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Worthy State Chaplain Reverend Paul Ballien, Worthy Diocesan Chaplains, Worthy Council Chaplains, Reverend Monsignors, Reverend Fathers, Deacons and Religious, Worthy Former Supreme Directors, Worthy Vice Supreme Master, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Immediate Past State Deputy and Past State Deputies, Worthy Former Vice Supreme Masters, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Regional, State and Diocesan Directors, Worthy Masters of the Patriotic Degree, Worthy Supreme Council General Agents, Worthy Supreme Regional Membership Growth Director, Worthy Delegates and Guests, Vivat Jesus!

Rise Up and Answer the Call, this was the moto for my term as the 50th State Deputy to represent the over 63,000 members and 440 Councils across the Great State of Michigan, I would like to thank you for your support over this last year. It has been an exceedingly difficult year while our State and Country continues to battle the Covid-19 as well as other viruses. I have continued to pray that all of you and your families would remain safe from sickness during this past year. I do know that we have in fact lost several of our brother Knights and family members due to these viruses and we all continue to pray for them and their souls to rest in peace with our lord and savior.

So once again we must, for the safety of our members and in complying with the current mandates, host our 121st convention virtually for the second year. I would like to thank all the members that have helped put this virtual meeting together. We had everything planned to have our Convention at the Grand Hotel but the mandate at the time dictated that there could only be 25 people in a room and maximum 100 people for dining. All the plans had to be changed with continuing the goal of hosting an enjoyable in informative State Convention. This team consisted of all our State Officers and Fr. Paul Ballien, State Membership Director Dann Fuller, State Program Director Paul Palka, Executive Secretary Larry Grabowski, PSD Tom Marcetti, William LeVeque, Jim Escott, Doug Kolkot, Matt Wierzac, Gary Kolbicz, Greg Brunson, Dan Remeika, VSM, Cliff Wasmund, DM, Mark Brezenski and the 5 New State Deputy Regional Directors, Larry Herman, Dean Hayward, Marty Brown, R. Terry Carl and Paul Thorn.

The year started out with much planning, I would like to thank Russ Long and Tom Marcetti for taking our previous website and updating it so that we it could be formatted to our cell phones. This included our State Directory with a simple sign into your state Goggle account, you can find all the recent information about every council in Michigan! This took several months to accomplish and am much appreciative of reaching this goal of better communication throughout our state leadership.

Due to the circumstances that continued throughout this year, we need to continue the communication by hosting several telecommunications with our leadership. This was a vital part of keep each council active in serving our Church and Community safely while the pandemic continued. We started with the training and expectations of all the new and current state leadership in June and continued with a virtual Summer meeting at the end of June.

In July we honored the outstanding State Ceremonial Teams and Conferring Officers that spent many years teaching us the lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity in Lansing at Council 788. Supreme has changed the ceremonials in last January 2020, so now all three of our principles are now presented at one time and in the presents of our family members. Although most of the parishes would not allow us to present the New Ceremonial after mass, strictly out of concern for the congregation's safety, as conditions improve, we need to plan on conducting this new ceremonial so that the families of the candidate along with the parishioners, can experience the lessons as they are presented now within a 30-minute time span. The State Board believed that it was the least we could do to honor and thank these dedicated men for their time. We went around the room and shared stories of some of our favorite memories that we were part of over these many years. On behalf of all the members that had the privilege of being part of these ceremonies, I would like to thank the Conferring Officers, Kenneth Hanson, Bernard J. Hartman, Daniel E. Jakobiak, Eugene A. Murawski, Peter Wilhelm Richard Shelt and any other Former Conferring Offers that had retired such as George Washnak who entered our lords' hands on 4-27-21 and the passing of Edward P. Skop on 8-30-2020. I would also like to thank the Degree Staffs, the Captains and team Members, Columbians Staff #2 lead by Steve Jacek, who passed away on 11-7-2021, Blue Water Staff, Detroit #5 and John Brothers II and All Saints and Michael Hughes. I know that there have been several other teams in the past such as the Pioneer Team and would like the thank all the members that gave of their time for several weekends throughout these many years. I would like to encourage them to

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



When I was in high school, I had a chemistry teacher that always seemed to have interesting stories to tell. One day he told our class a story about his college graduation. Apparently, on the day of his graduation ceremony, after they all processed in and sat down, in alphabetical order of course, the person sitting to his right suddenly turned to him, and with a worried look on his face said, "Wait a minute, now what am I going to do?" My chemistry teacher, was a little bit perplexed, and he said, "What do you mean, what are you going to do? You mean to tell me you haven't thought about this until now?"

That might sound kind of funny, but I do think that sometimes people can go through life without reflecting very deeply upon the important issues that we must all face. It can be very easy to live day by day, going from one event to the next, busying ourselves with our daily tasks without thinking about God or considering the more basic and important questions that would help put our lives into perspective. Sometimes, it can be easy to lose sight of the big picture and get caught up in the moment. And to a smaller degree, I think this is what may describe St. Martha somewhat, whose feast day we celebrate on the 29th of July.

In one of the Gospel stories where Martha is mentioned, she complains to Jesus that her sister Mary has left her to do all of the serving. Even though Martha was doing something very good, she was after all serving Jesus and her guests; even though she was being practical, because her work of service needed to be done; even though she was truly privileged and blessed to be able to serve Jesus in this manner, at the same time, what is the point of having Jesus over at your house if you spend the whole time being busy while never listening to him? Martha was so caught up in her tasks that she almost ended up missing the opportunity of a lifetime – the opportunity of being with Jesus and allowing his words of wisdom and understanding to sink into her heart. She was missing the big picture of what it was all about to have Jesus in her midst, and as a result, she almost missed having a truly personal encounter with the Lord.

Mary, on the other hand, was not missing out on this opportunity. What was Mary doing? The Gospel tells us that she was sitting at Jesus' feet. But in reality, Mary was engaged in something far more important than that. Mary was searching for truth and meaning, and she was finding it at Jesus's feet. She was searching after truth, and when she heard it from the mouth of Jesus, she couldn't resist being at his feet.

We too need to be seekers of truth. The philosopher Socrates once said, "The unreflective life is a life not worth living." Therefore, we should spend some time in prayer every day, to reflect, to sit at the feet of Jesus and seek His wisdom and understanding. As important as service to God and our fellow man is, the Christian life is more than just service, it also involves contemplation. It involves talking with God, listening to him, and being with him. We can't miss out on the opportunity to have a personal encounter with Jesus. If we allow ourselves to always be consumed with all kinds of worries and anxieties, if we live superficial lives where we never go beyond the day to day trivialities, then life will pass us by without us ever knowing what it really means to be fully human, fully alive, and fully in love with God.

Therefore, let us not only make a point of it to try to serve Christ in our lives, after all, the work that we do within the Knights of Columbus is very important, but it is also just as important for us to try to get to know Jesus in a deeper way. Because when we do, then our lives can truly be transformed and we can experience in a real way the beauty, the mystery and the wonder of what a life in Christ, a life in truth and meaning has to offer us.

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. Paul Ballien
State Chaplain

Queen of Apostles Council 6548



Receiving for the Houghton Lake Food Pantry is Charlie Lentz

Knights of Columbus, Council 6548 ran a fundraiser for the food pantries in Houghton Lake and Roscommon by having Lenten Fish Dinners for the seven Fridays in Lent. The total proceeds generated \$3,200 from this "Fish Dinner" take-out only project. The funds were divided in half for each of the food banks.



Receiving for the Roscommon Pantry is Bob Millikin.

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**From The State Warden
Jim Kraus**

My Brother Knights and Ladies,

I am honored to start my second year as your State Warden. I want to first thank my Unity committee, my wife Amy, and you, my brothers for your support during my first year as a state officer.

This year certainly was not what any of us expected with the virus and the lockdown here in Michigan. I could not be more pleased with the great work done by the councils across the state to reinvent ways to be active in their support of our causes during this pandemic.

As the state reopens and your councils start hosting events again, you may wish to have a member of the State Board attend your function. It is vital in your planning for these events to contact the State Deputy in writing no less than six weeks in advance of your event. The State Deputy works hard to fill as many of these requests as possible during the year, so please send the invitation as early as possible.

When you write to the State Deputy, please make sure to include as much information as possible about your event. Items such as type of event, date, time, location, if there is a Mass as part of the event, a contact phone number for the key contact person, etc., so we can plan accordingly. Prior to your event, you will receive a phone call from me to review the details should a State Officer be assigned to attend.

Many of the questions about meetings and event protocol can be answered by reviewing the Supreme Protocol Handbook (item #1622) is available from Officer's Online at the Supreme website. A copy of this handbook is also available to download from the Michigan KofC website. Any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at:

j.kraus@mikofc.org

I look forward to serving alongside my brother Knights and your families around this Great State this year.

God Bless you and God Bless the Knights of Columbus.

Jim Kraus
State Warden

Dedicated Chaplain Steps Down After 40 Years



In 1980, Fr. Tom Puzio was an Associate Pastor at St. Frances Cabrini in Allen Park when Fr. Saylor Council Grand Knight Sigmund Obrycki asked him to be their council Chaplain. Fr. Puzio only agreed if he could play an active role in the council, attend meetings, and help the members grow in faith. Through all his various assignments over the past 40 years, Fr. Tom continued to be an active and supporting Chaplain to the Saylor Knights. He attended about 90% of council meetings through the years, presided over countless Rosaries for

fallen knights and was a perennial priest at the annual State Convention, proudly representing Council 3774.

Forty years later after serving over 20 Grand Knights, Fr. Tom Puzio has decided to step down from his active role as Chaplain. He promises to continue to attend meetings when he can and serve the Council as he is able. Father Puzio has been a great supporter of the Order as a whole and proudly proclaimed that he was the "Chaplain of the Best Council in the State of Michigan" whenever he was able. At their June meeting, over 50 members were

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**From The State Membership Director
Dan Fuller**

Happy New Year to my Empowered Brothers!!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!, July 1st, 2021 begins a new fraternal year. It also brings us a waning pandemic and a re-opened State of Michigan. This is a great opportunity to reset our goals and continue the good works of our Order. Our Faith in Action programs are there to enrich our parishes, families, and communities through changing lives and saving lives. Our Membership programs allow us all to evangelize to our parishes, families, and communities through a life changing invitation to join the Knights of Columbus kofc.org/joinus

Who is a Knight of Columbus? He is an empowered catholic man that is part of a team, a council of men changing lives and saving lives. What empowers a Brother Knight? It is the participation in our Faith in Action programs and the opportunity to evangelize to catholic men through membership in our Order.

Do you know what our Supreme Council's "mission statement" is? It is as follows, **"Together, we're empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community."** Does your council have a similar "mission statement"? If not, maybe you should adopt and practice this one.

Through living out this mission, we bring Blessed Fr. McGivney's vision into practice. Fr. McGivney wanted every Catholic man to have the opportunity of being a Knight. The Knights offer a catholic social network that enriches the faith of our members. Blessed Fr. McGivney fought to keep men engaged in their faith and to keep them in the Church; that is why he formed the Knights of Columbus. Through empowering Catholic men and keeping them grounded in their faith, the Knights of Columbus have become the strong right arm of the church.

Is your Council the strong right arm of your parish? It can be if it is focused on empowering those catholic men in your parish.

When was the last time you and your Brother Knights thought about your council's mission? Does your council foster a culture of empowerment? These are simple but very important questions. Many councils in Michigan struggle to grow, struggle to find leaders, struggle with relationships at their parishes. These struggles are likely rooted in a lack of a clear mission or a council that has been unable to empower its members.

