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Christopher A Kolomjec State Deputy



My Brother Knights & Families,
Vivat Jesus.

I would like thank IPSD Walter Winkle and his wife, Karen, for the dedication and leadership these past two years. It was not easy with COVID continuing to linger throughout our Country, Councils and Assemblies meeting virtually for a period of time..... I am not even sure any of us know what “normal” is any longer. Both Walter and Karen did an outstanding job of making the best of an unusual situation and coming out on top at the end. At the time of writing, under Walter’s leadership the State of Michigan is only 160 new members away from achieving Circle of Honor. Congratulations to both Walter and Karen on a job well done.

Thank you to everyone who attended the State Convention. We were a bit rusty since it had been two years since we were all last together but it was like riding a bike – once you take a deep breath it all comes back to you. I hope for those who attended the State Convention that you will pass on the information and the energy to those who were not able to attend. A huge thank you to all the councils, assemblies and individuals who donated items for the Ladies Charity Raffle. With

matching funds from Weingartz we were able to raise \$28,500 to Holy Cross Services.

On the last day of the Convention elections took place. Thanks to technology and the use of I-pads and smart phones, the length of time for voting and tabulation was reduced to 15-20 minutes. I would like to congratulate Vern Miron, our newly elected State Advocate and Dan Fuller, our newly elected State Warden. Being on the Board is a huge commitment to not only the men but also their wives. I am confident that they will meet our expectations as State Council board members and keep Michigan on top.

Men – this is the time for the Knights of Columbus. These are tough times, these are troubled times, but these are the times for the Knights of Columbus to excel. We as Catholic men need to band together and we need to become better “Catholic” men. If you recall, my Committee’s name was “Faith and Family”. We all need to be more faith filled and family focused. As the Supreme Knight once said “when you get the man right, you get the marriage right, you get the family right and you get the parish right”. You will see that Julie and I will emphasize the inclusion of faith and family throughout the next two years. As you attend our Masses, you will see with the help of our new State Chaplain, Fr. Logan, you will see some subtle changes to our Masses.

Last but not least, we encourage family participation in our activities. While we all will be working hard, we also want to bring fun into the programs we conduct throughout the State.

I am proud to be your newly elected State Deputy and I ask you to join both Julie and I as we embark on this journey.

A Day in Contrast Life Director Ed Strach



May 14th, 2022 - Lansing, MI – I’ve attended the Living Rosary in the past. This particular day, I was pondering the beautiful love and dedication in and for both mother and child. As countless people prayed in front of the State Capitol, releasing balloons after each decade of the Rosary, I was in awe at the voices that were being lifting for the unborn.

There were young adults, the Color Corps of the 4th Degree, brother Knights, politicians, and many others in attendance that day, standing together in prayer and united in the hope that we will see an end to abortion.

May 14th, 2022 - Ann Arbor, MI – 65 Miles away from this wonderful witness, I decided to attend a pro-abortion rally at the University of Michigan. I went to this rally to personally observe the activities and hear what and how their message was delivered to those in the attendance. The message of the day was clear: Women have the right to choose again and again and again. And supporters are deeply entrenched in their belief that a woman has that right. What was dismissed was that this right to choose does not take in to account the life of an unborn child. It became clear that an embryo, in the eyes of pro-abortion supporters, is not even a child.

While holding a DEFEND LIFE Knights of the Columbus flag and a large poster showing a child in utero, I was constantly surrounded by rude pro-

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**From The State Chaplain
Fr. Aidan Logan**



Why Are We Knights?

When Blessed Michael McGivney founded our Fraternal Order it was no accident that he called us the **Knights** of Columbus. Arising from the ruins of the Western Roman Empire, knighthood has deep roots in our Western Christian culture. In a time that saw the disintegration of civil order and the rule of law there arose the figure of the Christian Knight. A unique kind of warrior, these men consecrated themselves to a life of service and the protection of the weak and powerless. And though skilled in the art of war, they were pledged to wage war with honor and according to God's law. In the English speaking world knighthood is remembered especially in the legends surrounding King Arthur, his Knights of the Round Table and the quest for the mystical Holy Grail (the chalice used by our Lord at the Last Supper). With time there even developed religious orders of knights taking vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Much was written of these knights and their quests. Like the rest of humanity they often failed to live up to their high ideals. And these days we mostly hear about their failures, especially during the Crusades. The Crusaders goal was to push back the Islamic assault on Christendom and liberated the Christians of the East from persecution. Their success was definitely limited but the ideal of knighthood survived in the imagination of Christendom and the West.

