbers permits us to continue to support our parishes, the unborn, our family values and religious freedom. Through a unified effort, we can work together to ensure the continued success of our Order. To this end several programs have been introduced to thank and honor those helping in our mission to provide growth and sustainability.

The Ambassador Club (AC) is just one of the ways we will be thanking and recognizing men for their efforts in recruitment of new members. Members of the AC will receive special recognition that will let others know of their work building the Order and the thanks of the State's leadership of their efforts. There are three levels of recognition in this fraternal year.

- First level - A member recruits TWO new members in first SIX months (July 1 to December 31) - State Raffle tickets (book of 5 tickets) awarded (only awarded once to each member per year).
- Second level - A member recruits FIVE new members in first SIX months (July 1 to December 31) – The member then becomes a member of the Ambassador Club and receives a specially designed dress shirt.
- Third level - A member recruits 10 new members within 12 months or a Grand Knight earning Star Council during the year will receive a K of C ring as our thanks for their hard work in sustaining our Councils.

Other thanks will be shared as the fraternal year gets underway for members of the Ambassador Club. This will be a club you will want to join and be a part of.

For you Council calendars – we are once again asking you to host local church drives in your parishes this year. This year's dates are on or near the following times:

Late August – Venerable Michael McGivney Birthday Drive

Mid-October – Columbus Day Drive

Late January – New Year Drive

Post Easter – Spring Drive

More information about the church drives will be shared at the Diocese meeting and at your local district meetings this summer.

Let me wrap-up by saying your leadership team is committed to your success at the council-level and we will be working at your side to ensure we continue to keep the dream of our founder – the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney alive and well within the great state of Michigan.

One member per council per month

From The State Program Director William Leveque, SR

Do you know what responsibility is?

It's a word made up of two words, the word response and the word ability.

Responsibility isn't what someone puts on you.

Responsibility isn't your job description.

Responsibility isn't a document you sign.

We all find ourselves looking at situations and we all find ourselves with abilities.

What we must ask is, given my abilities what will my response be?

My goal is to see that all Supreme, State, and Diocesan Programs offered in Michigan have their impact on our communities, parishes and councils explained, that our councils and members have adequate how-to instructions to successfully run the programs, and that communications, schedules, etc. are timely, up to date, inspiring and productive.

That all State, Diocesan and District meetings are well attended, run on time and are productive. Use all the assets of the State Council to ensure the programs are successful. Councils receive all awards that they qualify. Make Michigan #1 in the order when it comes to programs.

How to achieve my goals:

State Director Goals

Understand Supreme, State, and Diocesan Programs. Design and promote a State Programs plan that contains Supreme Council, State Council, and Diocesan programs, with particular emphasis on Building the Domestic Church, that assist Councils in attaining their program goals that assist councils and members in their service to members, parishes and communities.

State Director and State Programs Leadership Team to collaborate on State Programs plan, adjust the plan based on recommendations from the team and goals of the State Deputy and State Officers, and finally implement the plan making sure that there is appropriate time and resources for success.

Timely, consistent, and clearly written communications sent to appropriate parties by all means available, including conference calls, written mail, electronic mail, utilization of state and diocesan calendars, state, diocesan and district meetings, etc. Explain and implement new programs nomenclature.

Utilize performance tracking options to keep the State Officers, State Programs Leadership Team, District Deputies and Councils informed of State Programs progress.

Diocesan Director Goals

Understand Supreme, State, and Diocesan Programs. Communicate with State Programs Leadership Team, District Deputies and Councils. Attend as many District meetings as possible and be informed on the aspects of the Programs plan to answer questions from Councils and District Deputies. Organize Diocesan meeting locations, food and media. Organize State Contests at the Diocesan level. Contact District Deputies and help ensure forms up to date so Councils receive all awards that they qualify for. Help with Building the Domestic Church initiative and encouraging councils with assistance to implement them.

Council Goals

1st Year getting back to basics. Basics meaning, running programs and activities promoted by Supreme, State and Diocese as well as current and past Council programs. Have a plan for director progression, replacing ourselves as program heads, and encouraging more involvement from members in general. Continue Building the Domestic Church programs and build on existing programs that fall into those parameters. Start changing some of the nomenclature used to describe programs. Example {Council Free Throw Contest} now {Parish Free Throw Contest}. Encourage joining Parish programs as members of Parish and belonging to the KofC. Every program is a service and membership growth opportunity. Evaluate the possibility of increasing their programs by at least 1.

Ladies Corner

Dear Ladies-

Let me start out by thanking everyone for their prayers, flowers, presence at the visitation/funeral and kind words to us for the passing of my mother. They were greatly appreciated.

Please keep Bill and I in your prayers as we embark on this new journey. We have a great team around us and truly appreciate all of the hard work the Knights of Columbus does around the State of Michigan. It is amazing.

Bill and I were installed at Supreme in New Haven Conn. on June 9, 2018; it was inspiring to see more than 40 new State Deputies from across the US and World joining the leadership team. We can do great things in each part of our world.

Secondly, I would like to congratulate our new State Advocate; Barry and his wife Mandy Borsenik and our new State Warden Charlie and his wife Pam McCuen III, welcome to the team!

Thank you to all who made the Summer Raffle on Mackinaw happen, it takes a team of wonderful ladies!

We hope you gained lots of information at the Summer Meeting. We are glad that you are a part of the State of Michigan's Leadership Team. I hope many of you were able to attend the break-out sessions with your husbands. We hope by doing so, you have a better understanding of what your husbands are being asked to do.

Please remember the 2018 State Leadership Installation will take place in Lansing Michigan with a Mass on Saturday September 8, 2018 at 4:30 at St. Gerard Church. Dinner will follow at the Lansing Center. Lodging is available at the Radisson Hotel attached to the Convention Center.

Bill and I look forward to meeting and working with you as we travel the State participating in the great works of the Knights of Columbus. With much gratitude,

Marybeth, Karen, Julie, Mandy and Pam

A Priest's Chalice(s), Part 7: The Final Chalice By

Fr. Dave Tomaszynski

My older brother and I joined the Knights of Columbus when I was 19 years old. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternity that has been very helpful to myself and many other priests and seminarians over the years. In 2008, the knights sponsored me so that I could go on a pilgrimage to Rome. It was on that pilgrimage that I really discovered my vocation to the priesthood. Once I entered the seminary, the Knights played the crucial role of sending me and many other seminarians checks every year. With the help of the Knights, seminarians are only poor. Without their help, seminarians would be flat broke.

There are four degrees of Knights. The fourth degree is the highest degree (they are the ones with all the fancy regalia at special Masses). When a fourth degree Knight passes away, a chalice is made in the Knight's name. The family of Kim Morgan presented me with his chalice during my second Mass. It was rally cool! During the offertory, a couple of Knights, decked out in all their regalia, processed up the center aisle, and brought the chalice and its paten to the altar. I then went to the altar and consecrated them for sacred use. The Knights then processed back, and we continued with the Mass in the usual way.

I typically use this chalice for daily Mass throughout the week. Kim is remembered in every Mass in which I use his chalice. God Love You!

Fr. Dave

**Congratulations to the Thomas Schmidt Family!
2018 Michigan State, Family of the Year**



Tom and Sue Schmidt are no strangers to the Michigan Knights of Columbus Family. As a member of the Knights of Columbus for 35 years Tom has held positions as Grand Knight, District Deputy, Diocesan Membership Director, State Church Director and Navigator. Within his home Council #7487, Bishop Fulton Sheen Council in Jenison he is also active as Council Church Director, Annual Fish Fry Chairmen and a member of the Wild Game Dinner Fund Raiser Committee.

Let's not forget about Sue's support and involvement with Tom at Holy Redeemer Parish. Throughout Tom's positions with the Knights of Columbus she has been at his side. Their sons, Paul and Ryan, are also members of the Knights of Columbus through the Patriotic Degree.

Tom and Sue promote the Domestic Church by their involvement at Holy Redeemer. Tom is a Mass Facilitator, Lector and Usher and both serve as Eucharistic Ministers. Last year Tom and Sue served on the 25th Anniversary Committee of the Ordination of Fr. Roc and the 40th Anniversary Celebration for Holy Redeemer. This year, Tom assisted at the Divine Mercy Celebration.

Tom and Sue have a granddaughter with Juvenile Arthritis. Every year since the diagnosis of Juvenile Arthritis they have held a community fund raiser in the effort to eliminate this terrible disease. They are also active supporters for sports in the Jenison Public School System.

This is truly a family with a love of God, their fellow man and commitment to Holy Redeemer Parish and the Knights of Columbus. As seen by their involvement in their home parish, council and community is a shining example of Building the Domestic Church.

Golden Knight Award Winners



- * State Warden & State Training Dir. Joseph Munie
- * DD #14 Hans Hanson
- * DD #40 & Regional FS Training Dir. William Grover
- * DD #41 James Highfield
- * DD #47 George Walrath
- * DD #58, Asst. State Membership Dir & Lansing Diocesan Membership Dir. Edward Nickel
- * DD #73 William Bernesser
- * DD #75 Paul Carbone
- * Mentally Impaired Programs Dir. George Stump
- * State Fund Raising Dir. Gary DeCarlo
- * Asst. State Program & Detroit Archdiocesan Membership Dir. David Bergeman
- * Grand Rapids Diocesan Membership Dir. Martin Brown
- * Detroit Archdiocesan Program Dir. Mike Haughey
- * Grand Rapids Diocesan Program Dir. Kenneth Skonecki



**Posthumous
Golden Knight Award
State Secretary
Antonio G. Vittorini**

**State Deputy Report 2018
Kenneth B. Unterbrink
State Deputy**

Your Excellency's: Most Reverend Allen Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit, Most Reverend David Walkowiak, Bishop of Grand Rapids, Most Reverend Paul Bradley, Bishop of Kalamazoo, Most Reverend Earl Boyea, Bishop of Lansing, Most Reverend John Doerfler, Bishop of Marquette, Most Reverend Joseph Cistone, Bishop of Saginaw, Most Reverend Bishop Steven Raica, Bishop of Gaylord, Most Reverend Gerard Battersby, Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, Most Reverend Arturo Cepeda, Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, Most Reverend Robert Fisher, Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, Most Reverend Donald Hanchon, Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, Most Reverend Frank Kalabat, Apostolic Exarchate for the Chaldeans in the United States, Most Reverend Richard Seminack, Ukrainian Bishop of Chicago, Worthy State Chaplain Very Reverend William J. 'Canon' Turner, Worthy Diocesan Chaplains, Worthy State Father Prior, Worthy Council Chaplains, Reverend Monsignors, Reverend Fathers, Deacons and Religious. Worthy Deputy Supreme Knight, Worthy Former Supreme Directors, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Vice Supreme Master, Worthy Immediate Past State Deputy and Past State Deputies, Worthy Former Vice Supreme Masters, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy State and Diocesan Directors, Worthy Masters of the Patriotic Degree, Worthy Supreme Council General Insurance Agents, Worthy Delegates and Guests. Vivat Jesus

We are once again gathered here on beautiful and historic Mackinac Island for the 118th Annual Michigan State Council convention. We have joined together to acknowledge this past years achievements of the Michigan Jurisdiction, along with preparing us to return home to our councils supplied with information to continue to grow the order here in Michigan. I thank each of you for accepting the position of service as a council delegate and I ask that you enjoy full participation in the work that lies before us.

Our annual meeting opened today as it has for the last one hundred and eighteen years with the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Archbishop Vigneron presided, joined by our Bishops, our State Chaplain, Diocesan Chaplains and many of our council Chaplains.

We will begin each day of this convention with the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, I ask that you make it a point to join us each morning and fill the theater to capacity as you did this afternoon for the opening Mass.

As the 48th State Deputy of Michigan it is my duty as well as my pleasure to conduct the business of our Order at this annual business meeting and present to you the annual report on the State of Columbianism in the Michigan Jurisdiction.

I wish to thank the Bishop of Lansing, Bishop Earl Boyea, for allowing Very Reverend William J. 'Canon' Turner to serve as our Spiritual leader. To assist our State Chaplain the Bishops of each Diocese gave their approval for the Diocesan Chaplains to continue their appointments. Those appointed are: Rev. Lam Le, Grand Rapids Diocese; Rev. Paul Ballien Archdiocese of Detroit; Rev. Matthew Wigton, Diocese of Gaylord; Rev. Robert Creagan, Diocese of Kalamazoo; Rev. Paul Erickson, Diocese of Lansing; Rev. James Bessert, Diocese of Saginaw; Rev. Cory Litzner, Diocese of Marquette and Rev. Kenneth Mazur, the State Columbian Squires Fr. Prior.