Let us strive to align our council mission to the "empowerment of catholic men", and through that empowerment great achievements are possible.

For our New Year's resolution, let's use this mission statement in every goal we strive to achieve. Our membership goals should start with empowered teams of Brother Knights inviting catholic men to join our council. Empowered Brother Knights performing the exemplification for our new Brother Knights. Our families are protected and empowered through our fraternal benefits. And there is nothing more impressive than Brothers working together through our Faith in Action programs. These FIA programs are the outreach, the evangelization tools of our Order. They extend a council's empowerment to those we serve.

In this new year, we must resolve to implement this mission statement. Through empowerment our Brothers will function better together and bring the vision of Blessed Fr. McGivney into their parishes. Empowerment is mentoring and training leaders, so councils will have a strong and sustained future. Implementing this resolution will move your council into the "Empowerment Zone".

Remember that **"Together, we're empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community."**

Vivat Jesus,
Dan Fuller, State
Membership Director

Programs = New Members

**From The State Program Director
Paul Palka**

As we begin the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year we look forward to life after the pandemic, and a return to normal activities. While during 2021 we learned how to overcome obstacles in our way, we grew even stronger. For those councils who learned to adapt to virtual meetings & events, we are very proud of your efforts. For those who figured out a “new” way to offer programs & recruit you showed it could be done! With the pandemic hopefully behind us we look forward to exciting programs & growing our membership as we Rise Up!

Great news for July! We will be having live in person Diocesan Meetings! We will be beginning in Lansing on July 7th and end in Detroit on July 19th. The full details are on the State website and in the Constant Contact weekly emails. We expect all Grand Knights, Membership & Program Directors to attend these important meetings. Each meeting will start with an Exemplification Ceremony. Please bring your candidates to the meeting, what a great experience for our new Brother Knights to be inducted by our State Deputy. If you have any questions, please reach out to your Diocesan Program and Membership Directors. We have lots of valuable information to pass on to you, and we look forward to seeing you in person this year!

There are many programs that happen in the 1st quarter of the fraternal year, and here are just a few:

1. For Faith: St. Michael the Arc Angel Icon will be making its way from shore to shore and visiting each council beginning in early September. Greg Brunson is working on the scheduling of the Icon. More details will follow on who gets the Icon and when.
2. For Community: Youth activities including the Soccer Challenge start up right away with the State Soccer challenge beginning in late September. We are also looking for participation in Coats for Kids. Look for communication from Mike Haughey regarding these events.
3. For Family: Have you planned your Council picnic yet? Are you attending the Sate Camporee in August? Garrett Kelenske will be sending out ideas for you to try.
4. For Life: Multiple Ultrasound machines have been, and will be placed this summer. Is their one by you? What are you doing for Right to Life, see what Ed Strach can offer you for ideas.

Now is the time for you to plan your 2021-2022 fraternal year. Make that meeting happen with your pastor to see what your parish needs. What your council can do to help build our parish family. Your success depends on having a plan now that can be adjusted as needed.

With all your programs, do not forget to submit your 10784 form online to Supreme to keep track of all of these events. This will help you track items to report on your SP7 Columbian Award Application.

Remember also to use each of these programs as a recruitment opportunity. Together with an increase in membership we can increase our programs, and we will Rise Up and Answer the Call!

Paul Palka
State Program director

Dedicated Chaplain Steps Down After 40 Years



in attendance including 10 past Grand Knights to thank Fr. Puzio for his service to the council. The members of Fr. Saylor Council 3774 presented Fr. Puzio with an icon of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians, as Fr. Puzio reminded us that we are all becoming persecuted Christians and Catholics.

Ladies Corner

Greeting to all. Hoping everyone is staying healthy and happy.

Our state convention in Marysville has come to a close and though very different than what we are use to, I believe it was successful. Thanks to everyone that made it a success.

The summer meeting is now under plans. It appears to be just a men's meeting but please stay tuned, they are brain storming to try to include our ladies. The men will be meeting at the Crowne Plaza aka Lexington in Lansing.

Please continue to collect sweatshirts, gift cards, twin sheets and bath baskets for Holly Cross. We will find homes for everything we collect at winter meeting. We hope to have all people at the winter meeting without face masks and without restrictions. Keep praying for an end to the pandemic.

Restrictions are lifting slowly, very slowly but please continue to stay healthy.

Walter and I will be off to New Haven, Connecticut to meet with Supreme and the other State Deputies. This will be our first, real, live, face to face meeting. We are looking forward to the road trip And to meet Walters classmates and their wives. Face to face with people will be so nice even with masks. We can make that bond with these people. I am just so excited to be going.

I continue to miss meeting with all of you and hope we can return to normalcy. Please continue to pray for our State Board.

Have a blessed summer.

Karen, Julie, Mandy, Pam, Amy, Marybeth

State Raffle

On behalf of State Deputy Walter Winkle Jr.,

“Did we tell you, we love you, today?” Talk about rising up and answering the call, our Brother Knights all over the state went above and beyond to help our fellow citizens at a time of serious need. You sold \$327,854.00 worth of State Raffle Tickets, the second largest amount sold in this century! This generated \$71,000.00 to Council Charities and \$177,000.00 to statewide Knights of Columbus Charities. Our net to Charities is the highest this century and we beat PSD Mike Malinowski's record. (nah, nah, nah, nah) Thank You!

All of our lives have been changed by the Covid-19 Virus. In person council meetings were suspended for a length of time, we were separated from our friends and family. Normal routines such as Lenten Fish Fry's and even how we gather for Mass and meetings were impacted, yet you still managed to have a record-breaking year. These Charity Funds will help all over the State because you did! “Rise up and answer the call”. All this happened thanks to you our Members, Directors, and Board Leadership, with special thanks to “The Big Dog” Larry Grabowski, Gary Kolbicz, and Fr. Paul “The Padre” Ballien.

Fraternally Yours,
Gary “Elwood Blues” DeCarlo

Kevin “Joliet Jake” Rowley

Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending. ..

Programs = New Members

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FROM
Walter K. Winkle, Jr.
State Deputy**

continue their leadership in the Ceremonials by continuing to serve in the new degree along with the council members around the state in our Parishes after mass.

We all continued to host District meetings around the state either by telecommunication or in live meetings using the upmost protections to keep everyone safe.

In August, Since the Supreme the Supreme Convention in Washington, D.C. was canceled, it was decided by Supreme to hold it virtually in New Haven, CT. All the State Deputies were asked to try to create an atmosphere that the Delegates to the Supreme Convention would not forget, all though there could not possibly be a replacement spending time with Brothers Knights and their Wives from all over the world, it was decided that the closest way to comply with Supremes Request was to host our small gathering at the Grand Hotel. We had set up a room there so that we could all gather and participate in the Virtual Supreme Meeting along with the other jurisdictions around the world. We were asked to send photos of our experiences as they unfolded during our few days together to an app., so that we could all share our experiences with each other. We continued to host the State Camporee at Mecosta Pine Campground in Morley MI, over the weekend of August 21-23 hosted by Alan Baldrige and his wife Ramona. We had 48 in total attend including all the State Officers, State Chaplain, SMD and SPD. The State Secretary and his wife even said they had a great time! Our State Treasure, Barry Borsenik and his Daughter won a tough match of Corn Hole to win the trophy this year! Those of us that attended had a great time and plan to meet again at the same place on August 14-16, Come and join the fun! The Officers attended the Funeral of Former Master of District One, Fredrick Sleeman On August 29, he had passed away on 8-4-2020. I had worked with him while he was District Master, he was the inspiration that inspired me to run for Master following him after his tenure. The Rise Up Committee hosted the Installation of State Leadership at The Knight Club in Marysville, MI. It was scaled back to just a few people that could attend. We started out with Mass at St. Christopher in Marysville and I would like to thank Fr. James F. Arwady for allowing us to use his parish. The committee did an excellent job with what they had to work with, and Karen and I are grateful for their commitment for a successful event. There were many brother Knights and their families that helped, Greg and Suzanne Brunson, Paul and Sue Thorn, Cliff and Susan Wasmund, John Brothers, Dale and Cheri Long, Tom Parsch, Mark and Janice Brezenski, Paul and Margaret Palka, John and Elisabeth Hundiak, Mark and Janice Brezenski, Herb and Sandy Stacer, Bob and Joann Van Eenoo, David and Dian Kuptz, Sue Vittorini, Mike Fontana, Jason Finn, Gary and Patti DeCarlo, Kevin and Laura Rowley, R. Terry and Evelyn Carl as well as my family, My Mom, Patricia Winkle, Karen, Chelsey, Walter and Willy. We also mourned the passing for David H. Buick, Former Master of District Two on 9-19-2020. He was a very charitable man of both his time and talents and will be deeply missed by all he knew. On September 27, the officers along with the Saginaw Diocese celebrated our Diocesan Chaplain, Reverend James WM. Bessert's 40th Anniversary of Ordination. We are all proud of the accomplishments and friendship that we have enjoyed over the many years with Fr. Bessert and wish him many more years to come.

In October, I, along with our SMD and SPD finally decided that it would be safe enough for us to meet with the District Deputies face to face for the first time this Fraternal Year. As we traveled thought the state in the first two weeks, we were able to share our frustrations but at the same time, plan on getting the councils active in other ways through telecommunication and where possible, start putting project and membership plans together. On October 31, I join brother Knights along with other people in Detroit for a Eucharistic Procession on a 3.5

Mile walk for parish to parish in Detroit. We all participated on October 31, the celebration at Saint Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford, CT. The Celebration was held to declare our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney! Although this could only be shown as a virtual event, it was celebrated around the state in various locations in the days preceding and after this glorious event. The State Officers attended a special mass held by our Diocesan Chaplain, Fr. Lam Le in Cedar Springs on November 1. This is an important step of the eventual Sainthood for Blessed McGivney, especially since it was a recent miracle. Ironically, Blessed McGivney experienced a pandemic in 1890 much like the one we are experiencing now. He shared his leadership until he himself becoming ill and dying of pneumonia. This event put the Knights of Columbus also on a world stage allowing us to take this time to not only to remind ourselves but future Knights and their families, of how special our founder was and his dedication to our church. This is the time, more than ever, to introduce a new man to join the Knights of Columbus, to continue to pray for his Sainthood and by joining the Michael McGivney Guild at <https://www.fathermcgivney.org>. There are several articles about his life on the Supreme Website and at the Guild.

In December we were posed with another problem of how we would gather and distribute the sweatshirts and gift card for Holy Cross Services. While working with the SDRR's and DD's, we were able to set up drop off points throughout the state so that we could continue to be part of the gift giving. I was so proud to hear of the success by HCS that they were able to provide for their clients once again this year. I once again would like to personally thank all the councils and DD's that made this such a success. On 12-8-2020 we lost a Past State Deputy, R. Martin Poleni. He served as State Deputy during 1998 thru 2000 as a member of St. Nicholas Council 7011. I remember going to his Golf Outings and all the good times we had during these events.

In January, the Winter Training was held on Friday the 8th and 9th. I held out hope that we would be able to host a live meeting but due to the current circumstances, that was not achievable and had to be done virtually. The RTL Mach in Washington D. C. was held virtually this year. This did not stop Councils from all over the state to host their own march. I along with the State Officers did in fact attend several of them including in Port Huron, Lansing and a special 2-day event hosted by Most Reverend Bishop Robert Gruss in Saginaw on January 21 & 22. There were several other community leaders also in attendance which complimented a very spiritual and uplifting prolife event. We are grateful to have been invited to participate.