It survived because, then and now, men realized that the real battle is not waged with weapons of iron and steel. The real combat is the spiritual warfare within. St. Paul addressed this in the earliest days of the Church.

Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Ephesians 6:10-13

And he goes on to describe the equipment of a Spiritual Warrior:

Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Eph. 6:14-17

This is why Blessed Michael called us knights. He realized that the men of his parish in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882 were confronted with the same hostile world and the same spiritual struggles as the knights who set out on the First Crusade in 1096. For all our advances in science and technology we are still confronted with enemies, both human and spiritual. Christen civilization is under constant attack, both from without and within. And at the heart of this worldly, material and ideological struggle is an all out assault by the forces of evil on our hearts and souls, the sacredness of human life, marriage and the family, the very concept of what it means to be a man or woman.

This is why we must strive to be Knights in the truest and noblest meaning of that word. There can be no neutrality or conscientious objection in this Spiritual Warfare. It is a battle for our immortal souls and the souls of those we love.

As Knights of Columbus are we equipped for this battle with the weapons of Spiritual Warfare listed by St. Paul?

Truth, do I have a solid knowledge of the Catholic Faith, able to explain it to others?

Righteousness, am I at peace with God, praying daily, repenting my sins and frequenting the sacraments?

The Gospel of Peace, am I at peace with my neighbor, forgiving and praying for my enemies?

Faith, do I believe that God has revealed Himself to us in Jesus Christ and His Church?

Salvation, while embracing my vocation in this life, am I focused on eternal life?

The Word of God, are the Sacred Scriptures my daily guide and spiritual food?

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The newly appointed State Chaplain for the Michigan Knights of Columbus, Father Aidan Logan, is a native of Spring Lake, New Jersey. He graduated from St. Joseph's College Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, in 1969 and entered St. Joseph's Abbey, Spencer, Massachusetts, in 1971. He was ordained to the Priesthood on May 25th, 1985.

At the time of the 1990/91 Gulf War Father Logan volunteered for service in the United States Navy Chaplain Corps and was commissioned in August of 1991. For the next twenty years he served with the Navy and Marine Corps on shore and at sea, retiring in 2010 with the rank of Commander. From 2011 to 2013 Father Logan was civilian a chaplain with the U.S. Air Force at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. He was Vocation Director of the worldwide Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, from 2014 to 2021 and recently incardinated as a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Father is a Fourth Degree Knight and Charter Chaplain of Commodore John Barry Council 14534 at the United States Naval Academy and Fr. Aloysius Schmitt Council 13220, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

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**From The State Warden
Daniel Fuller**



My Brother Knights and Ladies, after handing off the role of State Membership Director to Jim Escott on July 1st, I am honored to start my new role as your State Warden for this fraternal year. I want to thank the Lion & Lamb Committee, my wife Kara, my daughters Danica and Jorja, and you, my brothers for your support in electing me to serve as your State Warden.

As your State Warden, my role includes the oversight of protocol for our meetings, events and official functions. As you know the use of proper protocol is important to our Order as this provides the structure for our meetings and events. This structure allows for proper decorum and fosters an environment for productive meetings. The

following of proper protocol allows us to function as an Order rather than a men's club.

During the course of our fraternal year, many of our councils host events that they would like to invite a member of the State Board to attend. It is a vital part of your planning that you 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, 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 meeting and event protocol can be answered by reviewing the Supreme Protocol Handbook (item #1622). This is available from the Market Bench supply site within Officer's Online at the Supreme website. A copy of this handbook is also available to download from the Michigan K of C website mikofc.org. Any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at: d.fuller@mikofc.org. I look forward to serving all my brother Knights and your families around our Great State this fraternal year.