On behalf of the Michigan Knights of Columbus I thank all of the Bishops for their permission in allowing these priests to serve our Order, and to all the Bishops, our State and Diocesan Chaplains our thanks for your vocation to the priesthood.

The selection of ninety-four District Deputies was next on the agenda. Of the ninety-four district deputies, two were added in the Diocese of Grand Rapids and two were added in the Diocese of Kalamazoo. I am very grateful to all these men for their service.

This list was presented to our Supreme Knight for his approval on

their appointments as District Deputies in the Michigan Jurisdiction.

In addition to selecting the District Deputies – seventy-one State Directors and Diocesan Directors were appointed and reappointed to serve this fraternal year.

Throughout the year, we mourned the passing of State Secretary Antonio G. Vittorini and directors Robert Walters and Robert Graczyk. They served the Order with love in their hearts.

Throughout the fraternal year, we appointed new directors as On-Line Membership Director, a Domestic Church Director and an additional Hispanic Outreach Director.

Again, as in years past, the new District Deputy and State, Diocesan, & Regional Director training was held at the St. Mary Parish, Chelsea in June.

State Training Director Joseph Munie, State Membership Kenneth Krause and State Program Director Dale Schaedig also conducted training for all the Diocese membership and program directors. It was a fruitful day with information presented that helped the new District Deputies and Directors prepare for their upcoming services.

Thank you to State Training Director Joseph Munie, State Membership Director Kenneth Krause, State Program Director Dale Schaedig, with assistance State Membership Assistant Ed Nickel and State Program Assistant David Bergeman for their expertise in training.

In mid-June the State Board was invited to the home of Archbishop Allen Vigneron for a thank you for all the Michigan Knights of Columbus had committed to .

Sacred Heart Major Seminary as the McGivney Chair of Life Ethics and the 1.25 million dollars. With his praise for the Michigan Knights of Columbus, it was asked if we, the Michigan Knights of Columbus could start a Michigan Knights of Columbus Endowed Scholarship Fund for needy seminarians at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. The board has committed to the Archbishop and his request. The state board has documented this request and has asked for a voluntary donation from each Michigan knight of \$6.00 per year.

This fund is accounted for in the Michigan Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., a 501(c)(3) Michigan Corporation. The State Council will deliver the accumulated funds at the Archbishop Gala for Sacred Heart Major Seminary, in 2018 on June 15th. Anyone who wishes to make a personal contribution, please make the check to Michigan Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. – Memo Line Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowed Scholarship.

July 1st started out with the Supreme Knight assigning our state quota of 2650 new members, a very achievable number, but we fell short of the expectation.

The weekend of July 1st to the 3rd saw the Summer Leadership Conference of District Deputies, State, Diocesan and Regional Directors Leadership Conference meeting at Boyne Highlands. Friday evening's program began with a prayer service by our State Chaplain with Meetings on Saturday, a banquet on Saturday night; mass on Sunday morning with the Installation of State Leadership of State Officers, District Deputies, State, Diocesan, & Regional Directors, followed a breakfast and departure with the expectation of the District Deputies, State, Diocesan and Regional Directors to deliver the message to their councils around the state.

The remaining days of July saw the State Officers, Membership and Program Team traveling to each of the seven Diocese: three in the Archdiocese and one in each of the other six dioceses with meetings delivering the message and providing the Membership and Program Guides along with other materials needed by the local leadership and councils to assist them in reaching their goals and achieving a successful year. Special was the meeting of the

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Marquette Diocese at the Marygrove Retreat Center in Garden, MI.

Also, in the month of July the District Deputies conducted their district meetings. The single and double district meetings was well received as it afforded them an opportunity to establish a bond with their councils and explain the goals that they were expected to achieve.

Through the summer, the state started out with membership growth with less than expectation. From July 29th to August 3rd the State Board & wives, the State Chaplain, along with eight Michigan Delegates and our wives traveled to St. Louis, MO. for the 135th Supreme convention.

It was at this Supreme Convention that the State Deputy presented to the Deputy Supreme Knight a check for \$15,089.00 from the State Convention Bucket Raffle for the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund.

Throughout the months of July, August and September, there were thirty some events for the board and wives to attend. This included Ultrasound Dedications, events for vocations, youth events and council special events. In September, we attended the Ordination of Permanent Deacon for two of our State Directors, Thomas Arehart and Wayne Slomiany. We also had the honor of attending the concert of the Sistine Chapel Choir.

September was exciting for our State Special Olympics Director Thomas Turek, as he represented the State at the Special Olympic Fall Games in downstate Michigan. Thank you, Thomas for representing the State. It is of special note that our Patriotic Degree Honor Guard was present at this fall event along with many of our council members assisting.

The first three months for the fraternal year were devoted to training of our council officers and financial secretaries as they requested training. There were many service events for many of our charities, such as, Guest House, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Special Days Cancer Camp, St. Louis Center, Lansing Vocations, Saginaw Vocations, Gaylord Vocations, Livingston County Ultrasound Initiative, Holy Cross Services, Right to Life, just to name a few that our Board attended.

Fund-raising for Ultra Sound Machines throughout the state is of special interest as many council and districts continue to raise funds to save the unborn so that they might have life outside the womb.

With the summer season ending and fall upon us our councils began in earnest to share the experience with other Catholic men the opportunity of becoming a Knight of Columbus. All districts were encouraged to hold a 1st Degree in each district as least once a month.

Building the Domestic Church, While Strengthening Our Parishes was the main topic of our leadership throughout the summer and fall. The task of bringing our brother knights back into service within our parish is key to the future of our children remaining as Catholic throughout their lives. Our brother knights were asked to share the meaning of being a Catholic man with their sons, nephews, and grandsons. For Iron sharpens Iron.

The Hennepin Provincial Meeting was held in Ohio with deep discussion on the new Honor Guard uniform. Throughout the next many months, there were adjustment as to the uniform roll out. In all, many agreed that a change was needed to inspire new younger member to the privilege of the Honor Guard. We thank the Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight and the Supreme Board of Directors for moving us forward in the Order.

October was a growing month in membership as our councils held more major degrees and our councils were encouraged to hold an Admission Degree each month in each district. The State Board was assigned to many Major Degrees.

October, Columbus Day for the Mentally Impaired Program (tootsie roll) Drive was again a success as our members continue to collect for the Intellectually/Developmentally Disabled (I/DD)

persons. Thanks to State MI Director George Stump who spent many months researching organizations to serve I/DD persons so as to ensure that the funds collected for Intellectually/Developmentally Disabled (I/DD) persons goes only to those persons.

October also brought the Order wide church drive for membership. The focus of conducting a proper church drive was once again stressed. Our State Membership and Program Director began formulating directions to be placed in the membership and program guides.

The Archdiocese Football Prep Bowl was once again a great success. Many thanks to Mark Gaworecki, the State Special Projects Director, who chairs the event and continues to renew interest in our Detroit area youth. Thank you to the Patriotic Degree, they were at their finest in their service to our youth events.

During October the State Soccer Challenge was held at the Everest Academy in Clarkston with our district winners advancing to the state games. Our State Youth Director Kevin Rowley and his team devoted to our youth events traveled with him to make this a success.

Twice a year, the District Masters of the Patriotic Degree held exemplifications as to expand their membership to serve the as Honor Guard for the Order and services the veterans. It was a pleasure to see the modernization of our Patriotic Degree to represent the Order.

The Memorial Mass for deceased members at Sacred Heart Seminary was next on the agenda. Always a solemn event, it is our way to honor our departed Brothers. A reminder to all councils be sure to let the State Office know if you want a deceased members name on the plaques.

There was an Ultrasound dedication in May 2017, one in June, two in October, two in November with the first of the Supreme program in the Marquette Diocese, in Marquette, where the State Respect Life couple Timothy and Cindy Donovan along with the State Deputy and Ellie who journeyed to Marquette for the dedication. It was an exciting time with sixty mile and hour winds and twenty plus foot waves crashing to the beaches. There were two in December, and one in March 2018. Our brother knights and the councils are doing a wonderful service with raising funds and donating the funds to areas across the state for Life. For the year 2017-2018 there were nine ultrasound dedications. As of May 1, 2018, we have one pending, two doing fundraising and four opportunities under consideration. As of March 18, 2018, Michigan has dedicated forty-six ultrasound machines with six more in the process. Thank you to all the councils and brother knights who have heard the call of the unborn and provided funds for the ultrasound program.

In mid-November there was the Beatification of Fr. Solanus Casey at Ford Field. Most of State Board and wives were VIP's for the beatification, while the State Deputy and Ellie were in Washington D.C. for the Mid-Year State Deputy's meeting.

The Coats for Kids Program this year was a success. In September the Supreme Council continued a program for those councils which distributed coats by putting the coats on the children who needed the coats. With the councils in the state purchased eight hundred coats and the Supreme Council purchased twelve hundred coats, we were able to distribute the coats on the Friday after Thanksgiving in Detroit, Flint and Saginaw. As always, the councils in the area of need were underfunded and other councils around the state provided the funds for those areas. The winners were the kids and the council members who shared the experience of putting the coats on the kids. The Detroit Lions former football players came out to help distribute coats in Detroit and we held an additional distribution in the Pontiac area, where the former Lions helped coordinate the distribution.

December 1st to the 3rd was the Winter Leadership Meeting. Friday evening started with a prayer service by our State Chaplain Very Reverend William J. Canon Turner, PHD, KCHS. The Winter Leadership Meeting was to stress, that if we, as an Order, do not recruit new members, with the emphasis being on our youth, in a generation will be on a severe downhill slide. The District Deputies, State, Diocesan and Regional Directors were again instructed on membership and program growth with our councils.

Education was provided to all in attendance for the betterment of the Order. It was stressed that for each council to succeed, the STAR council avenue is the answer. It was disclosed that the Supreme Council was providing for each council that obtained STAR Council, there will be \$4.50 per billable member returned to the council. Throughout the two days, the State Membership Director Ken Krause and State Program Director Dale Schaedig with their team instructed for success.

State Training Director Joe Munie had been assigned to study the councils in the state and provide training to the councils and their officers on how to be successful in the offices that they hold. Assisting the State Training Director are Regional Training Directors John Rademacher and George Walrath. State Training Director Joe Munie will be a major force in training throughout the state as he has been directed by the Supreme Council to assure that council officers are trained in their office duties. A special thank you to Joe Munie State Training Director for undertaking the responsibility with setting up a state-wide training system.

Following the Winter Meeting the District Deputies held their Winter District meetings. Several were held in December while the rest were during the month of January thru February. The meetings were split up into groups which allowed the State Board, State Membership and Program Directors and State Deputies Assistant to attend as many as they could. Again, the meetings proved beneficial.

Statistics show that when the male half of the family is the leading force in faith development 70% of the children remain in the faith after they leave home, while 30%, remain in the faith when the female is the leading force of faith in the household.

Let us, Catholic men, Knights of Columbus, be that guiding force in our families, for we are the face of the Catholic faith in our families and in the community.

The calendar year of 2017 was ending with a 37% of membership anticipation for the fraternal year.

Our State Secretary Antonio Vittorini took ill in late December and was hospitalized. After a short stay, he returned home for Christmas. After Christmas he was hospitalized again and was in good spirits. January 1st while Tony was in the hospital, it was 12:02am on January 2nd that he was called home to be with the Lord. A shock to his family and the Knights of Columbus family.

With the passing of our State Secretary, the State Treasurer, State Advocate and State Warden were board elected to move up one office position. With full board support, Joseph Munie was elected as State Warden. It was expected that all would serve the remainder for the fraternal year in the new officer position.

The district meetings were continuing with the stress on membership recruitment, especially younger members, men with young families, our college students. The District meeting stressed the Building the Domestic Church, as our knights were called forth to serve in their family as the leaders of the Catholic faith. Our knights were asked to serve in their parishes in teaching the Catholic faith to our youth, as the faith is taught by fathers, grandfathers, uncles, then the chances of our Catholic youth remaining in the faith more than doubles. The STAR Council for each council was stressed as success in the councils.