In March I completed another visit around the State to meet with the DD's and to start planning the recruitment drives since there is now a vaccine and the goal is to have 50% of the population inoculated by mid-April. Plans were set and the DD's were asked to establish a membership recruiting teams in each of their districts including State and Diocesan leadership, GK's, Council Membership and Program Directors and anyone else that would be able to come tighter in unity to help the councils grow in their Districts.

On April 9, District Deputy 207, Martin Babich went home to our lord, He had served as DD for several years serving the Councils 2022 West Branch, 6548 Prudenville, 6593 Roscommon and 8390 St. Helen. His smile and leadership will be missed. Over the last several years he used his special walking stick wherever he would go.

We Also welcomed our new Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly and at the same time calibrated the retirement of our long time Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson. All of us from Michigan are grateful for the dedication and devotion that both men have towards The Knights of Columbus and our Catholic Faith.

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FROM
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I would like to thank the continuing support of Our Archbishop, each of the Bishops and Auxiliary Bishops in all seven Dioceses in our state and re-commit our support for all that you do!

I would like to thank our State Chaplain, Fr. Paul Ballien for all his help and support. His energy and advice have been extremely helpful this year. We are all grateful that he has spent as much time as he has!

Our State Membership Director, Danial Fuller had accepted the challenge set forth by last year's accomplishment of reaching Circle of honor for the first time in several years. We found this to be extremely challenging due to the yearlong Covid-19 mandates. Many councils accepted this challenge and came up with creative ways to continue to recruit new members while conducting programs and keeping our members safe. Luis Rebolledo has been working diligently along with our Supreme Hispanic Field Coordinator, have been working diligently with our Hispanic Councils and Members. Our next goal is to start more Hispanic Councils and appoint a Hispanic District Deputy soon.

David Schuster has been motivating our College Councils across the state.

Congratulations to the Michigan Tech Members from Council 17237 for all the great programs and encouraging new members to be part of our Knights family. Doug Kokot has been keeping track of every online member and finding the new Councils that they would like to join. Beside keeping up with the retention in our councils when help is needed, he also is one of our senior tech advisers.

Dan Remeika has been tracking the Round Table along with doing a great job putting together the Talking Points for our DD's, GK's, Membership and Program Directors and our Chaplains.

Jim Escott has been advising DD's as our New Council Development Director and also as our State Training Director. He has many videos that are available to assist you in any topic you can think of.

David Buick has been planning several locations as to where we are planning on starting new Councils in Region 2. By looking at the several roundtables, he has identified the parishes and will soon be ready to expand Blessed McGivney's plan to have a council in each parish.

George Roumaya has been encouraging our Eastern Rite Councils in support of Persecuted Christians Program.

Our Membership goal started at 2170 and was reduced to 1845 due to these circumstances. As of today, we have 1210 new brother Knights. Currently we are at 70% of our goal for this year. I challenge all of you to recruit one new member this year using the Free Membership code MCGIVNEY2020 before the June 30, 2021 deadline. Let's share the principals of our order in Charity, Unity and Fraternity, by inviting a new brother Knight and his family to join in our celebration of our Founder Blessed Michael McGivney!

Our State Program Director, Paul Palka, has done an excellent job all year. His energy and enthusiasm have created several new ways of reaching our goals! He puts out the Sunday Constant Contact every week sharing the Membership and Program events coming up in our State. If you are not receiving these, please ask your DD and GK to share them with you. Paul continued to encourage councils to come up with creative ways to continue to promote programs in each council. The Leave no Neighbor Behind is a brilliant example of how to keep the members engaged in our mission and keep our members safe at the same time. Several Councils had takeout dinners and promoted membership at the same time.

I would like to thank the four Faith in action Directors that served our State this year and all the councils that submitted an award Application! Greg Bunson has done an excellent job contacting the several councils around the state and getting many more councils engaged in the RSVP program. He worked with our State Chaplain, Fr. Paul Ballien, putting together our first retreat on April 10, 2021., this was just a trial of what we would like to be able to present in the coming year. Greg

mentioned to me that it was exceedingly difficult to pick the winning faith program. Council Bishop Joseph H. Aber's Council 4090 in Davison hosted their annual Vocation event in a virtual format and raised \$49,193.28 for the RSVP Program! They were able to give \$1,586.88 to all 31 Seminarians!

Our State Life Director Ed Strach along with his Wife Lynn, have continued the promotion of pro-life programs such as the Ultrasound program, as of this date, with the help of several members and Councils, there has been 77 placed and expecting another 10 in the coming months. On 4-22-2021, we just completed our 43rd Annual Right to Life Benefit which was remarkably successful. Due to the restrictions, we had to come up with an alternate plan since we could only have 25 at a meeting and 100 for dinner. The solution was a combination live and virtual presentation. I would like to thank Msgr. Dave at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Rochester and the Fr. Baumgartner Council 5452 and Grand Knight Tommy Gray for all their assistance in making this such a successful event.

Our Family Director, Garret Kelenske has promoted great family programs with an increase in the Family of the Month and Year. Congratulations to our Supreme International Soccer winner, Joshua Stafford from Council 7237 in Dewitt in the 12-year-old Division with a score of 230!

Our Community Director, Mike Haughey, has done a great job with the Coats for Kids program along with the Free throw, Spelling Bee, KC Bear and Knight of the Month, Congratulations to Sophia Feldpausch from Council 14642 in Byron Center, she won 3rd Place in the International Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. These are just an example of the programs we can host to encourage our children and grandchildren thought the year.

Bob Bagley has done an exceptional job as our State Knights on Bike Director along with coordinating the Silver Rose that visited our State from March 29 to May 1.

Michael J. Malinowski, PSD has been working on the Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowment Fund for this year. We have set a target of \$100,000.00 to be able to add to the 1 Million Dollar pledge that was started in 2018. Thank you to all of the Councils and Members that donated the extra \$6.00 with your dues, and the tenacity of our State Advocate that started the Can for Vocation Program, we should be over our goal by the time we present the check to our Archbishop on June 11, 2021. Not to be out done,

Our Michigan Charities Director, Thomas Wegner, PSD, FSD has been working meticulously with the councils around the state on the 10-4 Charity Program. I would like to thank all the members that donated that extra \$10.00 with their dues to help us on the State Board to answer the several requests for charity that we receive. Many times, money need for a crisis such as the Dam failure and various tragedies that occur throughout the year.

Our MI drive that occurs twice a year has been increasing steadily over these many years. Even with the fear of Codivid-19, several councils came up with a safety plan and in many instances broke records in raising money for this years MI Drive. I would like to thank George Stump for the great work he has done over the many year with this program. Many of the fund do end up at several of the charities around the State like Saint Luis Center, Russ Smith form St. Francis Camp on the Lake, Rising Stars Academy to name a few.

There is much support for Special Olympics, Our State Special Olympics Director, John Hundiak and his Assistant Willy Winkle, did an excellent job this year. Supreme did not offer a challenge this year but we did receive a donation form them that will be handed out during this year's State Convention.

Holy Cross Services has been supported by our members for several years. I would like to thank Michael Fontana for his help in representing HCS and working

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with all the councils in organizing the contributions from each council. Thank you to all the members and Council that support this important work.

I would like to thank all the Diocesan Directors around the state for their tenacity in promoting programs and membership during these trying times this year. In Marquette, Michael Prokopowicz and Vern Miron, In Gaylord, Joel Kendzorski, James Ericson, Patrick Oliver and Larry Herman, In Lansing, Ed Warren, Ed Nickel, Matt Wiezgac and Mark Stenske, In Saginaw, William Learman, Gerald Leinberger and Ray Ghelmann, In Grand Rapids, William Dingman, Bill Bernesser, Joe Sejat and Lawrence Adams, In Kalamazoo, Juis Scohy and John Byrnes, In Detroit, Joseph Brenner, Paul McClelland, Kenneth Warzybok, Ken Krause, Dennis Dopke, Lou Brotncher, Hans Hanson and John Resser. I look forward to all of you that will be retuneing next year without as many restrictions!

I would like to give our State Raffle Directors, Gary DeCarlo and Kevin Rowley a huge thank you for the successful State Raffle that was completed on April 22, 2021. This year Gary suggested that we keep are prizes in Michigan to help the struggling businesses and Hotels that saw drastic changes in what they could offer. With the addition of cash, this made for an easy selling ticket. We surpassed our goal of \$300,000.00! Thanks to all the members across the state, we grossed \$327,845.00 in ticket sales. The councils will share \$ 65,570.00 in refund for their charities making this a win-win for all of us. Now, We need to find a place for Kevin Rowley to keep hie promise now that his challenge was met by doing somersaults down the convention isle!

I do have to say that my "Support Team" has done a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes this year. There have been several updates to our Website and Directory, My Senior Advisor and longtime friend, Tom Marcetti was an enormous help and inspiration as he kept me focused on what needed to be done and to not let the small issues get me distracted on the overall picture. I could not begin to even list all the projects and the hours he spent researching the questions that I asked him and the things I asked him to fix up! I truly value our friendship and all that you have done to help make this year a success.

William LeVeque was also my assistant and made several phone calls keeping up with the many changes as the year progressed. I thank Bill for all that he has done this year! Don Chadwick, as our State Auditor, is much appreciated for all that he has done keeping our books in order.

Frederick Boncher has been available to assist with any issue legal issue that may have arisen as our State Legal Counsel.

Gary Kolbicz has done a superb job with our ad books, State newsletter and helping our Executive Secretary, Larry Grabowski has always been a tremendous help, there are so many things he deals with at our State Office day after day, He and Gary make sure every State Raffle Ticket is scanned so that each council received the proper refund, managing all the mailing and most of the emails. Helping the membership with all the calls he receives and sending them to the proper person to help them.

Gary Merritt has been keeping our State Website up to date and informative. As our State Public Relations Director, he did a particularly good job making sure that he shares what we do to everyone that visits our website helping us NOT to be our best kept secret!

Dale Long is probably the person I email most to as I forward each form that I receive online. He has a very tedious position in keeping up with the hundreds of forms he receives, his son Russ was a tremendous help with new web site and had donated several hundreds of hours converting the old site information to the new one. I thank all of them men for their dedication to making the state one of the premier jurisdictions in the Country!

Karl Knittel has been working with the merchandising over the past few years and I want to thank his for his dedication in sending out the items on a timely basis and keeping the emblem of our order promote through our shit and hat program. Karl has asked that I find a replacement for him and I have asked Former District Deputy, Jac Armstrong to take his place. Please join me in thanking Karl for his years of service and welcome Jac to his new position.

I would like to thank the Patriotic Degree for all their help and support. Our Vice Supreme Master and his Wife Susan have been a tremendous source of support to the four districts across the state. I would like to first welcome our two new District Masters, From District #2, Sir Knight Joseph Yekulis and his wife, Denise and District #3, Sir Knight Larry Herman and his wife, Lady Jenifer. District Master #1, Sir Knight Mark Brezenski and his wife Lady Janice and District Master Sir Knight Keith Woodrum and his wife Lady Marie. They all have been a tremendous amount support and has held very enjoyable Exemplifications around the state in person and virtually. Karen and I really enjoy being able to welcome the new Sir Knights and their Ladies and participating in the patriotic events around the state. Thank you for including us!