May God Bless you all and May God Bless the Knights of Columbus,
Dan Fuller
State Warden

**Sacred Heart Major Seminary
'Endowed Scholarship Fund'
Kenneth Unterbrink, PSD – SHMS State Director**

The State Deputy and State Board is continuing the SHMS Endowed Scholarship Fund as a recommended voluntary Six Dollars (\$6.00) per year per member. The 2022 Delegates to the State Convention share in the mission of the Michigan K of C in promoting seminaries and seminarians as the major charity for the Michigan K of C. Catholic Education and Catholic Charities are also included.

Seminarians from all the dioceses are an important mission as education is more expensive for our young men as well as the young women attending the convents.

Members who wish to donate additional funds can direct the funds to the Michigan Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. a 501(c)(3) corporation and mail to the State Secretary Barry Borsenik – 9673 Downing Rd. – Birch Run, MI. 48415.

We are in a battle for the souls of all. **St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.**

We as Catholics should support those organizations that support Catholic values including the values of marriage of one man and one woman. It appears that if we

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**From The State Membership Director
James Escott**

My brothers in Christ in the great state of Michigan,

I can't believe I am your State Membership Director. I am nervous, excited and honored all at the same time. Nervous because it's a big job with a lot of responsibility. Please pray for me as I will be praying for you every day. Excited because the timing is right. As we finish up the covid crisis and get back to normal, I expect we will all find many men ready to return to church, get involved, and live their faith. Honored because I've worked with Michigan these past 4 years as the State Training Director. I know you pour your heart out to help your families, your parishes and your communities.

Here is what you can expect of me. I will be available to help any council that asks. You're not alone. We're all in this together. You can count on me. I will be a problem solver. Many councils and Parishes have unique challenges and difficulties recruiting and inviting men to join. If you are struggling, bring me (and my team) your problems. Many, we can find solutions for. Others, we will find ways to work around the issues. I will be creative. I plan to, each month, bring you new and creative ways to find those men who so desperately need the Knights to bring them closer to our Lord and Savior. Old ways tend to dry up over time. We need to always be trying new things and new ways to recruit. I will be positive, encouraging and helpful. I plan to publicly recognize your accomplishments and share your successes with the rest of the state.

Here is what I expect from you. I expect each council to try and recruit every month. I don't expect results each month as results are out of our control. But, if you put in the effort and try (and pray), results, over time, will be there. I expect you to plan. Please fill out the Council Activity Tracker (CAT) form or the old MI-19. If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail. I expect most councils to recruit 1 more member than last year. Those that didn't achieve their quota last year should each be capable of getting at least 1 more member than last year. Those that achieved double (and in one case triple) star, may not exceed their success from last year but they should be able to get close to matching their success.

In conclusion, I encourage you all to serve the church, follow in Christ's footsteps and be the best Catholics, husbands, fathers and men you can be. God has given us two very important jobs and, momento mori, he will judge us on these. First, to save our own souls by loving God with our whole heart, mind and soul. Second, to save other souls by loving them as yourselves. Inviting men to join the Knights of Columbus will help them to be better Catholics and, as such, more souls will be saved. We all have a duty and obligation to save souls. I'm confident you all feel being a Knight has been rewarding and has made you a better person. Please share this wonderful gift with others and invite them to join and enjoy all the same benefits you have.

**WHAT IS A NEW KNIGHTS FIRST IMPRESSION OF THE K OF C?
Gene Murawski, State Ceremonial Director**

What does a new member think about the Knights of Columbus he just joined? Well, it is based on his first impression of what he just went through when he took his Exemplification Degree.

The Covid has certainly changed everything we do, and we will not ever go back to the good old days. When Covid hit, the degree work pretty much also stopped. We could not have groups get together so we went to other methods to get new candidates through the Exemplification Degrees. Did we lose some meaning in the process? Yes, we did. Our State Deputy Chris Kolomjec wants me to help those councils that are struggling with getting new members through the Exemplification Degree. We know that some councils are still doing very good Exemplification Degrees, and that is just great. However, for those that are struggling we will come to help you. I have and will continue looking for what we call Traveling Teams that will go to any council, district or diocese to conduct the Exemplification Degree for you. There will be no cost to you, you just need to go to the mikofc.org, under Exemplification

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**From The State Program Director
Paul Palka**

A New Year a New Chance for Bigger and Better Programs

Before we begin our new Fraternal year, I would like to take the opportunity to say Thank You and Job Well Done to all the councils throughout our GREAT State that planned and executed Programs to assist our Parishes and Communities share our faith with the World. I invite all of you to look at the Michigan Knights of Columbus website to view all of the Program winners announce on Mackinac Island at the Convention. Thank You to all those councils who submitted great program books it truly showed how our state rose up to answer the call!