In January the State Deputy appointed Carson Mantooh as the State On-Line Membership Director. With the new Supreme On-Line Membership Program approaching and with Michigan starting in late January as a beta jurisdiction starting in late January and with the full Supreme On-Line Program starting in July 2018.

In January the State Board and wives and with a full state council bus along with several hundred thousand pro-life marchers were in Washington D.C. for the Annual March for Life. Thanks to State Respect Life Director Tim & Cindy Donovan for organizing the trip and. The weather was great, the march was great and the site of our president speaking to the hundreds of thousands with the Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly standing with the president was a great site. The state council tour bus stayed another day to experience the Knights of Columbus St. John Paul II National Shine with mass with a after tour of some sites in Washington D. C.

On January 28th the new State Board Installation was held at St. Mary Parish in Chelsea, MI. with State Chaplain Very Reverend William J. Turner presiding.

The State Board and Special Olympics Director Thomas Turek traveled to Traverse City for the Winter Games of Special Olympics of Michigan. This is an annual event to present a check on behalf of the State Council.

Because of your reporting on the Special Olympic form and your efforts on the MI drives Michigan is ranked in the top of the Order for support of Special Olympics with a \$10,000.00 check to be presented to Special Olympics at the State Convention.

The State Charities Raffle was presented by Director Gary DeCarlo with an impressive line of prizes. District Deputies, and directors were asked to promote the raffle throughout their council to make the raffle successful for all charities. Without these funds, the Knights of Columbus charities will suffer.

February was filled with various meetings and dinners from Council Vocation Nights, Clergy Appreciation Dinners to Game Dinners at councils. To those councils holding such events we thank you for including us in your planning. It's always a great opportunity for your State Board to be able to meet the people we serve.

The Knights of Columbus State Bowling Association held the State Bowling Tournament in Lansing assisted by Council #788. This too, as a fraternal sporting event is waning.

Throughout the first part of the calendar year, there were many Major (Formation and Knighthood) Degrees and Admission degree that were attended by the State Board. The brother knights were reminded that the Emblem of the Order is to be worn at all events with exception of Patriotic Degree events, where the 4th Degree pin may be worn.

February 25th the State Membership Tribute Banquet was held at DeCarlo's Banquet Center in Warren, Michigan. The dinner and program saw the presentation of fast start and quick start awards as well as a telling of the life of State Deputy Kenneth B. Unterbrink. There was joy in the new brother knights, but we must bring our Catholic families back to the Eucharist.

Membership recruitment improved through the first part of the calendar year with some month's well over two hundred a month total showed an improvement.

Fourteen Diocesan Listening Session Meeting were held across the state to bring to the District Deputies and State, Diocesan and Regional Directors the expectations for them and their councils. We listened to the members and will attend to their wishes and needs.

State Youth Director Kevin Rowley shepherded the youth programs throughout the state. The State Free Throw, State Poster Contest, State Essay Contest and the State Spelling Bee were held with excellent participation. This success was preceded by our council, district and diocesan contest. A special 'thank you' to all the councils, districts and diocesan members who share their time and talent with our youth in our youth programs.

The Palm Sunday MI drive was a great success according to State Mentally Impaired Director George Stump. Our reporting and distribution of funds are for the Intellectually/Developmentally Disabled (I/DD) persons. The State MI Director has spent months

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researching organizations that service I/DD persons and if funds are directed to organizations that partially service I/DD persons, those funds are expected to be directed to the I/DD persons over and above the regular funding. Documentation from those organizations is expected to be forwarded with the check request.

Thank you, MI Director George Stump for protecting the care and the support of I/DD persons for whom the funds are collected.

The Silver Rose of Our Lady of Guadalupe started in Michigan on April 2nd and left Michigan at the end May. Throughout the state the State Silver Rose Director Dr. Vincent Cabras arrange the tour from Michigan Ontario border through Lower Michigan and Upper Michigan. On April 4th the State Deputy of Ontario, Dan Heffernan handed the Silver Rose from Ontario to Michigan State Deputy Kenneth Unterbrink. The ceremony was well attended in Essex, Ontario with a delegation from Ontario and Michigan, including 4th Degree Honor Guard from both countries. With passion for Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dr. Cabras' displays at the altar of churches and the prayer programs, sometime preceded with a mass has been well attended. The Silver Rose was then delivered to the state of Ohio with ceremony.

Our Knights of Columbus/Right to Life Education Fund banquet on April 5th was success with six hundred fifty people attending. The State Council again donated \$10,000.00 to the Right to Life Education Fund. Right to Life President Barbara Listing writes "I really need to thank you for your faithful support and leadership when it comes to the abortion issue. Celebrating our 40th dinner together is only the tip of the iceberg. It's the day-to-day efforts of the Knights, from the State Board all the way down to the individual households, that has really made the difference." A blessed thank you to Timothy & Cindy Donovan for there leadership for the Right to Life Banquet.

The State Raffle drawing on April 14th with sales of \$217,537.00. Our State Raffle Director Gary DeCarlo poured his heart and soul into this Knights of Columbus State Raffle. We love you Gary. While this was under expectations as the revenue was approximately 12% less than two year ago. The dream is for each member to sell one ticket (2018 = \$325,000.00). Only one ticket, per member. The raffle is for council charity and provides funds for the state charity. It is reported that forty-eight of eighty-four District Deputies sold State Charity Raffle tickets. It is also reported that of the State, Diocesan, and Regional Directors only about fifty percent sold State Charity Raffle tickets.

The "Ten For Charity", formally the "Take Five" program, first started in 1977, it should finish the year over \$100,000, thanks to Michigan Charities Director PSD William Walsh, Thank you Bill for your hard work. Proceeds from this program and the State Charities Raffle help fund the many charity requests we receive each year.

The State Board has had meetings with Archbishop Allen Vigneron and Rector Msgr. Todd Lajiness of Sacred Heart Major Seminary for another campaign of our brother knights as to an Endowed Scholarship Fund for needy seminarians. The Rector Msgr. Todd Lajiness has express an interest to State Board as to the education of our future priest. The State Board has committed to the funding of an Endowed Scholarship Fund with a volunteer donation of six dollars a year per member. With the fund being held in the Michigan Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., a 501(c) (3) corporation, we can accept donations from persons whom wish the donation to be tax deductible. The funds each year will be delivered to the Archbishop and Rector at the annual Archbishops Gala for Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

The end of the year, June 30th is projected with a 75% of the expected membership growth in the Order in Michigan. Pray on the responsibility and the oath we took as Knights of Columbus. While brother knights that once served as leaders are still leaders in the Order today, it is necessary to mentor our younger members to lead the Order. Let us finish the year strong and start with that strength on July 1, 2017.

On May 31, 2018 the Opening Ceremonial for the Summer Special Olympics will take place. The State Board and wives will be invited to attend. It is expected that this State Deputy and Ellie will have three grandchildren involved in the ceremonial. One grandchild as a participant, one as a summer intern for Special Olympic and one as a volunteer with the Central Michigan University football team.

The State Board, on behalf of the membership continue to support – Guest House, Holy Cross Services, Students for Life, Fellowship of Catholic University Students, the many Vocation events, the St. Louis Center for Developmentally Disabled, St. Francis Camp on the Lake for Developmentally Disabled, Special Days Cancer Camp, Catholic Education, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Right to Life Promotion, Catholic Radio, Catholic Publications, Most Holy Trinity and the Cabrini Clinic, Bishop Baraga Association, Catholic Youth Programs such as the Prep Bowl, Catholic Track Meet, Catholic Cross Country Invitational Meet, our dioceses in Michigan, and family needs request, just to name a few.

To the State Officers, State and Diocesan Directors, Regional Directors, General Insurance Agents, and Field agents, Assistance to the State Deputy, Grand Knights, Council Officers and the general membership that also serve the Order, I congratulate you and thank you for all your achievements and support during the past year, and for your service to the Church and your commitment to the Order. The successes that were included in this report are the direct results of your actions. You are the leadership of the Order in Michigan and the team, the most important part in this Jurisdiction.

Our State Convention 2018, May 24th to May 26th is indeed a special event with the Knights of Columbus Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly attending our convention.

I thank you for your support and the friendship you have given me and the State Leadership this past year. Especially our State Board for I am blessed, for all is God's Will, too had the privilege of serving with two State Secretaries, two State Treasurers, two State Advocates, and two State Wardens. With the passing of State Secretary, Antonio Vittorini, the board was unanimous in electing each to their new position in January 2018. We were fortunate for God to lead us to Joseph Munie to elect by the board to State Warden. All the state officers are serving with the expertise that God has given. I wish to thank the state officers for their dedication and service to the Order and the Catholic Church.

The 2018-2019 Leadership Team is in the process for the new District Deputy Training on June 16th, to be in the leadership process on July 1st. and then the Summer Leadership Meeting in Lansing from July 6th to July 8th. Then begins the two week of Diocesan Meetings with the District meeting in July and August.

The heart of the State Council is often overlooked. That is our State Office – Executive Secretary Lawrence Grabowski and our Editor of the Michigan Columbian Gary Kolbicz. The team of Larry and Gary organize the calendar and advise (daily) the State Deputy as to what might be forgotten in the schedule. It can be heard, 'Worthy State Deputy', "Maybe this should get some attention?" or "It is at this time of the year that we do this." The Editor of the Michigan Columbian is the person that create the ads for the many events that we are sponsors. Gary and Larry scan the almost 50,000 raffle tickets into the data base and track the raffle tickets for the council rebates. They field questions from the membership and forward to the state offices for answers. Larry produces the State per capita and Holy Cross Quotas, as it assists the State Treasurer and State Secretary. They make copies for the State meetings and the Diocesan Meetings. They are the Registration for the State Convention, the Summer and Winter Leadership Meetings, and so much more on a daily basis. I, for one truly appreciate their assistance in attending to serving the state Knights of Columbus. They are the heart of the state council.

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Success only is obtained with a passion for the Order and the team within your council, within your parish, within your district, within your diocese and within the state. It is time for all knights to serve with a passion for “Faith In Action” and the Building the Domestic Church, While Strengthening our Parishes. The Order is a river of knights that keeps flowing with new and excited leaders. Fresh and newly trained leaders, are the future of the Order with new We, my brother knights are the Domestic Church.

The Order owes thanks to all the wives who assist us in our service to the Knights of Columbus. My wife Ellie, now in our fifty-fifth year of marriage, has stood beside me in the service to the Knights of Columbus, now in our fifth year as a Knight of Columbus. Thank you for your dedication to the Catholic Church through the Knights of Columbus. She has served along with me in

the council, for the council is where the heart of service from the Order begins and ends.

Our councils in the parishes are to serve and grow our Catholic faith.

In conclusion, based on this report I have submitted, it is my opinion, as State Deputy, that in the Jurisdiction of Michigan the State of Columbianism is alive and well and a great future lies before us.

Venerable Servant of God, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, Pray for Us
Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Pray for Us

Vivat Jesus

Kenneth B. Unterbrink

Serving as State Deputy

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GOOD OF THE ORDER State Round Table Director Daniel P. Remeika

Worthy State Chaplin, Reverend Clergy, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Deputy Supreme Knight, Worthy Former Supreme Directors, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Delegates, and My Brother Knights, Vivat Jesus.

Our bishops, State Chaplain, Supreme Knight, and State Deputy have all asked us to “build the domestic church while strengthening our parishes.” The new Faith in Action model states: “Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish remains ... foundational to the vision and ongoing strategy for creating strong and dynamic parish-based councils.” It goes on to explain that Faith in Action focuses on activities for a council to impact its parish community, particularly faith-based and family activities to foster unity and spirituality and integrate family, council and parish life.

With that in mind, the committee begins its report on how our activities can encourage our members and their families to build the domestic church by participating in the sacramental and social life of our respective parishes. We will also address the challenge of declining membership wherever Catholic men fail to “step into the breach” as the saying goes.

Since the domestic church refers to our families, building the domestic church means helping our families find God and prayerfully seek His will for us. We typically see this in parishes, but how can our councils strengthen our parishes in this effort? What needs to thread through the hundreds of ideas from our listening sessions? The committee believes that thread to be prayer, such as, praying as a council, praying as a family, praying in Church with fellow parishioners, praying at council-sponsored events, praying before a crucifix in a prominent place in the council, praying at Mass with the parish community, praying at holy pilgrimages sponsored by the council, and praying for brother knights seeking answers in their faith. Thus, the committee simply recommends that we make worship of God through prayer a priority in all council activities. If prayer is part of our activity, then we are likely to be on the right track. And an involved chaplain is particularly critical in setting this tone of faith and fraternalism. The committee emphasizes the importance of this relationship between a council and its chaplain.