I would also like to thank the four General Agents, Don Wesley and our new GA's, Benji Borrelli, Ken Huard and Tim Nowak along with the many Field Agents that support our Councils Fraternal benefits needs. They make it their life's mission to promote our order and to help the 64,000 members and their families across Michigan. They also are continuously recruiting new men along with their families, into your councils helping create new bonds of brotherhood within your councils. I as all of you to give them your respect and time at each meeting that they can attend.

I would like to thank my wife, Karen, and the rest of my family for supporting me during this year as State Deputy. I have had huge support from my extended family of State Officers and their wives. The Delegate's over the past several years have voted on and created a remarkably diverse group of leaders. I would like to that our State Secretary, Chris Kolomjec and Julie, Our State Treasurer, Barry Borsenik and Mandy, Our State Advocate, Charles McCuen and Pamala, our State Warden, James Kraus and Amy. These four families have been extremely generous of their time and talents, together with our Supreme Council Regional Growth Director, Joe Ramirez, Sr., our Supreme Regional Training Director, Jon Olson and Supreme Hispanic Field Coordinator, Marty Yzaguirre, we have a team that has accomplished tremendous goals with the help of all the leaders across the state and supreme. I would like to thank all the Past State Deputies for their support and Counsel. Working in Unity as a team, together like a cable with several strings, everyone is important in making the Knights of Columbus what it is today.

In Conclusion, we started this year with an inspirational goal, Rise Up and Answer the Call! My committee's symbol from 8 years ago has been the Phoenix, A mythical creature that dies and rises up from the ashes, several members and their families did just that. During this pandemic, we were all challenged, not being able to receive the body and blood of Christ over several months, told to stay home from our jobs, only live on essential needs, no family meetings or gatherings, religious holiday's home alone not to mention the many friends and relatives that either got sick or even passed away. This is something that sounds like the devil himself could only imagine. The world was reduced to not much more then ashes. We as Knights that put our Faith in Action did not accept these fates put against the world. Many of us stepped up to this challenge and utilized the Leave no Neighbor behind program by contacting our members and their families asking them if they were doing ok and did, they need any help, contacting our priests and asking if they needed any assistance, and doing this with safety and common sense in mind. There was much I would like to thank and congratulate all the District Deputies and Grand Knights that have achieved Start District and Star Council. You all are truly leaders in our state. With a combination of Programs and Membership you are an inspiration to the rest of the leaders around Michigan. Now that there is a big push to have everyone inoculated, their looks to be a light at the end of the tunnel. With all of us praying that this is over soon, we will be better than before the Covid-19. The new ideas and techniques that transpired many of us to alter our membership and programs so that we could continue fulfilling the the dream of our founder Blessed Michael McGivney, proved our Catholic faith will lead us in the correct direction for the betterment of all humanity. Continued on next Page

**STATE OF THE STATE
FROM**

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

With this being understood, My belief is that “The State of Columbianism” is not only alive and well but was proven by our putting our Faith in Action during this pandemic in the same way as our founder did in 1890. St. Joseph, Pray for us, St Michael the Archangel, Pray for us, Blessed Michael McGivney, Pray for us

and God Bless, our Bishops and Priests, the Knights of Columbus and our Families.
Vivat Jesus!
Walter Winkle, Jr
State Deputy

**Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus
121st Annual State Convention
May 29, 2021
REPORT ON THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

By State Round Table Director Daniel P. Remeika

Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Delegates, and brother Knights, Vivat Jesus.

The Knights are for the Lord. Living in the trenches, adjusting schedules, and following guidelines, Brother Knights have fed and sheltered the Lord's people. Council leaders have asked members to step up and step out when it was not always comfortable, heroically enduring trial and social distancing. Servants in charity did it for people in need. We will always be on mission when we are obedient to Him because the Knights are for the Lord.

This past year COVID has taken over our lives, many afraid and lost, like the disciples in the boat with Jesus during the storm crying, “Teacher, do you not care if we perish?” Meanwhile, Jesus slept soundly, trusting in the Father. When he wakes up, after calming the wind and the waters, he turns to the disciples in a reproaching voice, “Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?” Lord, you are calling us not so much to believe that you exist but to trust in you because with God life never dies. There is no statistic on how many Brother Knights we lost this past year, but if we extrapolate from all COVID deaths in Michigan, we may have lost 125 brothers. To them, we remember with the belief that with God life never dies. The Lord cares about us, so remain in the Lord as He remains in us and be confident in His protection.

Our Order was founded in similar circumstances. The 1889-1890 Flu Pandemic claimed the lives of over a million people, one of whom was Father Michael McGivney himself who died on August 14, 1890, two days after his 38th birthday, after complications from the flu. So, anxious to reestablish our spiritual and communal lives, let us look with joyful hope toward returns to normalcy that will have bumps in the road like the second cancellation of the State Convention on Mackinac Island and its replacement with another virtual convention.

Although we know not exactly when it will be safe to fully resume all public gatherings, we can be grateful for Knights doing good, answering the call, pulling us through. In the April edition of the *Michigan Columbian*, our State Deputy Walter Winkle, Jr. wrote, “I look forward to getting out to see you in your councils soon ... we should all plan on seeing a light at the end of the tunnel. I ask each of you to volunteer to help, not only your council but also the ones around you that may be struggling....”

These words are worth reflection. In adversity we become stronger and can do more. In the book *Parish Priest*, Douglas Brinkley and Julie Fenster wrote (on page 111) that the Knights of Columbus was, “... a new organization composed of

Catholic men: a group that was benevolent, fraternal, and soundly religious.” We Knights are called to enter fully into the spiritual life. Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori recently asked in his Monthly Challenge, “Are you willing to proclaim to others that you love Christ? Does your life show this love by your obedience to Christ and the teachings of the Church, or are there areas of your life where you seem not to heed the Gospel?” The Supreme Council recently gave us KnightCast, a monthly broadcast to help us answer those questions.

Knights in Michigan have given witness to the Gospel and our confidence in the good news of the Lord's victory over suffering and death. A very few examples include:

- Cooking and feeding police, firemen, and neighbors in need
- Coordinating weekend Masses to ensure proper distancing and capacity
- Helping stream Masses on YouTube by modernizing and updating equipment
- Adding technology for virtual and hybrid membership meetings

Yes, even if we feel overwhelmed by life, we can remember that God took upon Himself all our sins and all our failures and all our sufferings on the Cross and overcame death in Jesus Christ. You may recall the poem "Footprints in the Sand" which ended, “When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.”

The Most Reverend Allen Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit, wrote: “As we move forward, we must remember God's unending love for us and his ability to bring good from our trials. He created each of us to live in this moment, during this pandemic so that we might give witness to our confidence in the good news of the Lord's victory over suffering and death.”

In summary: Look with joyful hope toward returns to normalcy. Be grateful to God for His protection. Be grateful for our leaders who have been monitoring the coronavirus. Help others. Be a Knight called fully into the spiritual life and invite other men to join in that calling. Give witness to our confidence in the good news of our Lord, for Christ experienced suffering, as do his followers, so in health and success or trials and suffering, experience all things with Christ. After all, the Knights are for the Lord.

Worthy State Deputy, thank you for the honor to address the 121st State Convention of the Knights of Columbus and to present this report to our distinguished brother Knights. We request that this report be approved and incorporated into the proceedings of this meeting and that the Good of the Order committee be released.

BUNDLING UP FOR BABIES

Members of St. Sebastian Council 14642 in Byron Center, Mich., held a drive-thru breakfast fundraiser outside St. Sebastian Catholic Church. The Knights braved frigid temperatures to serve hot meals to parishioners, raising more than \$3,000 for HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid in Grand Rapids.

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Spring is here, we have a new season and after a blessed Easter and a beautiful Eastertide, it's time to start planning again. With spring and some break in the weather, I've started to put together my honey-do list that will take me outside into the sunshine...at least I hope it's going to be sunny when I get outdoors to do all these chores. I don't know about you, but this time of year seems to energize me. After being cooped up all winter, and this year really being cooped up, I've been able to think of all the things I need to get done. Some of that includes physical repairs around the house, getting the lawn and flowerbeds ready to go, maybe even washing some windows. I've had some estimates for work I need done around the house. Every craftsman has told me their business is booming. So many people have noticed things that need to be done around the house since they've been inside for the better part of a year.

And as you sit around and consider all the things that you need to get updated, let us make a suggestion that may put your mind and your family's mind at ease. We know this year has been unpredictable in many ways, but let's be honest, pandemic or not, life is unpredictable. We can't see what the future will bring, but we can plan for the unexpected. Remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus I am your partner on your journey to prepare for and face the unpredictable.

Just as we take stock of the physical changes that need to be considered, I'd suggest that you take stock of where you stand protecting your family. The Knights of Columbus has partnered with industry leader Advicent to help us help you. We can use Advicent's state-of-the-art software to provide you with a comprehensive financial needs analysis. With it we can help you take stock of where you are today, where you want to go, and how close you are to achieving your goals. We can help you identify any gaps in your coverage or issues you should address. This will give you a comprehensive look at where you stand. While many other companies charge for this kind of service, the Order has invested in this software to help us agents help our members. This financial needs analysis is free of charge as a fraternal benefit of membership.

We feel we have a special bond of brotherhood with all our members and we are committed to helping protect Catholic families...your family...while furthering the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney. Please take time to meet with your Field Agent and take advantage of this free benefit of membership.

In Christ

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St. Louis Center Transitions in a New Direction

My Brother Knights, Vivat Jesus!

I would like to begin by thanking all of you for the tremendous support you have continued to provide to St. Louis Center for the care of the residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities who live here in Chelsea, MI. The past year has been a struggle for everyone in Michigan because of the pandemic, but in spite of the difficulties we've all shared, Knights of Columbus councils and assemblies continue to come through for us to provide assistance through the MI Drives held on Columbus Day and Palm Sunday weekends. Along with these important contributions, the State Council has continued to keep their pledge of support for the Knights of Columbus House in St. Louis Guanella Village, and Immediate Past State Deputy Bill Chasse' and Lady Mary Beth Chasse' presented the seventh \$25,000 commitment check from the State Council to us on Tuesday May 18, 2021. Perhaps many of you were able to see the presentation during the Virtual State Convention?



Along with your recent financial support, I would like to update you on the progress of St. Louis Guanella Village. Our construction continued throughout 2020, (in spite of the pandemic), and we were able to complete five new buildings by the end of the year. There are two cottage homes that are now occupied with our residents that have transitioned from the youth program to the adult program, and they are known as D'Adamo House (for six) and Neuman House (for four). In addition, there is a new single family home in the village and a duplex to accommodate two families that are still available for a monthly rental fee. They come with yard maintenance program and a weekly cleaning, so please contact the Center if you are interested in brand new accommodations between the communities of Chelsea and Grass Lake in south-central Michigan off I-94. An administration building was also completed to accommodate services to this expanding new development.



In addition to the construction at St. Louis Guanella Village, we also completed a yearlong project of converting one of our former children's residential units into an office suite for the Social Work Department in the Main Building. As time goes on, we find that more and more services are needed to care for this special population, and it was critical for us create new office space to move the staff out of their formerly cramped quarters into a more efficient work space. They are very happy with the end result.

Finally, a word about the future of St. Louis Center. This past year as a result of the strategic planning process, we have taken a long hard look at the future, and found that there's a greater need to provide additional space for people with I/DD who are aging, and whose parents can no longer care for them. We receive weekly calls from families who can no longer care for their young adults who have aged out of the public school system, and as a result, we have made a

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Dear Michigan Knights

YOU Help People Every Day!