But it’s not only prayer. Another element is what Pope Francis called “the peripheries,” that is, places we never visit. So, the committee’s second recommendation, the one after prayer, brings us closer to being present to those men who have been unwilling to step into the breach, particularly those who are unwilling to join or remain a member. It brings us to the place where we find spiritual scarcity, where life needs meaning, where getting involved needs a feeling of making a difference, where we don’t know God like He wants us to know Him. The peripheries are where Jesus went. Thus, the committee recommends that all councils discuss how to include Jesus in its activities. After all, Jesus is the One who calls us to the

activity of following him. So, the second recommendation after prayer is to bring the presence of God into our activities.

But what does this mean? A practical example may be helpful to grasp how to bring prayer and Our Lord Jesus into something like a fish fry or a pancake breakfast. To find the gospel in these activities, first complete the work and duties involved as perfectly as humanly possible, even in what appears minor. This is important because work links to what motivates us. If we are motivated out of love of Jesus and His calling us to action, then that love will enrich our work. Then bring that love into the conversations we have as we mingle with the people attending the activity. Learn about them, including the volunteers on our teams. Pray with them if we hear something that needs prayer. Remember, Jesus cares for each and every person, so let’s use the opportunities to share the gospel where we are. After all, our faith is what differentiates our Order from every other organization or club because we are a society living by our pledges to certain Catholic disciplines and character. It’s our faith, family, life, and community that will draw prospects and retain members if we show it.

The committee also sees another connection to the peripheries – online or e-membership, which recently started here in Michigan. Online membership provides a way to meet men where they are. If you look at their application on the Supreme website under Join Us Today, you will read, “Deepen your faith with access to spiritual resources to help you become a better Catholic man.” When a council invites an online member to its meetings and activities, it accepts that responsibility to provide spiritual resources to help him become a better Catholic man. The committee suggests we ask ourselves, are we providing the spiritual resources to help all of our members become better Catholic men? The answer will tell us whether we are doing activities right or doing the right activities.

This completes the first recommendations from the committee, that is, build the domestic church using any number of recommended activities, but always with prayer and the presence of Jesus, as perfectly as possible, in loving conversations with everyone attending, both patrons and workers. Do this and the committee believes the unwilling will become more willing through Jesus made more present in our work.

As mentioned, the recently-completed listening sessions in Michigan have generated hundreds of workable ideas. The committee finds it helpful to group and highlight some of these in particular.

First, plan with the pastor and the various parish committees on how the council can assist him and serve the parish. As much as possible, join parish teams in any resulting activities. If getting the conversation started seems hard, then use common ground on which you and the pastor can agree. This is why the round table program is so important to non-parish-based councils and why it is

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so important for councils to be of the parish, not only at the parish. Thank you, Dannie Harris, for that distinction.

Second, it's important for us to know that we are all recruiters, but some are better at it than others. Therefore, we should carefully select our council membership and program directors and their teams and provide them with support. In choosing leaders, consider this quote from the Gospel of Luke 6:12-13, "In those days he departed to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God. When day came, he called his disciples to himself, and from them he chose Twelve, whom he also named apostles."

Third, a useful tool for the council is for the officers to develop a very brief recruitment remark on why a prospect should join the Knight of Columbus and be a part of your council. Repeat it often over time to the members until you are sure they can use it themselves with ease. The listening sessions called this a "90-second speech," but the first 30 seconds is the most important and should be able to stand alone.

Fourth, just as it is important to love the conversations as we mingle with the people attending our activities, it is equally important to talk with the members attending our meetings. Retaining members includes introducing new members, showing them that they belong, and telling them what's going on; follow that with giving all members meaningful jobs and listening and discovering the needs of members, especially those that require the intervention of prayer.

Fifth, let's call upon, use, and inform our insurance agents, whether field agents if we have them or general agents if we are in an area short of field agents. The same advice applies to our council and diocesan chaplains, diocesan membership and program

directors, and even the seminarians we are supporting. The wives and families of members also should not be ignored. They are all resources, some totally untapped.

In summary, we ask you to provide our members and their families with the resources they need to build up the family and the Church. Building the Domestic Church is foundational to Faith in Action, which we see occurring best through prayer, loving conversations, and judicious use of our pastors, chaplains, insurance agents, and members down to the individual.

Brothers, it has been a privilege to present this report on behalf of the Good of the Order Committee. Worthy State Deputy, thank you for the honor to address the 118th State Convention of the Knights of Columbus on Mackinac Island and to present this report to our distinguished brother Knights. The Good of the Order Committee requests that this report be approved and incorporated into the proceedings of this meeting and that the members of the Good of the Order Committee please stand and be recognized, and I ask for the permission of the state deputy to release the committee.

On motion duly seconded it was voted that the report of The Good of the Order be incorporated in the proceedings of this meeting.

Good of the Order Committee: Round Table Director and Committee Chair Daniel P Remeika, State On-Line Membership Director Joseph Carson Mantooth, Gaylord Diocesan Membership East Director Michael J. Czajkowski, DD #37 Martin J. Babich, DD #46 Roger J. Pamment, DD # 82 Robert Luxford, GK #649 Joel Krupa, GK #2569 Sean D. Dare, GK #4232 Joseph F. Murawski, and DGK #4872 Michael Cleaver who replaced GK #4872 Randy Baughman

Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 13499

Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 13499 in Grand Rapids dove in the deep end by hosting a blood drive, a pancake breakfast, and a membership drive all at once at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. The enthusiasm and fraternity the council showed in service that morning prompted four men to express interest in joining the council, while the blood drive netted 27 pints and the pancake breakfast raised more than \$550 towards an ultrasound machine for a pregnancy resource center in the region.

From The State Program Director
William Leveque, Sr.

members of Parish and belonging to the KofC. Every program is a service and membership growth opportunity. Evaluate the possibility of increasing their programs by at least 1.

"Life's problems wouldn't be called hurdles if there wasn't a way to get over them."

May They Rest In Peace

Menominee 646

Richard Miller, Len Williams

Flint Council 695

Donald Collins Jr.,

Neil Rohner

Gerald Starkey,

Lawrence Marx.

Lansing Council 788

Allan Stevens, Robert Nelson

Marine City Council 856

Joseph Smith, James Westrick

Warren Council 1874

Donald Lock

West Branch Council 2022

Robert McGrail, Sr.

Standish Council 2724

Rev. Emmett Marceau

Detroit Council 2739

Keith Brandon

Westphalia Council 2890

James Platte, James Schrauben

Donald Theis

Lincoln Park Council 3078

Wayne Bondar,

Charles Cutting

Richard Drozdowski, Eugene

Kline

Donald Kalt Jr.,

David Morrison

Frank Pascarella

Grand Rapids Council 3104

Theodore Simons

Allan Park Council 3774

John Marra

Thomas Carleton

Charles Salliotte, Paul Teets

Watervliet Council 4055

Thomas Pitcock

Manchester Council 4354

Alfred Cowhy

Eaton Rapids Council 6534

Fr. Bennett Constantine,

Jack Magner, John O'Leary

Roscommon Council 6593

Ralph Krolezyk

Lauren Mead

Grand Blanc Council 6742

Leo Debien

Durand Council 7955

Robert Tillson, Richard Reed

Conlin Smith

Yale Council 8710

William Burns

Port Huron Council 11756

Thomas Nightingale

Joseph Smith

Richard Klaus

Troy Council 13453

Henry Kudla

Grand Rapids Council 13641

Ron Brown

Southfield Council 14928

Richard Lawler, Alfie Evans

Harbor Springs Council 15021

Raymond Ouellette



Child Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services, & Community Resource Center

Hope for Michigan Children, Adults, and Families

Holy Cross Services (HCS), founded in 1948, has grown from one to 20 sites and continues to provide hope and healing to children, adults and their families. HCS touches the lives of approximately 1,500 people every day who are abused, neglected, traumatized, and/or who suffer from substance abuse and mental health issues. HCS is one of the largest private, not-for-profit providers of children and family welfare services as well as behavioral healthcare services in Michigan. HCS employs about 400 coworkers who are dedicated to providing quality comprehensive care to help people become healthy, whole, and self-sufficient. HCS meets the person where they are in their life journey and helps them through their struggles by being their support, giving them useful and productive tools to succeed, and most of all offering hope.

Mission

The mission of Holy Cross Services is to bring hope, promote change and help people live free, healthy and productive lives.



Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services: Residential and Community Outpatient

HCS provides residential and outpatient substance abuse and mental health treatment through highly trained staff committed to individual wellness, family stability and positive life change. The service portfolio includes: substance abuse and mental health treatment for men, women, and adolescents; and adult male recovery housing.

Consultation and Admissions: 844-452-4767

Queen of Angels, Saginaw

- Residential facility, providing substance use and co-occurring mental health disorder treatment and detox for both adult women/women specialty and adolescents

Corcoran House, Mt. Morris

- An adult women/women specialty residential and detox facility providing treatment for substance abuse and co-occurring mental health disorders

Patricia Evelyn Bertsch Holy Cross Women's Behavioral Healthcare, Lansing

- A residential and detox facility which treats women/women specialty for substance abuse and co-occurring mental health disorders

Fayette, Saginaw

- A residential facility providing detox and substance abuse and co-occurring mental health services to adult males

Flint & Pontiac

- Providing outpatient treatment for substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders for adults

Bay City and Flint

- Substance abuse recovery homes serving adult males

Community Resource Center

Samaritan Center, Detroit

- Multi-service community center providing dental care, medical and mental health services, job training and placement, educational programs, spiritual ministries, youth recreational opportunities, senior support, nursing, veterans support, Head Start, family counseling, and general community support



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Children's Services: Foster Care, Residential and Community Outreach

HCS' Children's Services' portfolio includes: an assessment center; foster care; residential campuses and group homes for juvenile justice transition, behavior stabilization and juvenile justice sexual offender/reactive treatment; educational services; independent living plus; independent living; day treatment and a variety of community-based services to help children get healthy and live productive lives.

Admissions: 517-423-7577 or after hours 877-424-6825

Foster Care Referrals:

Mid-Michigan Foster Care: 989-529-0682

Mid-Michigan Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care, Independent Living Plus, and Independent Living: 989-239-1017

West & Northwest Michigan Foster Care, and Independent Living: 231-922-9664

St. Vincent Home, Saginaw

- Assessment Center conducts 30-90 day assessments of children 6-12 years old
- Residential Behavior Stabilization for boys and girls 12-17 years, providing individual, group and family therapy, education, recreation and life skills training
- Residential Juvenile Justice Sexual Offender/Reactive Treatment for boys 12-17 years old, providing individual, group and family therapy, education, recreation and life skills training

Holland House, Saginaw

- Independent Living Plus (staff supported) home for boys ages 16-19

Bowman House, Detroit

- Residential treatment facility for girls between the ages of 12-17 with mental/behavioral health needs, providing individual, group and family therapy, education, recreation and life skills training

King House, Mt. Clemens

- Residential Juvenile Justice transitional program serving boys 13 years and older and allows them to continue their education at nearby schools, high schools and colleges, as well as gain employment. Also provides individual, group and family counseling.

Michael J. McGivney School, Saginaw

- Educational services for children and adolescents at the Queen of Angels and St. Vincent Home facilities from Grades elementary to 12th. Includes credit recovery, special education services, on-line and classroom education by highly qualified teachers, under the auspices of the Saginaw Intermediate School District.