Holy Cross has proudly continued to care and give hope to over 900 clients every day while also providing them safe housing and supportive services and treatment. (Over 230 children every day and over 720 veterans, children and adults suffering from homelessness.) Over the last year, we did have to downsize some of our behavioral health services that provided residential, outpatient, and substance abuse recovery services due largely to the pandemic. We still provide outpatient substance abuse and mental health services to our homeless veterans, adults, and children, as well as recovery housing for men in Bay City.

We often get asked what our mission and agency vision are, so I wanted to also share them with you.

Our mission is to bring hope, promote change, and help people live free, healthy, and productive lives.

Our vision states: Our values, based on our Catholic/Christian heritage, are the foundation of our treatment approach and are shared by our clients and staff as they live out their lives practicing respect, healthy relationships, community, solidarity, concern for the poor and vulnerable, and value helping others like they have been helped.

Because of your long-standing commitment and support, we are able to stay focused on helping and safely housing hundreds of neglected children in our facilities and in the community.

You also help us to continue to care and provide homeless veterans, children, and adults with housing, a community kitchen, and permanent supportive housing plus resources.

Thank you ALL! We appreciate everything you do for us and for standing with us! May you have a safe, blessed, and enjoyable summer ahead!

With Gratitude And Humility,

Sharon Berkobien
CEO

How Lives Are Changed with Your Donations

Your monthly investment in HCS, as well as other Councils' fundraisers, helps us go above and beyond the basic funds we receive in State and Federal funding. You help fill the gaps in financial needs that are not covered, so we can provide the very best care possible to all those we are privileged to serve.

Some Ways Your Dollars Make a Difference:

- Covering the employment costs of our Spiritual Services Coaches. Spiritual services are offered to all staff and clients at their request and are provided by our Spiritual Services Coaches. They provide weekly bible studies, spiritual counseling, and scripture discussion. They are always available to pray with the youth, adults, and HCS staff, or teach them how to pray, and provide spiritual support and mentorship.
- Spiritual Retreats. The children love these meaningful retreats where they learn about spirituality, life skills, all done in a fun, adventurous way. These are three-day retreats full of activities and every child receives a youth bible at the conclusion.
- Other monies go towards expenses NOT provided/covered such as: direct treatment supplies, bibles, school expenses, clothing, bikes for transportation for the teens to jobs, family visits, dental/medical expenses, drivers' education, children group activities (movies, camping, school trips, water park, theme park) etc.



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

HolyCrossServices.org



HOLY CROSS SERVICES APRIL CALENDAR WINNERS

Daniel Daberkoe, Dan Grant, Susan K. Schmidt,
 Len Gill, James E. Buda, Randy & Linda Schafer,
 John Penegor, Dennis Stanley, St. Mary's Visitation School,
 Jim & Dawn Lawless, Michele Grekowicz, Richard Pachala,
 Paul & Carol Kleener, Robert Zukowski, Jerome Gross,
 Kailey Schutt, Ken Ross, Ted Suidgeest,
 Daniel & Amy Zimmerman, Tim Thelan, Barbara Karg,
 Frederick and Lisa Kraemer, Richard Kloc,
 Johnathan & Jessica Koenigsknecht,
 Renee & Joseph Reckelberg, Thomas Scheidel,
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 Mary Hawley, Bobbi Ann Rumpz

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John Kolhoff, Arthur Spencer, Ronald Barakowski,
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 Walter Winkle, Joseph Quesnelle, Mike Johnson,
 Mike Kisabeth, Carl Siemen, Sheryl VanFleteren,
 Julie Armbrustmacher, Wayne Ahlers, Patricia Gedeon,
 Dale & Linda Fisher, Sandy Krasnodemski, Don Timpf,
 Kathy Geoge, Robert & Jane Deachin, Lila Speare,
 Tom Kramarz, Don Feldpausch

HOLY CROSS SERVICES JUNE CALENDAR WINNERS

Ali Mays, Luke George, Michelle Gendron,
 Heidi Robinson, Christina Wuchte, K of C Council 1585,
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 Frank Tomsich, Kathy Culver, Mike & Ellen Johnson,
 Robert & Cheryl Repasky, Jeff Settle, Ann Warchuck,
 Melissa Holbrook, John Armock, Michael Swillum,
 Mary Ann Pung, Marilyn Gilliland,
 Mr. and Mrs. William Fletcher, Robert Rehmann,
 Kevin McKay, Tom Irrer, Rachel Boyd, Raymond LaGrou,
 Kevin Baumler, Mike Adkins, Donald & Pauline Polzin,
 Alfred Schembri, Charlotte Vallance

Other Ways to Get Involved

We have been asked by Knights across the state for other ways they may get involved.

KIDS' SUMMER TRIP

Holy Cross treatment staff love teaching our youth many new skills to enrich their lives such as coping skills, understanding effective ways to express their emotions, and ways to live healthy lives. Most importantly we wish to promote change and bring hope to the children we serve. Some of the ways we do this is by giving them experiences of a lifetime. Many of our youth rarely make it outside the city limits of their hometowns. Each year (except last year due to the pandemic) we work together to develop a plan to instill hope and educational experiences for our youth by planning a trip to Washington DC. We also look forward to developing healthy and positive memories within our children in our care. This year's trip is scheduled for August 8-13, 2021, and 15 children will be going. The children and staff are holding bottle drives, car washes and fund-raisers in their residential facilities to raise money for the trip. They are still in need of more money if you are interested in supporting this trip too!

They are also looking for donated items such as:

- Water bottles
- Baseball hats
- Amazon Cards *(to purchase the items above if not donated)*
- Subway / McDonald's gift cards – Lunch options when traveling)
- Visa / Mastercard Gift Cards for scooter rides
- Sunglasses
- Small bookbags

For more information, please contact Kassie at 248-980-4830 or kkretschmar@hccsnet.org.

MAIN OFFICE ADDRESS CHANGE

Please update our mailing address which is now:
Holy Cross Services, 1030 N. River Rd., Saginaw, MI 48609

This replaces the prior address of: 8759 Clinton-Macon Rd., Clinton, MI 49236



Digital Michigan Columbian

The cost of printing and mailing the Michigan Columbian constantly continues to increase. To help the State save money, please consider signing up to receive a digital copy of the newsletter in place of the printed version in the future. The digital copy will be sent to you weeks before the printed copy.

To sign up:

- Go to the State Website at www.mikofc.org
- In the right hand, column in the system block (red arrow)
- Click on “Digital Michigan Columbian Signup”
- You will be asked your name, membership number, and the email you want your future Michigan Columbian sent to. While this can be your MiKofC.org email, it can also be your personal email.

Encourage all of your fellow members to take advantage of this offer. The more members that signup, the more money we will save, and the more money there will be for the State Council to use to help our charities!

As one brother observed this is also good for the environment. “Save a Tree”

The screenshot shows a website interface. At the top is a search bar. Below it is a large graphic that says "STAY INFORMED" with an envelope icon. Underneath is a form to "Join the State Council of Michigan mailing list to get updates of the latest news and events right to your inbox." with an "Email:" field and a "Subscribe" button. Below that is a "JOIN US" button with a logo. Underneath is a "General Information" section with links for "Contact Us", "Our Mission - Knights of Columbus (Supreme Council)", "Who are the Michigan Knights of Columbus?", and "Become a Knight". At the bottom is a "Systems" section with a link for "Digital Michigan Columbian Signup". A large grey arrow points upwards from the bottom of the page towards the "Digital Michigan Columbian Signup" link.

Editors Note

The April issue of the Michigan Columbian had an error.

Under the column, May they Rest in Peace , we listed Thomas Pardo of Council #11689 . We were informed by Phil Kwasny Communications Director of Council 11689 that Tom is alive and well.

We are very sorry for this error and apologize to Thomas Pardo and his family. We are doing everything possible to make sure that a mistake like this does not happen again.

St. Kieran Council 13983

Listed below is a summary of what St. Kieran Council 13983 has accomplished since its establishment 15 years ago. This was printed in and added as a flyer in their parish bulletin for 2 weeks in a row and culminated with a membership drive on February 28th when they celebrated their 15th Anniversary. Their Parish bulletin also has a link to their bi-monthly KnightLetter that details what they have been doing as well as upcoming events planned. They have 6 men interested in joining and/or transferring from other Councils based on their making the Parish members aware of what they do/have done. When the research started, their members, were amazed at what they have accomplished, since 2006, in what seems like a brief period of involvement in their Parish and Community.

They hope that this accumulation of activities inspires other Councils to research their accomplishments and gain access to their Parish publication network and inspire more men to consider joining the Knights, because of what we do and who we do it for!

St. KIERAN COUNCIL #13983 WAS CHARTERED FEBRUARY 25, 2006 WITH 72 MEMBERS AND HAS NOW GROWN TO 137 MEMBERS, AS OF DECEMBER 2020.

MEETINGS TIMES;

OFFICERS; First Thursday on each month at 7:00pm

MEMBERSHIP; First Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm & Rosary at 6:15pm, (no meeting in July).

ANNUAL DUES;

\$56.00 due in JANUARY which includes donation to Sacred Heart Seminary.

SOME OF THE THINGS WE HAVE DONE & CONTINUE TO DO;

Transported Parish members to appointments.

Our members and family are very active in Parish Ministries including, but not limited to; Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Senior Altar Servers, Security, Religious Education, Vicariate Council Members, Parish Finance Committee, Lectors, Homebound Ministers, Parish Council member, Christian Service, Choir, Respect Life, Greeters, Hospital Volunteers, Homebound Ministers and many others.

Established the “Knight Krew” to assist those Parish members in need of our help;

Repaired patio lighting.

Repaired kitchen faucet. Added Christmas lights at homes & Church.

Trimmed shrubbery.

Made minor vehicle repairs. Repaired electrical plugs & switches.

Replaced handicapped door handle & hinge.

Replaced flooring at Abigayle shelter home.

Power washed & painted handicap ramp.

Built NEW handicap ramp at Abigayle shelter home.

Led discussion group on the book “Into the Breach” reflection on increasing Faith growth for men.

Organized, staffed and awarded prizes for Kids games at Parish Picnic.

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May They Rest In Peace**West Branch Council 2022**

Tom Schmitt, Dale Wangler

Standish Council 2724

Donald Potts

Westphalia Council 2890

Joseph Schmitt, John Lehman

Chesaning Council 2943

Kenneth Haney, Melvin Austin
Roger Kulhanek, William Amman

Lincoln Park Council 3078

Vernell Smith PGK, Joseph Allen
Thomas Cooney, John Wojtyna
Kenneth Montroy, Steve Perok
Joseph Cano, Peter Ranson
Charles Fraley, Joseph Turinsky
Martin Brogley, PGK Robert Ruehle
James Singleton, Gerald Watts
Terry Cassette, Edgar Blair
Robert Konopka, Rochard Bower

Donald Levay, Angelo Perry

Frank Sultana, Charles Demyanovich

Robert Hellar, Michael Shaffer

Clayton Cecile, Edgar O'Hara

St. Clair Shores Council 3725

George Washnak, FDD

Gladwin Council 5280

Frederick Sisco PGK

Posen Council 6657

Jack Cline, Clarence Zwolinski

Madison Heights Council 7239

Anthony Bliss, Field Agent

Milford Council 7444

Anthony Bray

Lansing Council 11099

Thomas Fox

Port Huron Council 11756

Raymond Kaliz

Southfield Council 14928

Curt Kurthe

NOTE: FOR GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCIL PR CHAIRMAN

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Families of the Month**Bay City Council 414**

Lee & Kay Shorkey
Rich & Brenda Baker
Walt & Janet Taberski
Alan & Michelle Leppek
Jeremy & Lori Powers
Shannon & Jon Delorge
Ron & Sue Makidon
Jake & Diane Cavanaugh
John & Ian Lind

Lansing Council 788

Peter & Christy Scaccia
Jim Bleicher family
Dec. Phil & Kathy Guyeskey

Hart Council 2199

Simon & Sophia Escoto

Westphalia Council 2890

Ross & Kristen Simon
Randy & Terri Bengal

Utica Council 2950

Chris & Amanda Boyer
Lincoln Park Council 3078
Daniel & Rosemary Stetz
Ralph & Irene O'Connor
PGK Juan & Dale Garcia
Dennis & Chris Carmody
Sal & Maria DiStefano
Eric & Chris Wlodkowski
John & Shawn McElmeel
Robert & Linda Bubenko
Southgate Council 3956
Lawrence & Glenda Rossi

Manchester Council 4354

Martin & Kathleen Brogley
Patrick & Kelly Flaherty
Gladwin Council 5280
Peter & Valerie VanDerEllzen
Dan & Marlene Brooks
Terry & Peggy Govitz

Rochester Council 5452

Bruce & Jan Brandle

New Baltimore Council 5981

Greg & Laura Brestovansky
Dave & Sheryl Stankus
Kevin & Janet Wolf

Roscommon Council 6593

Joseph & Kathy Wilde
Richard & Olivia Marshall
Thomas & Jackie O'Brien

Posen Council 6657

Dan & Shelly Zwolinski
Ronald & Marsha Urban
Gerald & Dawn Smigelski

Saline Council 6674

James & Janice Raymond

Michigan Center Council 6687

James & Kathryn Miller

Swartz Creek Council 6694

Dec. Rob & Marcia Amon

Grand Ledge Council 7311

Jerry & Cathy Wilhim
Robert & Jennifer Nelson

Freeland Council 7582

Doug & Mary Sandula
Norm & Connie Wegner

Hillman Council 8041

Robert & Rose Kinyon

Howell Council 8169

William & Maggie Withorn
Thomas & Sarah Heilig
Eric & Devon Ross

Auburn Hills Council 8659

Charles & Winifred Kemler
Herb & Sandra Stacer

Montrose Council 8669

Mark & Lisa Briggs

Temperance Council 8902

Cory & Megan Gase
Jeff & kay Bock

Kimball Council 9526

Melvin & Kathy Konik
Dan & Luz O'Brien

Janusz & Jadwiga Szczygiel

Ira Twp. Council 10724

Jeff & Colleen Wooten

Robert & Mary Lada

Ann Arbor Council 10963

Matt & Jenny Mackey

Andrew & Elizabeth Bloomfield

Lansing Council 11099

Brady & Ann Stevenson

Temperance Council 11430

Kenneth & Miriam Dressel

Harbor Beach Council 11432

Bob & Regina Wruble

Russ & Joanne Talaski

Jim & Dorine Gougeon

James & Connie Emming

Carl & Sue Siemen

Paul & Jeanette Ginther

Marcelino & Columбина Moreno

Russ & Joanne Talaski

Dean & Lisa Kozfkay

Leonard & Linda Emming

Harrison Twp. Council 11658

Nicole Walters family

Michael Schodowski family

Port Huron Council 11756

Ray & Gail Kalisz

David & Mary Kelley

Bob & Marilyn Kovach

Reed City Council 12668

Dan & Beth Hoeh

Mike & Sue Maskill

Vicksburg Council 13305

Matthew & Julie Mayer

David & Susan Mayer

Muskegon Council 13579

Bruce & Marci Crosswait

Gregg & Sharie Anderson

David & Barbara Gosma

Thomas & Susan Ketchum *cfy

White Cloud Council 13939

Roger & Jean Smith

Southfield Council 14928

Will Hughes family

Cedar Springs Council 15889

John & Amy Darling

2021 Virtual State Convention

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Michael Haughey, State Council Community Director, 15045 Veronica., Eastpointe, MI 48021
Michigan Columbian.

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

Knight of the Month**Bay City Council 414**

Captain Lawrence Brisset

Lansing Council 788

Eric Weber, John Book

Dave Baker, Eric Wegener

Battle Creek Council 575

Stephen Bartz

Cadillac Council 1224

Frank Nixon, Gary Mausolf

James Pastotnik, John Worden

Michael Saven

Monroe Council 1266

Russell Krueger, Fr. David Burgard

Adrian Council 1665

James Marvin

Portland Council 2168

Tyler Kramer, Jeff Fedewa

William Vallier, Glenn Vallier

Hart Council 2199

John Kroon

Westphalia Council 2890

Edward Wieber, Russ Snitgen

Nick Martin

Newberry Council 2929

Boyd Freeman, Fr. Martin Flynn

Chesaning Council 2943

Bruce Wenzlick, Michael Jungerheld

Randall Nietling

Utica Council 2950

Bob Walz, Andy Peklo

Jim Langeveld, John Gasowski

Grand Haven Council 2975

Mike Olivier

Pinconning Council 2986

Thomas Idzior, George Augstyniak

Lincoln Park Council 3078

Ed Jaroszewicz, Nick Dudek

Jim Holtz, Ron Edwards

Carlos Murillo, Bill Hand, Sr.

Paul Herman, Frank Oziem

Caro Council 3224

Joseph Rohde

Allen Park Council 3774

Fr. Thomas Puzio, Michael Bowdell

Berkley Council 3830

James Fritsch

Southgate Council 3956

David Sajdak

Manchester Council 4354

Patrick DuRussell, Carl Jabkar, III

Garden City Council 4513

John Olis

Farmington Council 4401

Alex Franz, Pablo Martinez

Gladwin Council 5280

Dan Sheehan, George Paquette

Waterford Council 5436

John Greaves

Rochester Council 5452

Dan Mortier, Ron Roy

Jim Soisson,

New Baltimore Council 5981

Decon Larry Packowski

Matthew Hoxsie

David Nummer, Jr.

Brooklyn Council 6223

Donald Kortas

Prudenville Council 6548

Dan Collins, Rick Ketrow

Posen Council 6657

Daniel Stann, Mike Stempky

Gerald Talaska, Jr.

Roscommon Council 6593

Jose Valdez, Mark Scott

Saline Council 6674

Ric Villa

Michigan Center Council 6687

David Shore

Swartz Creek Council 6694

Robert George

Grand Blanc Council 6742

Richard Dent

Grand Ledge Council 7311

All Brothers Working 2021 Fish Fry

Nathan Sweet, Drew Beardslee

Brian Klopp, David Zerbe

Mio Council 7329

Daniel Thorpe *cky

Fenton Council 7418

Matt Gardner, Chris Milowe

Freeland Council 7582

Bob Marcoux, Scott Schatzley

Stephen Harrand, *cky

Lowell Council 7719

Roger Southland

Hillman Council 8041

Dennis Pietrykowski

Fr. Jim Siler, James Cronk

Ray Selesky

Howell Council 8169

Michael Ramirez, Gilbert Petrus

Edward Wyrembelski *cky

Gilbert Bazil

Canton Council 8284

Michael Goodhart

Flushing Council 8489

Bill Winchester, George Saucier

Joseph Cozart

Auburn Hills Council 8659

Sam Crawl, Ken Schack

Jim Leja,

Montrose Council 8669

Stewart Bober

Saginaw Council 8808

Edwin Morey, Michael Marsden

Cass City Council 8892

Richard Gentner, Ken Baranski

Bill Klinkman, Rick Kloc *cky

Temperance Council 8902

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Emery Buyaki, Robert Glinski

Harbor Beach Council 11432

Gerald Jewell, Dan Bischer

Stephen Schwab, Gary Polega

Ron Wollschläger, Earnest Roberts

Michael Cavanaugh, Dale Emming

Ryan Swartz, Thomas Holdwick

Harrison Twp. Council 11658

Denny Balow, Bill Fromius

Clinton Twp. Council 11689

Steven Kargenian, Thomas Pardo

Ralph Pullis, Henry LeFlere

Ronald Marrese

Lansing Council 11694

Benjamin King, Clifford Farr

Dale Dummer, Gary Langdon

James Martellini, Mark Stenske

Richard Jandron, Ryan Timmer

Tom Perrone

Port Huron Council 11756

Tim Kearns, Steve Neiter

Bob Weaver, Tony Paladino

John Derler

Laingsburg Council 12044

Jim Leather, Dan Fickes

Reed City Council 12668

Tom Eichenberg, Jack Gilchrist

Dax Allen

Vicksburg Council 13305

Fred Maxa, James Burgess

Michael Coppens* cky

Howell Council 13450

Bill Laier, Jim Sievwright

Dave Martens

Troy Council 13453

Evan Sketch, Sean McDonnell

Grand Rapids Council 13499

Andrew Walsh

Muskegon Council 13579

Jason Andree, Tim May

Jacob Tallent, Jerry Harris *cky

Steven Muir

Waterford Council 13600

Michael D'Arcy, Phil Abbot

Truman Smith, Dec. Robert Gajda

Augusta Council 13633

John Kellogg, Robert Berger

Robert Sattler, Stephen Lewis

Livonia Council 13645

Anthony Carozza, William Colbeck

John Winnicker

Howard City Council 13653

Gregory Vos, Kevin McCarthy

Kory Gould, Scott Seiffert

Farmington Council 13673

Frank Gariepy, Roger Stacey

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AROUND THE STATE

Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536



Members of Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536 led a collection of comfort items for the John D. Dingell VA

Medical Center in Detroit. The assembly asked for and received donation help from councils in its area, including Gerge F. Monaghan #2690, Fr. Victor J. Renaud #3292, Fr. Daniel A. Lord #3959, Immaculate Conception #4513, Dr. Thomas A. Dooley #5492, Msgr. Clement H. Kern #8242, Msgr. Russell E. Kohler #15204, St. Edit #13645 and St. John Neumann #16169. Special help was also recieved from American Legion Post 391 Passage-Gayde, St. Edith parishioners, St. Thomas the Apostle parishioners and Fr. Larry Zurawski. Forty boxes with about \$2700 worth of items were delivered. Items included 175 jigsaw puzzles, 77 games and decks of cards, over 1000 crossword, word search, puzzle sudoku and coloring books, 370 snacks and 140 pens and pencils.

Queen of Apostles Council 6548



L to R, Grand Knight Bill Monahan, Carol St. Louis The Knights of Columbus, council 6548 of Houghton Lake has awarded the St. Vincent de Paul store five hundred dollars to help with their charitable works in our community. Accepting the check is Carol St. Louis. St. Vincent de Paul is an international, Catholic, lay organization that helps those in need through such things as hands-on charitable work, food assistance, emergency support, and disaster relief services. At Houghton Lake, St. Vincent's has a large store of clothes and other discounted items.

Victorious Fund Drive

Members of Our Lady of Victory Council 5446 in Rockwood, Mich., collected \$8,500 during its annual fund drive for people with intellectual

disabilities — a 50% increase over last year and a new record for the council. The Knights collected donations from members of St. Mary, Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish and first responders.