Administrative Offices

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3440 S. Wash. Ave
Saginaw, MI 48601
989-596-3557

Clinton
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Clinton, MI 49236
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Villa
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Saginaw, MI 48609
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5555 Conner St
Detroit, MI 48213
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Calendar Fundraiser Winners

Below is a list of recent awardees

April: Carol Leitch, Richard Raleigh, Robert Snowaert, Robert LeGault, Thomas Kavanagh, Richard & Barbara Lambrix, Francis Vallier, Henry Burkhardt, Mary Semaan, John Rogers, Ernest Messing, Edwin & Judith Kuberski, George & Barbara Karg, Richard Kloc, Loyd Stemen, Jerry Warren, Elida Klenczar, John Suckow, Robert Smith, Clarence Lachy, Dennis Trudell, Edward St. Jacques, Francis Thelen, Lori Mattingly, Lloyd & Margaret Gates, Thomas Marvin, Marcel Van Daele, Raymond Geiger, Philip Marvin, Patrick Devereaux, **\$500 WINNER** – Robert & Mary Mrozinski

May: Jane Thelen, Donna George, Mark Tepen, John Weisenberger, Ronald & Diane Iwankovitsch, Fr. John Reiss Council #1982, Henry Murawski, Charles Crotty, Carol Cross, Leon Parker, Mark Wilhelm, Robert Greening, Sally Warnement, John Schneller, Bruce Jandernoa, Arthur Schoenborn, Claude Feldpausch, Yvonne DeLorge, Geoff

Wright, Josuha Burk, Richard & Susan Drummond, Michael Damveld, Frank Formosa, Jerome Pasek, John Vecchioni, Richard or Patricia Shelt, Edwin & Judith Kuberski, James Callahan, Herman Bratfish, Kurt Hufnagel, Gerald & Mary Wilson, **\$500 WINNER** – Fr. Charles Hammond

June: Jim Zavatsky, Paul & Karen Nickels, LeRoy Westrick, Pamela Fraley, Raymond Russ, Katherine Hufnagel, Ronald Verellen, Joseph & Marilyn Bourgoïn, Paul Janiszewski, Donald Faxlanger, Lorraine Weglar, Theresa Czajka, Debora Howard, Bruce & Annette Remer, Matthew McKinnon, Donald Kataja, Kevin Sherman, Salvatore Randazzo, Paul Pung, Donald & Veronica Kuzminski, Wayne Clinger, Anthony & Patricia Wisniewski, Billy Delf, Norbert Giczewski, Robert Westen, Stan Feldpausch, Norman Smith, Bernard Kazyak, Scott Melville, Daniel Witgen, **\$500 WINNER** – Ernest Scheid



Families of the Month

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Richard A. Budd, State Council Family Life Director, 1004 Degroff St., Grand Ledge, MI 48837 *cfy - council family of year

- Port Huron Council 521**
Dan & Tamara Kenny
Gordon & Karen Clor
- Alpena Council 529**
Jim & Diana Donajkowski
Leslie & Bernie Klimaszewski
- Battle Creek Council 575**
Greg & Joy Finilla
Edward Thomas family
- Marquette Council 689**
Tom & Bonnie Kilpela
- Mt. Clemens Council 744**
Antonio DelVillano family
Edmund Gauvreau family
Thomas Schmidt family
- Lansing Council 788**
Dave & Nancy Luedtke
Scott & Evah Cole
John & Sherrie Drzik
- Marine City Council 856**
Jim & Patti McPhee
Dan Lavere family
- Bad Axe Council 1546**
Don & Jessica Bredow, Jr.
Clayton & Racheal Parrish, Jr.
Frank & Lisa Szymanski
Fred & Maryanne Mazure
- Kingsford Council 1585**
Paul & Susan Arndt
Francia & Paula LaFleur
Dennis & Kathy Povolo
Nathan & Jen Raiche
- Wyandotte Council 1802**
Giovanni & Ann Marie
Giammalva
Robert & Kathy Meyers
- St. Clair Council 2251**
Chris Letarte, family
Paul Janiszewski, family
Bill Galliker, family
Tim Zobel, family
- Redford Council 2632**
Ronald & Cheryl Bush
- Standish Council 2724**
Ron & Dianna Alley
Ron & Pat Hoppe
- Westphalia Council 2890**
Neal & Amber Feldpausch
Kyle & Tricia Thelen
Jeffrey & Dawn Cook
David & Jill Rademacher
Louis & Beth Markel
- Utica Council 2950**
Gary & Diane Lusk
George & Debby Wiegand
Harold & Bernadette Kuk
- Grand Haven Council 2975**
James & Barb Burke
Kevin & Cathie Gagnon
Dr. Gregory & Nancy Stempky
Tim & Linda MacGraw
- Pinconning Council 2986**
Jerry & Janet Courier
Timothy & Shrei Leppek
Dennis & Judy Michalik
Rory & Barbra Clark
- Jeffery & Annette Szyperski
- Lincoln Park Council 3078**
Alan & Mary Ingraham
John & Carol Maclean
Paul & Toni Poynter
- Ruth Council 3823**
Kevin Dallas family
Kenneth & Karen Emming
John & Linda Roggenbuck
Robert & Loraine Olko
Bernard & Pauline Messing
- Warren Council 3848**
Dan & Renee Heileman
- Saginaw Council 4232**
Dennis & Christine Smigiel
Donald & Eilene Raft
Phil & Marianne Feherman
- Manchester Council 4354**
Larry Schwab family
Jim Warner family *cfy
John Ball family
George Daubner family
- Sandusky Council 4693**
Mark & Julie Orchard
Ken & Alyson Dupure
- Taylor Council 4872**
Matt & Jennifer Heading
- New Baltimore Council 5981**
George & Bonnie Vanderbossche
Lawrence & Mary Schwartz
David & Nancy Nummer
Ronald & Janine Depestel
- Eaton Rapids Council 6534**
Tim & Patti Oliver
- Roscommon Council 6593**
Tom & Jane Kozlowski
Tim & Maryanne Kean
Terry & Rosie Gallagher
- Posen Council 6657**
Tim & Lois Darga
Walter & Renee Roznowski
Brian & Leslie Konicny
- Gladstone Council 6667**
Claude & Robin Alexander
Frank & Sharon Sinnaeve
Gary & Marcella Chouinard
- Michigan Center Council 6687**
Jeffrey McCellis family
- Swartz Creek Council 6694**
Neil & Elaine Campbell
Pete & Susie Glynn
Ken & Molly Lixey
- Grand Blanc Council 6742**
Scott & Melody Schutte
Gerald & Jennifer McAvoy
Earl & Margo Hagen
Michael & Janet Cassidy
Richard Whallon family
- Dewitt Council 7237**
Steven & Kimberlee Blair
- Brighton Council 7304**
Tom & Helen Singer
- Grand Ledge Council 7311**
Brian & Heather Klopp
- Fenton Council 7418**
Thomas & Laura Temple
- Deacon Terry & Mary Carsten
John & Carol Pegouskie
Richard & Beth Raleigh
- Jenison Council 7487**
John & Michele McCormick
Harold & Kathleen Taylor
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- Freeland Council 7582**
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John & Barb Stayer
- Durand Council 7955**
Randy & Diane Wielder
Greg & Carol Middleton
Dennis & Kathy Schmidt
Tom & Jeannette Gomos
- Hillman Council 8041**
Ray & Margaret Selesky
Paul & Cecile Kortier
Steve & Pam Achartz
Rosemary Godfrey family
- Laingsburg Council 12044**
Jim & Anita Leathers
- Gaines Council 12186**
Brian & Tatjana Jones
Harold & Mary Demott
Frank & Jackie Kondel
Phil & Lisa Elders
Dick & Pat Huhn
Ray & Vada Hanna
- Bay City Council 12423**
Joe and Kathy Filary
John and Sally Drzewicki
Don and Sharon Kukla
Dan and Carol Dorion
Rick and Carol Wachowski
Larry and Cherri Lewicki,*cfy
- Reed City Council 12668**
George & Sherry Strodl
Greg & Maura St. Onge
- Vicksburg Council 13305**
Deacon David & Jane Guido
Daniel & Ellen Chenier
Gary & Sandy Klein
Marcus & Grace Rivard
Michael & Carolyn VanNoorloos
David & Susan Maneikis
- Midland Council 13452**
Steven & Meghan Gornick
- Troy Council 13453**
Steven & Meghan Gornick
- Grosse Ile Council 13475**
Jim & Gail Dell
Our Family of Parish Volunteers
Family of Knights who
Volunteered
at the Baccalaureate Breakfast
- Muskegon Council 13579**
Michael & Kathy Lewis
- Farmington Council 13673**
Gerard & Pauline Panyard
- Clio Council 13703**
Mitchell & Casey Broom
Kirk & Erin Smith
- Sterling Heights Council 13799**
St. Michael Council 13799
Cameron Chadwick family
- Shelby Township Council 13983**
Walter & Beverly Jacobowski
Robert & Barbara Becker
Joseph & Renie Vogal
Pat Woke & Jane Canar
Roger & Patrica Quitter,*cfy

Knights of the Month

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*cky- council knight of year

Port Huron Council 521

Brian Shinavier, Joseph Smith
Fr. Salvatore Palazzolo

Alpena Council 529

Larry Forester, Dan Pezeslawski

Battle Creek 575

Robert Johnson, Ed Bauman
Matthew Stover

Marquette Council 689

Anrew Kilpela

Mt. Clemens Council 744

Patrick Ashman, John Sternicki
John Felczak

Lansing Council 788

Mike Schaefer, Chris Wegener
Mike Stumo

Marine City Council 856

Cory Johnson, Brian Chadra

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George Maul, Don Bredow, Sr.
Eric Emming, Ryan Osentoski

Kingsford Council 1585

Timothy Chartier

Wyandotte Council 1802

Marvin Dick

Hart Council 2199

Charles Carter

St. Clair Council 2251

Todd Sprader, Tom Askew, Jr.
Brian Kowalski, Jim Torrello

Standish Council 2724

James Somerfield, Ronald
LaLonde

Essexville Council 2740

John Connelly, Len Bobick

Gaylord Council 2781

Patrick Oliver

Westphalia Council 2890

Francis Martin, Cliff Hengesbach

Utica Council 2950

Paul Burmeister, Robert Quaine
Robert Walz

Grand Haven Council 2975

Tom Valdez, Michael Olivier

Pinconning Council 2986

Victor Latuszak

Lincoln Park Council 3078

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Joseph Kaiser, Jr.

Caro Council 3224

Andrew Schlaud

Ruth Council 3823

Merlin Kramer

Saginaw Council 4232

Michael Ross, Mike Berent

Manchester Council 4354

Martin Brogley, Ed Barnard
Dave Heliske,

Farmington Council 4401

Rinaldo Maffezzoli,
Randy D'Amore

Dean Wojtowicz,

Joseph Gromoa

Sandusky Council 4693

Mark Orchard, Andrew Pathic
Ken Dupure

Taylor Council 4872

Mike Cleaver

Oscoda Council 5083

John Servinski

Rochester Council 5452

Jerald Grubba, Charles Hartner

New Baltimore Council 5981

John Grillo, Robert Presto

Michael Wojciechowski

Roscommon Council 6593

Cliff Woods

Posen Council 6657

Benny Strzelecki,

Frank Sinnaeve

Danny Stann

Gladstone Council 6667

Claude Alexander

Gary Chouinard

Swartz Creek Council 6694

Bob George, Claude Boucher

Grand Blanc Council 6742

Michael Fogg, Dean Hayward

Dewitt Council 7237

David Buick

Brighton Council 7304

Ray Bonomo

Caledonia Council 7341

Chuck Gallagher

Fenton Council 7418

Lynn Walters, David Kozma

Jenison Council 7487

Adam Roberts, Russell Hower

Thomas Parrish, Jr.

Freeland Council 7582

Chris Lake

South Lyon Council 7586

Chris Meloche

Remus Council 7869

Robert Beers

Durand Council 7955

Edward Folsom, Tom Gomos

Deacon Gregory Middleton

Robert Tillson, Richard Reed

Colin Smith

Hillman Council 8041

Mark Pollard, Randy Elowsky

Bill Wittman, Paul Gressick

Sanford Council 8043

Mike Schultz, Ben Fortin

Chuck Batcke

Canton Council 8284

Steve Vargo

Auburn Hills Council 8659

Sean Sylvester, Sam Crowl

John Allasio

Yale Council 8710

Louis Bautko, Jr., Carl

Vermeesch

Cass City Council 8892

Rich Kloc

Mason Council 9182

Ashton Bergan, Dan Hancock

Deacon Thomas Feiten

Tecumseh Council 9937

Jeff Miller

Okemos Council 10006

Donald Morgan, Karl Ebner

Frank Fortier, Thomas Kent

Ann Arbor Council 10963

Deacon Frank Papp

Lansing Council 11099

Michael Gilenkirk

Harrison Township Council

11658

Tim Inman, Dennis Below

Rick Abernathy

Port Huron Council 11756

Joe Ready, Brian Wit

Ed Taylor, Roger Thomas

Novi Council 11811

Fred Geist,

Laingsburg Council 12044

Jerry Siddack, Chris Basgall

Gaines Council 12186

Brian Jones, Dick Huhn

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Michael Stewart

Bay City Council 12423

Joe Filary, John Drzewicki

Don Kukla, Jeremy

Verhaeghe

Wesley Bellor

Theodore Nogaski,*cky

Reed City Council 12668

David MacKellar, Jerry

Slywka

West Bloomfield Council

12808

Terry George, Chester Coccia

Jim Bossu

Vicksburg Council 13305

John Polasek, Brian Cook

Don Ruthven, James Burgess

Msgr. Thomas Martin

William Bryant

Michael VanNoorloos,*cky

Sterling Heights Council

13340

William Bishop

Troy Council 13453

Julio Vasquez

Grosse Ile Council 13475

John Kula, Al Marson

Don Antosiewicz

Waterford Council 13485

Rev. James Mayworm

Muskegon Council 13579

Richard Miller, Joseph Tackx

Farmington Council 13673

Richard Smith

Sterling Heights Council

13799

Marc Tuscany, Brice Steties

Bill Delf

Shelby Township. Council

13983

Richard Bejnar, Robert Ansell

Joseph Vogel, John

Bennincasa

Darrell Pawlowski *cky

Kalamazoo Council 16628

Isaac Koerner

Msgr Dunigan Council 695



Brother Knights Dennis Rodgers (Left) and Tom Smela held spaghetti dinner guests in their seats long after they finished eating during the April 28, 29 fundraiser hosted by Msgr. Dunigan Council 695, Flint. The knights are shown delivering one of their many lively renditions of recorded music during the two-day event benefiting area non-profits.

AROUND THE STATE

Go On Golfing

Traverse City **St. Francis Council 13958** conducted a Golf-A-Thon.

Golfers sought sponsors and each played 100 holes to help raise funds for the Grand Traverse Area Right to Life and the Pregnancy Care Center of Traverse City. Over \$3,600 was collected for those worthy causes. Saturday In The Park

Anchor Bay Council 5981 in New Baltimore, spent a Saturday morning beautifying Walter and Mary Burke Park in downtown New Baltimore. Members and their families cleaned out the landscaping, spread new mulch and planted flowers. The Knights also joined other community organizations to fund the installation of a 160-foot-tall flagpole and flag.



On May 7, 2018, the Brother Knights of **St. Louise de Marillac Council #8186/** Warren, MI served a homemade "Cinco de Mayo" meal to our guests from Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST). MCREST is a unique service organization which provides homeless and displaced individuals the opportunity for a successful transition to independence. Guests enjoyed a meal of hard and soft shell tacos, Spanish rice, refried beans, and delicious desserts!



Hispanic members of **Deacon Jerry Mix Council #2508** in Sturgis, Michigan celebrated Cinco de Mayo by holding an all day Fiesta Fundraiser to raise money for the local St. Vincent de Paul Society selling food to help those in need in the community. Shown with District Deputy Jim Highfield are members of the Round Table who cooked and prepared the food along with their families.

Communication - the human connection - is the key to personal and career success.

The foundation stones for a balanced success are honesty, character, integrity, faith, love and loyalty.



St. Pius X Council #3848 in Warren, Michigan held it's Spring Euchre Night Party to benefit a parish family in need at St. Martin de Porres Parish. 92 players filled 23 tables and \$1000 was raised from the event to support the council's program to support families in need. This is the third straight year, the Spring Euchre Night has benefited this cause.



Manchester Knights of Columbus Council #4354 assisted St. Mary's Parish with weekly fish Frys thru the Lenten Season this past spring. This was the first time the Parish hosted fish frys in 10 years and with the help of the Knights and other Parish committees the Fish Frys served an average of 800 meals per night, and raised over \$15,000 dollars for the Parish. This was an excellent way for the Parish community to work together for a common cause. The Knights would like to thank Father Bosco for believing in his Parish community and pushing for these fish frys to happen. He believed and saw when others doubted, and for that we can all learn how faith can bring a community closer together for the common good.

Flushing Council 8489

On Easter Sunday, Flushing Council 8489 hosted a dinner after the 6pm service at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish. This Easter Dinner of ham, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans and rolls was aimed at all those who might have been alone on Easter, so they could be welcomed to an evening with fellow parishioners and K of C members. More than 50 individuals attended.

Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.

Council #7304 J. Leo McCann

It has been our practice over the last several years to offer a pancake breakfast to our parishioners during the Lent and Advent seasons. With over 30 volunteer Knights at a time cooking, serving and cleaning up we are able to serve our guests a wholesome breakfast. Our "Dominic Palarchio Pancake Breakfast" is named after one of our deceased Past Grand Knights and Organizer of our breakfasts.

We have found by having a donation basket at the head of the table people are far more generous than having a set price everyone. During the last few years one of our restaurants in town has donated all of the mixes, fruits and meats that go into our breakfasts. This makes it possible for us to be 100% profitable for this project. This past 2018 Lenten season we were able to net over \$3500 for our charities.



Council's Sunday after Mass Breakfast Team Knights of Columbus **Msgr. Julian Moleski Council # 8291** of St. Paul the Apostle Church in Grand Rapids Michigan through Their multiple fundraising activities presented a check for \$10,000 to the Principal of Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School for Student Scholarships.



Trustee Mike Van Diepenbos presented a check for \$10,000

St Paul of Tarsus Council #11689 in Clinton Township was fortunate to obtain the MAN of the SHROUD exhibit for June. The exhibit was displayed at ST Paul of Tarsus Church from May31st through June 4th.

Approximately 700 people visited the exhibit during that period. The Exhibit is a history of the Shroud of Turin and includes a copy, on cloth, of the Shroud of Turin. Everyone should see it if they can.

Life time Achievement Award – 2018
Robert C. Stebler, FSD, PSD, EOHS Grand Cross

Robert C. Stebler has dedicate much of his adult life to the family, his church, and his going commitment of fostering the ideals and goals of the Knights of Columbus.

Born in Hancock, Michigan, he spent his early childhood years in Detroit. His family later returned to the upper peninsula of Michigan where he began his college studies at Michigan Technological University. In 1955 he moved to Los Angeles, California, where he worked and continued his formal education receiving undergraduate degrees in engineering and mathematics, and a master's degree in industrial education from Los Angeles City College and the California State University at Las Angeles.

After a five-year stint in aerospace and oil industries, Robert Stebler taught for seven years for the Salesians of St. John Bosco at the Don Bosco Technical Institute in San Gabriel, California. He returned to Michigan in 1967 and accepted a position at Michigan Technological University where he served in a number of teaching and administrative positions, retiring in 1997 as the Coordinator of Mechanical Design and Mechanical Engineering Technology Programs.

Robert Stebler has served the Michigan Knights of Columbus for more than thirty-five years. In addition to holding numerous council officers and chairmanships, he served as Grand Knight of Torch Lake Council #2713 for three years where his council earned three Star Council Awards. He was subsequently appointed District Deputy and served in this capacity for four years. During the same period, Robert Stebler was active in the fourth Degree. He has served on numerous diocesan and state level committees and in 1982 was appointed by Thomas R. Clark as State Program Director of the Michigan Jurisdiction.

In 1984, Robert Stebler was elected to the position of State Warden, and for ten years progressed through the chairs of state office, completing his two years as State Deputy in 1994.

In May 1994, he and his wife Barbara were inducted into the Equestrian Order of the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre

of Jerusalem. The investiture took place at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit, Michigan, at the hands of the late Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, then Archbishop of Chicago. They currently hold the rank of Knight Grand Cross. In July, 2010, Bob and Barbara were honored by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI as Knight and Dame Commanders of the Equestrian Order of St. Gregory the Great.

Robert Stebler is a member of numerous professional and honorary societies where he has likewise served in leadership capacities. He is a recipient of the Brothers of the Holy Cross of Notre Dame Spez Unica (One Hope) Award for his contributions to the children and families of Boyssville and in 1996, was the recipient of the Michigan Technological University's Distinguished Teacher Award. At the Supreme Convention in 1995, 1998 and again in 2001, Robert Stebler was elected to the Supreme Council Board of Directors where he has served on the Church-Religious and Athletic and Youth Committees, serving as Chairman of Athletic and Youth Committee during the 2003-2004 fraternal year.

Robert Stebler has served on the Bishops' Legacy of Faith endowment board and served on the Bishop' Capital Campaign Committee.

The Stabler's' have three children, eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. They have both taught CCD and have served as Eucharistic ministers and as lectors of the former St. Cecilla Parish in Hubbell, Michigan. They are currently residents of Hudson, Florida. Bob and Barbara were not able to attend the 2018 State Convention. His doctor said he could not travel so far by car or plane.

To our 36th State Deputy of Michigan for the Life time Achievement Award 2018, raise your glasses high and thank you Robert C. Stebler and Barbara for all you have contributed to society and the Knights of Columbus.

Michigan Knights of Columbus
Unsung Hero – Lifetime Achievement Award 2018

John N. Rogers – PGK, FDD, Former Archdiocese Director
Bishop Fulton J. Sheen Council - Council #7444

John N. Rogers, a fifty-four year as a Knight of Columbus has been active for his entire Knights of Columbus life. Today at age eighty, he continues to serve. John was the state top seller of tickets for the 2017 and 2018 Michigan State Charity Raffle. In 2016, he sold 238 tickets, 2017 he sold 411 tickets and in 2018 he sold 615 tickets.

John joined a council 54 years ago and left for Edward Cardinal Mooney Council #3577 where he started his service in the Order.

In 1980 he was the Charter Grand Knight of Council #7444. He served as Grand Knight for three years 1980 – 1983 and again in 1988 -1989.

He continued to serve in the council and in 1995 – 1999 was District Deputy.

He has served as an Archdiocese Membership Director and as an Archdiocese Program Director. He has chaired the St. Jude Hospital council golf outing for 15 years. For several years he chaired the council Sweetheart Ball, a fund raiser for Charity for Kids.

John Rogers continues his passion for the Knights of Columbus and his Catholic Church. Although his health is not as good as he would like, his friends made sure John could attend the 2018 State Convention. His daughter is caring for his wife this weekend while he the state convention.

God love you John Rogers. Our Unsung Hero for 2018.

Avoid the Summertime Slump by Hosting a Family Celebration

This summer, put family first by inviting your parish and greater community to celebrate Knights of Columbus Family Week. Family Week is a special opportunity to celebrate families in a fun and enjoyable setting. Support materials and resources that help you plan activities for a variety of ages and interests are available at kofc.org/familyweek.

Please note: Family Week is traditionally held in August, but it can take place any time during the summer. Councils should choose whatever month and dates work best for their pastor, parish and community.

Date of the Degree	Start Time of Admission Degree	Start Time of "Formation" Degree	Start Time of "Knighthood" Degree	Location of Degree	Council Number	Host DD	Host DD Phone No.
8/4/18	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Armada	7561	Greg Brunson	810-824-9533
9/15/18	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	North Branch	9568	Walter Sierakowski	810-797-5190
9/20/18	None	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Canton	16169	Hans Hansen	734-765-6767
9/23/18	WIVES	APPRECIATION	DINNER	AND THERE	WILL	NOT BE ANY	MAJOR
10/13/18	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Sterling Heights	12102	Michael Haughey	586-873-9234
10/21/18	11:00 AM	12:30 PM	1:30PM	Portland	2168	William Vallier	517-526-2956
3/9/19	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Sterling Heights	12102	Michael Haughey	586-873-9234

PROUD TO BE A 3RD DEGREE KNIGHT BY

GENE MURAWSKI STATE CEREMONIAL DIRECTOR

I am proud to be a 3rd Degree Member, because I love to work with my fellow Knights on church projects. Sure, you do not have to be a 3rd Degree Member to do this. However, now that I have gone through the Formation and Knighthood Degree's, I have a good knowledge of what is our function. We Knights are here to help the poor, sick, deaf, aged, disabled, and disadvantaged. The lessons of the 2nd and 3rd Degree give us a better understand of what these words really mean.

I would ask the DD's, GK's, FS's to go through your membership roster, and get the guys who are still 1st Degree Members to go through the 2nd and 3rd. Maybe the reason they go out the back door is because they just do not feel comfortable with the group. Would you want to be part of a group if you do not feel like you are part of that group? Check the Web-Site for the schedule of Major Degrees, and get these Knights through the Formation and Knighthood Degree.