Swartz Creek (MI) Council #6694 "Baby Shower"



Front (L-R) Jim Drummond and Wayne DeShano (Grand Knight), Back (L-R) Lance Wildman and Mike Trundle

Swartz Creek (MI) Council #6694 (St. Mary Queen of Angels parish) held a "Baby Shower" throughout the month of February. The proceeds of this project were given to our local pregnancy care center, Heartbeat of Greater Flint. We had contacted this organization to learn what their immediate needs were and then solicited our parish family for support. We ran an initial article in our parish bulletin to explain our intent then our brother and parish priest, Father Louis Ekka, plugged the activity during his announcements as well. We continued to "advertise" the event in each bulletin throughout February. The result was simply incredible...our parish family came through in a big way donating coats, clothing, pajamas, socks, diapers, baby wipes, formula, and other items which easily valued in excess of \$3000. In addition to these items, we were also given \$1155 in cash donations for this organization. Our council believes in the good work of Heartbeat of Greater Flint, whose mission it is "to provide alternatives to Abortion, through creative services and positive choices for the woman distressed by pregnancy." We wanted them to know they have our council's support and that we truly do care for those who are most vulnerable.

Programs = New Members

SILVER ROSE EXPOSITION



Finally St. Kieran Council #13983 started investigating how to have the Silver Rose delivered to Shelby Township, Michigan 3 years ago., we were able to establish a time table for the 2021 Easter season. The Rose had an interesting travel schedule which began in Ontario, Canada, and after exposition there, was delayed at the Canadian border from March 26,2021 until it was delivered via FedX to Kalamazoo, Michigan on April 5th. Unfortunately, this was too late for Kalamazoo Councils' planned event and St. Kieran Council became the first in Michigan to receive the Silver Rose. Knights on Bikes Michigan Director Bob Bagley, who along with his wife, drove three hours to Shelby Township, to deliver the Rose for the exposition and ceremony sponsored by St. Kieran Council along with members of Macomb Right to Life.

Our ceremony began with Grand Knight John Berg, processing in with a portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe followed by St. John Nuemann Assembly #0478 Color Corp, led by Sir Knight Ruben Calderero who presented the Silver Rose. The evening ceremony on April 9th, held at St. Kieran Catholic Church, was in person and made accessible for viewing on line by other Councils and parishes in the North Macomb Vicariate. More than 300 people attended and viewed the Rose ceremony and display, during the three day event, which was organized by Brother Knights John Dziwanowski, Joe Vogel along with Right to Life Ministry Director Mary Peleman. The Rose is scheduled to be delivered to parishes in Canton and Marquette, Michigan and throughout the USA before reaching its final destination at the Basilica in Washington D.C. on the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12, 2021. Our prayer and Right to Life pledge cards completed during the exposition will be included with the delivery as well.

PRAY THE FILM – A Story for Our Time

My mother could barely contain her excitement as she burst through the car door. Normally, she would have walked home from St. Viator's in Chicago, but because she was in her First Communion Dress, my Nana picked her up from school. Sr. Mary Roberta, a Sister of St. Joseph, chose my mother to crown the statue of the Blessed Mother and gave my mother a small plastic statue that had a little pull out drawer for a small rosary. Mom was overcome with joy! She kept the statue on her dresser for nearly 60 years until this past May when my daughter Nora, was chosen to crown Mary at St. Mary's in Lake Forest, IL.

Although mom loved the little statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary as it had comforted her through life's trials, she felt moved to give it to Nora when COVID-19 forced the May Crowning – arguably the pinnacle of the children's experience at St. Mary's – to Zoom. I wonder if Sr. Mary Roberta realized back in 1961 what a profound impact her gift would have?

My father, the late Past Grand Knight Eric Bower (Council #7331, Divine Word Council) also went to St. Viator's. My grandparents and the Sisters of St. Joseph did a wonderful job instilling the faith. I can still hear my father as he rounded up his six daughters to pray the Rosary, "Come on! You know what Father Peyton always says! *The Family that Prays Together, Stays Together!*"

Last summer, my friend Michael Kenney, a member of St. Francis Council #4401, Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington, Michigan, shared with me the exciting news of a movie to be released called PRAY: The Story of Patrick Peyton. I only wish my father were here to see it with me! Michael Kenney is one of the executive co-producer on this project and was also co-producer of the movie "Unplanned".

Not knowing of my Mother's story, Michael recently shared the following story that fellow Knight Rinaldo Maffezzoli told after viewing PRAY:

Back in 1963/64, when I was 7 or 8 years old, I remember bringing a 10" plastic statue of the Madonna and Child to show and tell at St. Luke's Grade School. You could remove the bottom of the base and there was a glow in the dark Rosary concealed inside. And on the base was inscribed, *The Family that Prays Together, Stays Together*. I never knew the origins of that inscription or who was behind it - until now. I guess you could say that I was part of the 10 million family evangelization of Fr. Peyton way back when.

Mr. Maffezzoli also noted that the film's presentation of Fr. Peyton's "belief in Our Mother stirred my heart and my eyes welled up."

A Carmelite sister who recently screened PRAY wrote:

What I heard numerous times throughout the movie was the fact that Father Peyton's family prayed the Rosary together every single day. St. John Paul II once said something to the effect of little minds are like soft wax and will be formed accordingly. What Father Peyton's parents did in that little cottage in Ireland was not just passed on to their children's children but rippled out to touch millions of souls throughout the world. Praise God

In *Letter to Families*, St. John Paul II explained that, "The Fathers of the Church, in the Christian tradition, have spoken of the family as a 'domestic church,' a 'little church.'" Patrick Peyton's family not only taught the faith, they lived the faith, and by so doing, they built up the domestic church.

Some may view Fr. Peyton's family as extraordinary, but they were just a "regular family" who sincerely prayed the daily Rosary. We cannot underestimate the impact of family prayer. While as parents we are profoundly grateful for teachers and religious like Sr. Mary Roberta, the responsibility for passing on the faith to our children is primarily ours.

In *Familiaris Consortio*, St. John Paul II explains:

Thus the little domestic Church, like the greater Church, needs to be constantly and intensely evangelized: hence its duty regarding permanent education in the faith. To the extent in which the Christian family accepts the Gospel and matures in faith, it becomes an evangelizing community. Let us listen again to Paul VI: "The family, like the Church, ought to be a place where the Gospel is transmitted and from which the Gospel radiates. In a family which is conscious of this mission, all the members evangelize and are evangelized. The parents not only communicate the Gospel to their children, but from their children they can themselves receive the same Gospel as deeply lived by them. And such a family becomes the evangelizer of many other families, and of the neighborhood of which it forms part."

With gratitude to the Knights for their support of the domestic church. May their support for PRAY inspire millions.

2021 has been declared the Year of St. Joseph. During this holy year, praying the Family Rosary is one of 15 ways to gain an indulgence.

The Michigan Knights are considering a future event for the State of Michigan.

If you wish to provide a Domestic Church experience utilizing PRAY in your state, please contact me at kathrynpetty2000@yahoo.com or Past Grand Knight Henry Testa (St. Francis Council #4401) at henrytesta463@gmail.com.

May 2021 be the year that millions commit to praying the daily Rosary and may the Holy Family be our model as we strive to build up and sustain the domestic church for the Greater Glory of God!

Please see the website praythefilm.com for more information on how to view the movie or to schedule an event in your parish. You can also give this gift to your family.

<https://www.praythefilm.com/>

Letter to Families (1994) http://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/letters/1994/documents/hf_jp-ii LET_02021994_families.html

<https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/parents/tools-for-building-a-domestic-church>

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/the-year-of-st-joseph-what-catholics-need-to-know-44623>

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/fifteen-ways-to-gain-an-indulgence-in-the-year-of-st-joseph-81304>

**St. Kieran Knights of Columbus Council 13983
Citizenship Essay Contest at
Austin Catholic High School**



St. Kieran Knights of Columbus Council 13983 of Shelby Township, Michigan recently attended Mass at Austin Catholic High School in Chesterfield Township. Attending from the Council were Grand Knight John Berg and Past Grand Knight Ralph Engler.

The council members had the opportunity to speak to the students after Mass as well as to present awards to the winners of the Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The award winners for 12th grade were First Place winner Abby Weingartz of Shelby Township, Second Place was Victoria Dawidowicz of Macomb Township, and tied for Second Place was Madeline Beattie of Mount Clemens. Receiving First Place at the 11th Grade level was Alexis Jarvis of Washington Township, Second Place was Claudette Bacall of Sterling Heights, and Third Place was Lucia Schudt of Macomb Township. 10th Grade winners were Benjamin Kingstrom of St. Clair Shores for First Place, Second Place was won by Samuel Wenzel of Macomb Township, and receiving Third Place was Helena Napiorkowski of Macomb Township. Recipients of awards from the 9th grade were First Place winner Sophia Schudt of Macomb Township, Sarah Vasilides of Clinton Township for Second Place, and Jenna Hodgins of Washington Township for Third Place. The students were presented with a certificate and a cash award in recognition of their efforts.

The Knights also presented the school with a \$1,000 donation.

The First and Second Place winners were sent to the K of C State Council to compete in their part of the program. Winning at that level from Austin Catholic High School were Abby Weingartz with First Place for 12th grade and Madeline Beattie with 12th grade Runner Up. First Place for the 11th grade was won by Alexis Jarvis. Each were presented with a certificate and a small gift card by the Michigan state Council. Their essays were forwarded to the Supreme Council to compete in the program's national level. The winners of that level will be announced in August at the Supreme Convention.

Austin Catholic High School is a co-ed comprehensive college preparatory school serving young men and women of all faiths in northern Macomb County. Opened in 2011, Austin aims to cultivate healthy and resourceful students for college and beyond with a liberal arts program committed to the Augustinian values of Truth, Unity, and Love. Austin offers full academic and extracurricular programming, with highly qualified instructors and dedicated staff in a community environment.

Programs = New Members



Assembly 2135, Otsego



Knights of Columbus Assembly 2135, Otsego, MI initiated and accepted a motion for a special assessment for Veterans Support in December 2020. The voluntary assessment was requested in the amount of \$10.00 per Assembly 2135 member and

included into the 2021 Membership dues billing. The request for Veteran's support has been overwhelmingly positive with \$675.00 being raised so far as of March 19th.

On March 25, 2021 a representative group of Assembly 2135 Officers, John Sexton Jr., Faithful Navigator, Dennis Dreyer, Faithful Purser, and Tom Kehr, Faithful Comptroller traveled to the Battle Creek VA Medical Center and met with Mr. Todd M. Greenman, Chief, Community and Volunteer Service. Mr. Greenman was most gracious providing an overview of the Community and Volunteer Service organization's in-kind various donations which the VA is totally dependent on gifts for the Veterans. Mr. Greenman took time to provide an historical overview of the 200+ acres facility and array of Veterans services offered on the Battle Creek VA Medical Center complex along with numerous examples of the Knights of Columbus support at the Battle Creek VA Center. Mr. Greenman explained he regularly meets with the various leaders of volunteer organizations to coordinate events and was highly complementary of Worthy James Pitsch, Knights of Columbus Coordinator for the Kalamazoo Diocese.

While at the VA a check was presented by John Sexton Jr., Faithful Navigator to Mr. Todd Greenman for \$675.00 with Dennis Dreyer all in the picture.

We would like to thank Mr. Todd Greenman of the Battle Creek VA Medical Center for taking the time to meet with us along with Amie Yonkers, Volunteer Specialist who arranged the meeting. Once Covid restrictions are removed, we look forward to continued Knights of Columbus Assembly 2135 in person volunteering at the Battle Creek VA for our Veterans.

New Life Ultrasound

St. Mary's Council 2781 in Gaylord, Mich., donated nearly \$17,000, raised with assistance from other northern Michigan councils, to New Life Pregnancy Center in Gaylord. The funds, matched by a grant from the Supreme Council, will purchase a 4D ultrasound machine for the center.

37th Annual Seminarian Fundraiser A success despite covid restrictions!

Bishop Joseph H. Albers Council 4090 – Davison MI has increased the amount of its' contribution to seminarian in the Lansing Diocese every year since 2010. The challenge to exceed the \$28,727 from the 2020 event amount was made even greater by the covid virus causing the elimination of our 37th annual dinner auction event. A virtual event was held with digitally recorded video contributions from Bishop Earl Boyea, Rev. Fr. John Whitlock, director of seminarians, seminarian Seamus Kettner, event co-chairs and others. On march 19, 2021 co-chairs Carl Knieper PGK, PFN and Mark Corcoran PGK presented checks for 31 seminarians totaling \$ 49,193.28 to the diocese.

LASTING REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DEPARTED

Memorial Plaque:

A beautiful and lasting remembrance is to have your loved one enrolled in the Knights of Columbus Vocations Committee Memorial Society Plaque, which now hangs in the chapel of Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. Memorial plaques can be obtained or a tax deductible gift of \$25 a line – maximum 4 lines per plaque (\$100).

APPLICATIONS FOR 2020 WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL OCTOBER 17, 2020.

Also, those enrolled will share in the daily masses, prayers and good works of the Priests and Seminarians of the Seminary.

Proceeds from this ongoing fund-raiser go to aid students studying for religious vocations that are in need of financial help.

K of C Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Major Seminary – Sunday, November 8, 2020@10:00AM.

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

In Memory of _____ Date of Death _____
 Gift of \$ _____ Requested By _____
 Street _____ Telephone _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DAVL

Mail to: **Robert J. Garstka**
DAVL Memorial Mass Chariman
47120 Savannah Dr.
Macomb, MI. 48044

Applicants will be contacted for multiple line engraving information.

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Applications are available at:

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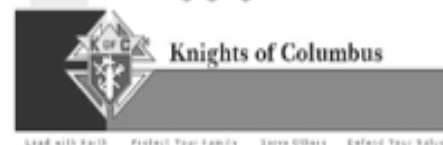
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 MONTHLY MASS FOR GUILD MEMBERS

Online Membership



A Program for Recruiting and Engaging New Members



MICHIGAN STATE COUNCIL CONTACTS



These directors and coordinators can provide additional information about E-membership:

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For further information about E-membership go to:
www.kofc.org/joinus

St. Louis Center Transitions in a New Direction

corporate decision to discontinue services for children. The Children's Homes will then be converted to adult residential care for people with I/DD, and the mission we received from St. Louis Guanella will continue on in this way.

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

Fr. Enzo Addari, CEO, SLC.

Hosted Coffee & Donuts, along with our wives, for Parish members after Sunday Mass.

Assisted in building homes for Habitat for Humanity in Macomb County.
Constructed temporary Altar platform in gymnasium that was used during Church renovation.

Prayed Rosary at Wake service for deceased members.
Dedicate 6000-7000 man hours annually to support the Parish & Community and Council.

Donated Casey Bears to Shelby Twp. Paramedics for distribution to traumatized children.

Delivered over 300 coats to needy children.
Keep Christ in Christmas car emblem donations.

Donated over 200 sweatshirts to needy children.
Provided personal supplies and clothing to St. Al's homeless Ministry in Detroit.

Commemorate our deceased Brother's with memorial plaques at Sacred Heart Seminary.

Donated Crosses and Tables in Religious Education Center rooms.
Celebrate Corporate Communion, along with family, on Columbus Day in remembrance of our namesake.

Provided transportation, food and services for MCREST guests during their stay at St. Kieran.

Also prepared a homemade evening pasta meal for our guests.

Jointly pray the Rosary prior to our monthly membership meetings.
Members and family attend Adoration Chapel hour every Wednesday from 3:00pm – 4:00pm.

Sponsored Austin Catholic High School essay contest, with assistance from wives in judging.

Financial contributions made to;

To purchase an Ultrasound machine for mobile clinic.
St. Lawrence School & Austin Catholic High School.
Special Olympics of Michigan & Shelby Twp.
St. Francis Camp on the Lake. Capuchin Retreat Center.
St. Kieran CYO Basketball uniforms and equipment.
Tuition support for Sacred Heart Seminarians.
Tuition support for Dominican Sister's in Ann Arbor.
SKY (St. Kieran Youth) for annual Retreat. Right to Life Organizations.
Vocation Gifts to Priests. Friends of Foster Children.
Needy Parish Families gifts at Christmas. St. Kieran Parish.
Macomb Academy of Arts & Sciences. Shelby Lions.
Macomb Autism Society. Penrickton Center for the Blind.
Angel's Place & Holy Cross Children's Center (aka Boysville).
DAVL (Detroit Area Vocations League).

Supported disabled Veteran.

Vets Returning Home used household item collection and delivery.

Donated to KofC Food for Families program.

Parish Youth basketball Free Throw contest.

Delivered Parish food donations to Samaritan House & AGAPE local food banks.

Participated in 40 Days for Life & Life Rosary at Abortion Clinics.
Prayed 1,200 Rosaries with family members, during the Corona pandemic from March thru December.

Provided and served Chili and other refreshments at Parish Chili Cook Off.
Donated Rosary's and medals to First Communicants & Confirmed students.

Staffed the Right to Life booth at Armada Fairs.
Participated in the March for Life in Romeo and Utica.

Participated in the Right to Life Bike-a-thon.
Purchased Crosses worn by St. Kieran Altar servers.

Supplied staffing for Shelby Township Recycling program.
Led program and sponsored Icon visits to our Parish (Our Lady of Guadalupe, Holy Family).

Conduct appropriate social events for council members along with spouses and family members.

FRATERNAL BENEFIT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS;

Knight of Columbus Insurance is available to ALL members and their immediate family.

Available are Permanent Life Insurance, Term Life, Disability Income, Long-Term Care and Retirement Annuities. No pressure interviews and annual reviews as appropriate.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION HAVE WE ACHIEVED;

Received the Columbian Award 7 years in a row for participating in Community events.

One of our members was recognized as Family of the Month by State Knights of Columbus.

28 of our Council Members are (Patriotic) Fourth Degree with 2 in Color Corp honor guard.

STAR Council award in 2006. Now working toward achieving again in 2020/2021.

FUND RAISING EVENTS THAT SUPPORT WHAT WE DO;

JINGO Reverse raffle to support general fund support.

MI (Tootsie Roll) Drive for Special Olympics.

Mother's & Father's Day flower sale for Right to Life.

Charity Poker staffing.

Looking for **more and new opportunities**, as demands for our assistance continues to grow.

HOW CAN YOU HELP OR JOIN US?

Go to www.kofc.org/joinus sign up, participate in an on line Degree Ceremony, hopefully with other family members attending. All of which lasts approximately 30 minutes and you become a member of Council #13983 and can start to help us support ALL of those that are listed above, and any other needy ones that we may have missed. You can also call (insert name of contact person) to discuss any questions you may have about what we do and the benefits of becoming a KNIGHT of COLUMBUS in St. KIERAN COUNCIL#13983! Hope to hear from you soon!

Knight of the Month

Pigeon Council 13749

Cahil Krajniak, Pete Cholometes
Robert Taylor

Sterling Heights Council 13799

Bill Delf, Bob Wilcox,
Roger Andrews, Will Takle

Pontiac Council 13930

Frederick McPharlin

White Cloud Council 13939

Shawn Smith, Vern Vis
Tom Eggleston

Shelby Township Council 13983

Carl Barton, Chris Barton
John Dziwanowski, Chris Doran

Byron Center Council 14642

Steve Klaubo *cky

Southfield Council 14928

Tim Cahoon, Andrew Martin
Fr. Jeff, Fr. Jerry Harrington

Traverse City Council 15186

Jamie March

Lansing Council 15417

Rudolfo Reyes

Comstock Park Council 15548

Brian Gavin

Lewiston Council 15937

John Thompson

Canton Council 16169

Brian Zahn PGK, Joseph Bradley
Ron Kretschmer, Jeff Batistella

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MICHIGAN STATE COUNCIL
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MICHIGAN CHARITIES RAFFLE
NOVEMBER 1, 2020 TO APRIL 15, 2021 - PRIZE WINNERS

PRIZE NO.	PRIZE	COUNCIL	ASSEMBLY	NAME	LOCATION
1	1st Degree Charity Prize - Grand Hotel Mackinac Island For 4 + \$12,500 Cash	7237		Fr. David Speicher	Dewitt
Seller	\$250.00	7237		Fr. David Speicher	Dewitt
2	2nd Degree Unity Prize -Grand Traverse Resort For 4 + \$3,500.00 Cash	12186		Ray Kondel	Gaines
Seller	\$100.00	12186		Ray Kondel	Gaines
3	3rd Degree Fraternity Prize -Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth For 4 + \$2,500.00 Cash	13526		Michael Kirkwood	Comstock Park
Seller	\$50.00	13526		Michael Kirkwood	Comstock Park
4	4th Degree Patriotic Degree - Dearborn Inn For 4 + \$1,500.00 Cash	4404		Randy Graftema	Coopersville
Seller	\$25.00	4404		Randy Graftema	Coopersville
5	\$300.00	11664		Ann Pasch	Lake Leelanau
6	\$300.00	5255		Doug Leach	Homer
7	\$300.00	7444		McCaughey McDougal	Commerce Twp.
8	\$300.00	788		Jay Corey	Lansing
9	\$300.00	3029		Tim Boos	Farwell
10	\$300.00	5460		Stanley Hreneczsoa	Warren
11	\$180.00	3302		William Gorny	Dearborn Hgts.
12	\$180.00	6824		Michael White	Clarkston
13	\$180.00	2950		Allan Rooks	Sterling Hgts.
14	\$180.00	7341		Judy Thome	Alto
15	\$180.00	3078		Terrance Cauley	Taylor
16	\$180.00			Joann Grubb	Okemos
17	\$180.00	9182		Jay Jensen	Holt
18	\$180.00	13673		Bridget Bertopec	Farmington Hills
19	\$180.00	5436		Terrence Tamm	Waterford
20	\$180.00	13475		Dennis O'Brien	Grosse Ile
21	\$120.00	5446		Stephen Kirsch	Grosse Ile
22	\$120.00	5446		Paula Orr	Trenton
23	\$120.00	10542		Daniel Remecke	Holt
24	\$120.00	2690		Ralph & Carla McWilliams	Livonia
25	\$120.00	1266		Todd G. Smith	Monroe
26	\$120.00	3078		Marie Cerne	Chicago ILL.
27	\$120.00	8042		Antoinette Keller	Pigeon
28	\$120.00	8698		Dcn. Mike Hammond	Ida
29	\$120.00	6674		Bill Sippel	Saline
30	\$120.00	3281		Clint Beagle	St. Johns
31	\$60.00	17232		Bryan R. Andres	Dorr
32	\$60.00	15548		John Dewildt	Comstock Park
33	\$60.00	5981		John Austin	Tucson AZ
34	\$60.00	8489		Luke Hartmann	Flint
35	\$60.00	4064		Mike Manako	Commerce Twp.
36	\$60.00	13673		Barbara Cholewa	Livonia
37	\$60.00	3860		Rev. John F. Child	Livonia
38	\$60.00	12121		Brian Fromm	Grosse Pt. Farms
39	\$60.00	2900		Richard Galinis	Coldwater
40	\$60.00	2950		Harry Kuk	Sterling Hgts.