So far this fiscal year we have had 63 degrees and we put 900 through the Formation and Knighthood Degree. We have 4 more scheduled to do as of June 1, 2018. We need to increase the amount of candidates next year. Why do we not ask these gentlemen to get their full Knighthood? Let's work on this.

Want to Know if Your Projects Are Good? Test Them Against These Five Questions

As councils look to elections and appointments, previous program directors should join new council officers and together evaluate last year's endeavors based on these five questions. This will allow for an honest assessment regarding the council's programs. It will also ensure that any lessons learned are passed along, helping create or improve upon outstanding programs in this new fraternal year.

1. How well did your council follow the membership recruitment and service programming plans designed at the start of the year?
2. Were the plans overly ambitious, or did they fail to tap into the council's full potential?
3. Were goals achieved?
4. How could family and parish involvement have been expanded?
5. Were materials available from the Supreme Council fully utilized?

Ithaca Council 8785



Grand Knight John Raducha and Jack Reducha of **Ithaca Council 8785** display the results of a successful onesies drive for the Pregnancy Services of Gratiot County. The drive collected 102 new or unused onesies for the pro-life resource center, which offers pregnancy testing, baby supplies, adoption support, education and more for women and families.

OUR PRINCIPLES

All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles:

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

Unity – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. That doesn't mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that – as a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your **parish and community**.

Fraternity – Venerable Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely. The Order's top-rated **insurance program** continues to do this today, as do the good works of individual Knights, who gave more than 75.6 million service hours in 2017, illustrating how Catholics serve each other in fraternity and mercy.

Patriotism – Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.

St. Kieran Council 13983



Officers of **St. Kieran Council 13983** in **Shelby Township** visit Austin Catholic High School to present the winners of the 2018 Catholic

Essay Contest with their prizes. Over 80% of the student participated in this year's contest. Following the presentation of the student's recognitions, the council presented the school with a \$1,000 donation towards the construction of their new chapel.

Michigan Knights of Columbus Knight of the Year

**Dale E. Schaedig – PGK, FDD, Former Diocesan Director
State Program Director 2016 – 2018
Dexter Council #2959**

Dale E. Schaedig has served the Knights of Columbus throughout his thirty-six years of membership. A quiet leader with service to his council and his parish of St. Joseph. He has taken leadership of several council and parish projects, such as the parish pavilion.

With his council, the many officer positions he has served, he has served as Council Recorder for many years, Deputy Grand Knight for three years, Grand Knight for two years. His service as District Deputy from 1990 – 1994 and again in 2012 is a credit to his service. He has served for many years as Diocesan Program Director and now as State Program Director 2016 – 2018.

During his service as State Program Director, his dedication to the position was served 24-7-365. His mentorship to District Deputies and councils in the submission of forms is unprecedented. He assisted councils up to the deadline hour for submission of the Columbian Award (SP-7) in 2017.

His life is full of assisting to assure that projects were complete and on time. This dedication to completeness of the job has shown through his life. He worked as General Contractor, then Construction Superintendent and then as a University of Michigan Construction Estimator.

His everyday dedication to the Order was something to behold. He now produces trophies, plaques and an assortment of other projects from his home based company. His attention to detail shows throughout his life.

Dale E. Schaedig is truly a Worthy State Program Director and one of our Knights of the 2018 Year.
Thank you.

Council 7011 Contest Winners

The Knights of Columbus (Council 7011) is pleased to announce the winners of our 2018 Pro-Life Poster Contest-“It’s Cool to be Pro-Life! “. There were three groups of participants-Group 1-(Grades 7/8), Group 2-(Grades 9/10), and Group 3- (Grades 11/12). First place winners in each Group received \$100 cash. Second place winners in each Group received \$50 cash. Third place winners in each Group received a \$20 Gift Certificate from Faith@Work. All runners up received a Participation Certificate.

The first place winners were Brody Bontomasi, Jack Anderson and Kevin Anderson, respectively. The second place winners were Nicholas Durkee, Ailish Newell, and Caithleann Newell, respectively. The third place winners were Isaiah Agustin, Clare Meteer and Anna Marie Schubert, respectively.

The runners up winners in alphabetical order were Clare Boguski, Andrew Durkee, and Aoife Newell.

An Awards Ceremony honoring all the winners was held on March 15, 2018 with more than thirty five students, family members and Knights attending. We wish to thank all winners and their families for their participation and support for this important contest. We hope these and many others will participate next year.

Success =

See your goal.

Understand the obstacles.

Create a positive mental picture.

Clear your mind of doubt.

Embrace the challenge.

Stay on task.

Show the world you can do it.

The Knight Behind the Nametag

We’re all frequently reminded to wear name badges and K of C items, especially before volunteer or recruitment event.

Have you ever thought how the benefit of wearing our badges go far beyond these events?

When you wear your name badge at a church event, parishioners can immediately identify you. They see a trusted person who can answer questions or lend a helping hand. Fellow members see a friend and brother Knight. Your pastor sees a Knight who might serve as an usher, a greeter or a Eucharistic minister. A young father sitting in the pew near you sees a person he can ask about joining the Order.

Your name badge brands you. It tells everyone you encounter that you are a man of faith, a man of character, a man willing to lend a hand. In short, it tells everyone that you are a Knights of Columbus.

K of C Honors Military Services Each Memorial Day



On this recent Memorial Day weekend the Father Kosco Knights of Columbus Council 12808 at Prince of Peace Parish in West Bloomfield, MI again honored parish members of the military services; active, retired, and deceased. Memorial flags and banners for all five military services were placed prominently on the Church grounds. Each flag, with a name tag, represented a military member submitted by a parishioner.



Pictured are the flags and banners placed by the Knights along the Church drive way. After each weekend mass, relatives and other interested people took the opportunity to locate ‘their’ flag and reminisce about the sacrifices made by their loved ones.

This simple practice is becoming more inclusive each year and demonstrates how important each of these military people is to all of us. 450 flags were placed this year with 78 new names registered. Several Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 1000 assisted in the placement of the flags. Performance of this project by the Council demonstrates the depth of the Knight’s involvement and support for parish life.

The Knights also assisted in the proper disposal of parishioners’ damaged American flags. This past Memorial Day, 20 flags were presented to the Knights for disposal.

**Michigan Knights of Columbus
Knight of the Year**

**Kenneth C. Krause – PGK, FDD, Former State & Diocesan
Director
State Membership Director – 2016 – 2018
Anchor Bay Council #5981**

Kenneth C. Krause has served the Knights of Columbus throughout his forty-one years of membership in the Knights of Columbus. His dedication to the Order is unparalleled.

Ken has served in many council officer positions, as Grand Knight in Howell Council #2659 from 1979 – 1981 and again 1985-1986. He was Grand Knight of his New Baltimore Council #5981 from 2004 – 2006. Ken was a Columbian Squires Counselor. He served as a District Deputy from 1994 – 1997 in the Hillsdale, MI. area where in 1995 – 1996 he was a Star District Deputy and again in Mt. Clemens in 2013 -2014.

Ken Krause was a State Youth Director under PSD Thomas Clark in 1982 – 1984, State Program Director under PSD James Hayes 1990 – 1992. Ken has served as State Public Relations Director, State Retention Director, State New Council Development Director, Grand Knight Trainer, and presented the Good of the Order Report at the State Convention for five years.

While servicing the Order, Ken was an Assistant Principal in Jonesville, MI., then Principal in Richfield, MI. and then a High School Principal in Anchor Bay, MI. He then served as Director of Secondary Education in Anchor Bay, MI.

Ken has served countless times with parish committees and community involvement.

He has served as State Membership Director from 2016 – 2018.

Even today, Kenneth C. Krause continues to serve the Order at 110%. All this for as he has stated, "The Knights of Columbus is a lifelong mission is service to the Catholic Church."

Kenneth C. Krause is truly a Worthy State Membership Director and one of our Knights of the 2018 Year. Thank you.

Dominican Sisters Mary Mother of the Eucharist

"A fish walks into a fish fry and asks if his mom and dad is here"



Front Row L-R - Don "Pops" Sheridan, Sr. Mary Francis de Ricci, Sr. Mary Gabriel de Montfort, Sr. Mary Philomena Therese. Back Row- Mike Kowall, John Rogers, Sr. Mary Catherine Teresita

Lenten fish fry's go way back. The first one was when Jesus was in a town called Bethsaida and a crowd of 5,000 showed up. Jesus asked his apostles how much food did they have. Five loaves of bread and two fish. Well you know how that fish fry turned out. The Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council #7444 of Milford held their fish fry's and at two of them they had the Dominican Sisters of St. Dominic Chapel in Highland, Michigan. We all appreciated the presents of the Sisters. Now what are we going to do with 1000 fish and a loaf of bread.

One member per council per month

Sacred Heart Grosse Council 13475



activities included: Knights free throw competition, Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest, Catholic citizen essay competition, Substance Abuse poster contest, and the K of C Lenten Fish dinner "ground crew". The "ground crew" are the R.E. students who volunteer their time at the K of C Lenten Fish dinners. Students from 1-8 grade volunteer a 2 hour time period during the dinners, bussing tables, serving coffee, scraping plates and greeting guests. Each Friday during Lent, 40 students assist the Knights in assuring over 550 guests have a wonderful dinner experience.



At the awards celebration this year, over 260 students, and parents, attended the event. While a video was displayed showing the students involved in the activities, council program director, Gregg Zuccker, along with Director of Religious Formation, Cheryl Reynolds, presented the trophies and certificates of recognition. Afterwards, all present enjoyed the "build your own sundae or ice cream float" dessert time. Of course, if you're not an ice cream fan, there were cookies galore!

On May 7, 2018, the Knights of Council 13475, Sacred Heart Grosse Ile, gathered with the religious education students for their year end mass, and for the K of C awards celebration.

Throughout the school year the Knights present various activities for the students to become involved with. This past year the

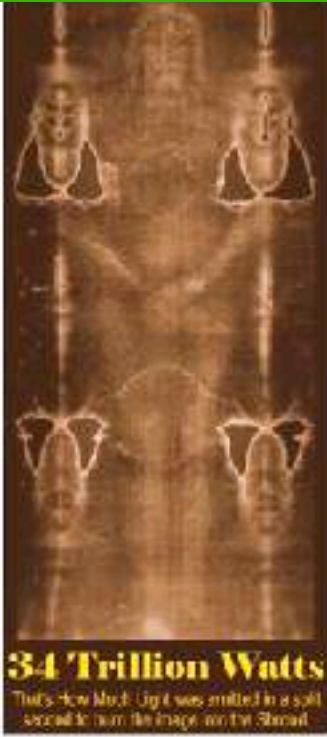
**St Paul of Tarsus
Council #11689**

St Paul of Tarsus Council #11689 in Clinton Township was fortunate to obtain the MAN of the SHROUD exhibit for June.

The exhibit was displayed at ST Paul of Tarsus Church from May 31st through June 4th. Approximately 700 people visited the exhibit during that period.

The Exhibit is a history of the Shroud of Turin and includes a copy, on cloth, of the Shroud of Turin. Everyone should see it if they can

"Man of the Shroud Touring Exhibit"



The Monroe Council #1266 of Monroe Michigan recently hosted the Marytown Franciscan Friars "Man of the Shroud Touring Exhibit" dedicated to the "Shroud of Turin". Many K of C Councils have hosted this exhibit but the Monroe Council made special preparatory efforts to insure this would be a profound faith filling experience. Their goal was not only to have Catholics visit the display but they invited all Christians in town and even in search of religious direction.

The local news paper was approached via email with a template article to insure they would even publish it. After multiple interviews with the council's public affairs officer he found that the curious reporter was a serious Christian looking for information on the Shroud. The article grew from the papers recommended 500 words to twice that size. The article

included a section detailing the different sections of the display. Another segment listed some of the very detailed testing that scientist have preformed on the Shroud, and how the results all point to that it is the burial cloth of our Lord. Still another part listed times for the display with the most important detail being the presentation of Monsignor Todd Lajiness, Rector of Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit Michigan. Monsignor Todd was born and raised Monroe and is well known. He spent several years working and studying in Italy. While there he became interested in the Shroud and began to research and study it on his own. His presentation is called "The Shroud of Turin, Encountering the Love of God". Grand Knight Shawn Piedmonte secured Monsignor as soon as we booked the Shroud display. Next, the five parishes our council represents were contacted about the display utilizing our monthly article that goes into the church bulletins entitled "Knights In Action". These monthly articles explain our Charitable and Faith

Based works within our community. We have received numerous responses from these articles from parishioners that simply didn't know the Knights were that active in the community. This resulted in 16 new members this fraternal year. Finally, all Catholic and Lutheran schools in our community were informed of display.

Printed for the exhibit visitors for keepsakes were large cards that featured the Shroud negative image on the front side with the statement "34 Trillion Watts - That's how much Light was emitted in a split second to burn the image into the Shroud". The back side gave the Marytown Friars web site and also a paragraph on the Religious commitment the Knights of Columbus make to help others grow in faith. Also printed for a keepsake were 8 X 11 bi-fold brochures titled "The Anatomy Of The Crucifixion". Both handouts gave the visitors keepsakes and knowledge of the Shroud.

All the work was worth it when visitors arrived at the Shroud Display. The display was visited by Catholic clergy both Parish Priest and Sisters from Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother House. Catholic and Lutheran Schools attended the display with the local high school St Mary Catholic Central sending it's entire student body over in 1/2 hour shifts. The evening of Monsignor Todd's presentation, the attendance well exceeded our expectations. As more and more people entered the exhibit hall, brother Knights hustled to place additional chairs in empty areas. When the presentation started there were actually people standing in any open crevice they could find. After seeing the newspaper article about the Shroud Display, the Monroe cable channel MPACT, contacted Grand Knight Shawn Piedmonte to ask if they could record Monsignor Todd's presentation. Permission was granted and it was posted on YouTube @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9n6YD-6K17s>.

The Fourth Degree Color Corp River Raisin Assembly 0488 added dignity to the display as they stood guard at the Shroud display and at the life size Crucifix. Unfortunately a precise visitor attendance could not be obtained. We had Knights at the entrée doors with a registration book but not all visitors chose to sign in. Based on the total number of bi-fold brochures and souvenir cards we handed out, we estimate well over a thousand people visited the exhibit.

A follow up article was printed in the Monroe News with positive comments from attendees.

K of C Charity Rises to Recent Challenges

6/11/2018 2017 was a record-setting year for Knights of Columbus charitable work with an unprecedented \$185.6 million in donations and 75.6 million hours of service provided worldwide.

K of C in the Community	
Disaster Relief	\$7.5M
Christian Refugee Relief	\$6.3M
Coats for Kids	\$2.5M
Food Drives	\$7.6M
Special Olympics	\$14.7M
Habitat for Humanity	\$0.6M
Global Wheelchair Mission	\$1.6M

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“Once again, the Knights of Columbus showed the enormous difference we can make in the lives of others by putting our faith in action,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “The needs of many of our communities were particularly great in 2017, especially in the wake of historic hurricanes in Houston, South Florida, Puerto Rico and much of the Caribbean. The Knights did not hesitate to provide assistance after these humanitarian crises and in Mexico where two cities were badly damaged by earthquakes.”

In addition to disaster relief, K of C also continued to support local communities through programs like:

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- Coats for Kids \$2.5M
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provided worldwide.

The monetary value of K of C's service hours is valued at \$1.9 billion based on an estimate by Independent Sector, a network for nonprofit foundations that values a 2017 volunteer hour at \$24.69.

The K of C's 2017 survey of charitable giving also showed that monetary donations increased \$8 million from 2016 (+4.5 percent) and service hours grew by 527,550 (+0.7 percent). Year-over-year annual growth in both categories has been consistent over the past two decades.

Manistee Michigan Little River Casino Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Area 24 is supported by a Trinity of Knights Councils and St. Patrick
Article submitted by Jim Dennis

On St. Patrick's Day 2018 three Knights of Columbus Councils, Manistee County - Monsignor Steffes Council 853, Lake County Council 13865 and Mason County - Pere Marquette Council 1492 supported Michigan's Area 24 Special Olympics athletes through a Polar Plunge at the Little River. Even though the Knights support Special Olympics through their annual MR Drive these councils gave a monetary donation of \$250.00 each to add the Knights logo to the Official Plunge Banner and placed on the back of the shirts that are given to all the brave souls taking the Polar Plunge for the athletes. As this is the inaugural year the annual event will take place at the casino the goal was set at raising \$10,000 for the athletes but initial figures put the amount at over \$25,000. This number will still grow as additional support rolls in.



Jim Dennis, Plunge Coordinator of the event and Fourth Degree Knight from the Father Marquette Assembly, was dressed as St. Patrick to plunge at the event and gave a blessing to the crowd before he went into the icy waters of the pool of

the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Although, the reason for the event and everything the Knights of Columbus do for Special Olympics was captured best by Special Olympics Athlete Thomas Wisuri who raised his fist in triumph after his plunge, stating, "It was awesome. It was so cold, but it was fun. I did it because I love the Special Olympics so much!"

The Manistee Polar Plunge at the Little River Casino Resort will be an annual event to help raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics Michigan. Just another event to complement the effort of all Knight's through the MR Drive!

Photo of St. Patrick, Jim Dennis 4th



Degree Knight by Patti Klevorn (Ludington Daily New Managing Editor)

Photo of Special Olympic Athlete Thomas Wisuri by Dylan Savela (Staff Writer Manistee News Advocate)

St Paul of Tarsus Council #11689

St Paul of Tarsus Council #11689 held its annual Open House Pot Luck meeting in March. This meeting is open to all, friends, family and anyone interested in the Knights of Columbus.

Featured speakers were Charles McCuen from the Regional New Council Development North Detroit and Debbie Jackson from St Vincent DePaul.

Poster contest winners were presented with their awards as part of the meeting.

Michigan Shining Armor Award was presented to the following Knights:

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| Ralph Colosimo | James Grifka |
| Ted Czarny | Mike Hartel |
| Dale Jacks | Art Krygowski |
| Jeff Gapczynski | Hank LeFlere |

Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to:

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| Clarence Gajewski | Joseph Marheineke |
| Giovan Candela | and Reverend Joseph Hund. |

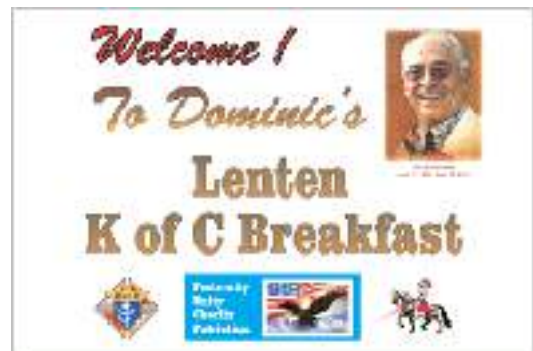
This award is given for outstanding service and dedication to the Council and the Knights Of Columbus.

Finally and most importantly, Gerry Vento was named Knight of the Year and Richard and Patricia Okerhjelm were named Family of the Year.

K of C Charity Rises to Recent Challenges

Since 2014, the Knights' Christian Refugee Relief Fund has donated more than \$17 million for humanitarian assistance to Christians and other religious minorities primarily in Iraq, Syria and the surrounding region.

"Along with what we do in our own communities, the reach of the Knights is global," Supreme Knight Anderson said. "We were able to pledge \$2 million to save Karamles, a predominantly Christian town on Iraq's Nineveh Plain liberated from ISIS in 2017. Christian churches and graves were desecrated, and many homes were looted, damaged or destroyed."



Council #7304 J. Leo McCann Brighton, MI PANCAKE BREAKFAST EARNS \$\$\$ FOR CHARITIES

It has been our practice over the last several years to offer a pancake breakfast to our parishioners during the Lent and Advent seasons. With over 30 volunteer Knights at a time cooking, serving and cleaning up we are able to serve our guests a wholesome breakfast. Our "Dominic Palarchio Pancake Breakfast" is named after one of our deceased Past Grand Knights and Organizer of our breakfasts.

We have found by having a donation basket at the head of the table people are far more generous than having a set price everyone. During the last few years one of our restaurants in town has donated all of the mixes, fruits and meats that go into our breakfasts. This makes it possible for us to be 100% profitable for this project. This past 2018 Lenten season we were able to net over \$3500 for our charities.

MICHIGAN COLUMBIAN PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

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- JUNE 1st..... JULY 2018
- SEPTEMBER 1st.....OCTOBER 201
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Our Structure



Supreme Council Office

The Knights of Columbus international headquarters is located in New Haven, Connecticut. Led by the Supreme Knight, the chief executive officer of the Knights, the office provides administrative support and leadership for our more than 15,000 local units.

Jurisdictions

The Supreme Council has more than 75 state council organizations to help guide regional activities that are consistent with the principles of the Order.

Districts

Each state council is divided into districts - groupings of several local councils.

Local Councils

Local councils are the basic unit of the Knights. Most are based in parishes, though some have their own council hall within a community. Each local council works to assist with the needs of its community consistent with the principles of the Order. A Knights of Columbus council can work wonders; in fact, with its many programs, it can help change the community, town, city or neighborhood in which you live. However, a successful Knights of Columbus program depends on people taking the initial idea, modifying it to suit specific situations and local needs, then implementing the program in the way it works.

Each local council evaluates the needs of their community and implements those programs and activities that are most needed in their area. The Knights of Columbus Service Programs activities are designed to engage the council members in various activities across a host of categories.

Insurance Agents

Every council is assigned a certified insurance agent, who is a Knight, and whose job it is to provide our top-rated products focused on the financial needs of members' families.

MICHIGAN STATE COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MICHIGAN CHARITIES RAFFLE NOVEMBER 1, 2017 TO APRIL 14, 2018 - PRIZE WINNERS

PRIZE NO.	TICKET NO.	PRIZE	COUNCIL	NAME	LOCATION
1	922541	WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE FOR 2 - + \$5,000 CASH	7100	WAYNE R. GRAMS	DETOUR VILLAGE
SELLER	922541	\$250.00	7100	DALE BOSLEY	DETOUR VILLAGE
2	924615	CANADA - NEW ENGLAND CRUISE - FOR 2 + \$3,000 CASH	N/A	MARSHA CARLISLE	FLAT ROCK
SELLER	924615	\$150.00	5446	JEFF GILLILAND	FLAT ROCK
3	650513	WESTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE FOR 2 + \$1,000 CASH	2660	PEGGY LENTZ	DEARBORN HTS.
SELLER	650513	\$50.00	2660	S. LENTZ	DEARBORN HTS.
4	212139	PHILADELPHIA FOR 2 - +500 CASH	5280	DAN COMBS	GLADWIN
SELLER	212139	\$25.00	5280	DAN COMBS	GLADWIN
5	262140	\$1,000.00	1585	PATRICK SPICE	IRON MOUNTAIN
6	389327	\$1,000.00	8605	ED FAIRFIELD	WEBBERVILLE
7	519394	\$500.00	13579	MARY LOU CURIK	NORTON SHORES
8	128272	\$500.00	13319	TOM CARSON	W. BLOOMFIELD
9	33879	\$500.00	7200	DONALD J. IACOVETTA	MACOMB
10	184658	\$500.00	10170	ED WITUCKI	SWARTZ CREEK
11	519312	\$250.00	706	RICHARD OOSDYKE	NORTON SHORES
12	55380	\$250.00	7561	LISA SEEFRIED	RICHMOND
13	615413	\$250.00	3774	DAN LAPALM	ALLEN PARK
14	774033	\$250.00	587	JIM BERKEMEIER	ANN ARBOR
15	573479	\$250.00	923	DONBURKHARDT	PETOSKEY
16	922181	\$250.00	5492	MARY GONZALEZ	
17	414937	\$250.00	1139	RAYMOND SCHERER	OWOSSO
18	206714	\$250.00	2724	JACKIE KRZYZANIAK	PINCONNING
19	922647	\$250.00	3092	KENNETH UNTERBRINK	CHELSEA
20	606280	\$250.00	16422	MARTIN & JOSEFA ZAPATA	GRAND RAPIDS
21	690891	\$150.00	8985	DAN EWING	FARMINGTON HILLS
22	369551	\$150.00	7237	JIN KRAUS	DEWITT
23	364649	\$150.00	7717	JOSEPH JULVEZAN	AU GRES
24	424549	\$150.00	8071	TONY FRID	PEWAMO
25	286409	\$150.00	4556	MARK BOXEY	BERLIN
26	571924	\$150.00	2781	LAWRENCE COAN	ELMIRA