As we begin our new fraternal year, I ask that you review the programs you held last year, and if you plan on repeating them this year, do you have a plan to make them even more successful? Perhaps your council program was very successful, or even GREAT, but can you make it even better? Maybe there is a program your council has never tried but you think it will benefit your community. Now is the time to evaluate and set your councils programs into motion. How can your programs grow your membership in faith and numbers? Remember without programs there is no membership and without membership there are no programs. It is ok to be proud of the work that you do to help those in need. As the year unfold, I encourage you to pray and investigate programs your council may not have participated in the past. Maybe the time is right to execute a new program. The sky is the limit. Now is the time to brainstorm, plan, execute, and record a year of Great programs.

For those of you who have a hosted a breakfast, a dinner, or any event for the church or community how did it go? Was the turn out as expected? Did you advertise the event properly? Was it in the church paper for at least 2 weeks prior to the event? Was it on the church website, and sent out as an email blast not only to your members, but the parish at large? Did you invite people personally, and pre-sell tickets at a discount to drive up attendance? Did you invite surrounding councils to attend? If food was served, was it plentiful and delicious? Did you have a 50/50, (a K of C staple), basket raffle or silent auction? Did you invite new people to help in the planning and execution of the event not just the same 8 that do everything? Did you recruit and invite others to join your council? Please discuss the results with your brother knights and their wives to see what can be done to make the programs stronger!

For programs you may have not tried yet why not consider some of these programs:

- Faith: 5th Sunday Rosary, Into the Breach video series, Pilgrim Icon program, Eucharistic Procession, and the RSVP program.
- Family: Family of the Month, Food for Families, Family Prayer Night, Keep Christ in Christmas and Consecration to the Holy Family.
- Community: Coats for Kids, Free Throw Competition, Helping Hands, Hockey Challenge, and the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest.
- Life: March for Life, Mass for People with Special Needs, Pregnancy Center Support, Special Olympics and the MI Drive (Tootsie Roll Drive).

This is just a sampling of programs that we suggest and support for your Councils to implement for your, parish and community!

Once you have held your event, improved upon it, and started new ones, it is time to report to Supreme on the 10784 form to receive credit for your programs. The form needs to be filed electronically by any member of your Council that has an email address registered with Supreme. The form can be found at kofc.org/for/members/program-forms. This form is the Swiss Army Knife of forms! You can report almost every program you do except for RSVP Refund Application, Food for Families Refund Application, Ultrasound Application, and Columbian Award Application. Last year Michigan submitted nearly 4,000 forms documenting the great programs our councils completed in the 2021-2022 Fraternal year. By filing this form after every event, it helps when submitting the Fraternal Survey in January and must be done for the SP7 Columbian Award Application.

The great news is there is help available as you plan, execute and report all of the great programs that you do. If you have any questions regarding programs, please don't be afraid to reach out to your District Deputy, Diocesan Director, Faith, Family, Community

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Ladies Corner

Dear Ladies,

Please keep Chris and me in your prayers as we embark on this new journey. We have a great team around us and we look forward to celebrating faith and family together with our Brother Knights and their families. While there is a lot of work to be done in this wonderful State of Michigan, we look forward to bringing back fun and comradery these next two years. We appreciate all of the hard work the Knights do around the State of Michigan and are blessed to be part of this great organization.

I would like to congratulate our new State Advocate Vern and his wife Christy Miron and our new State Warden Dan and his wife Kara Fuller. Welcome to the team!

Thank you to all who made the Ladies Charity Raffle at the State Convention successful again this year. With matching funds, the Knights were able to donate \$28,500 to Holy Cross Services again this year.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, September 10th and plan on attending the State Leadership Installation in Detroit. The day's event will start with a Mass at 4:00PM at Assumption Grotto Church, one of the oldest and most beautiful churches in Detroit. The reception and dinner is being held at the Detroit Yacht Club and we have a magnificent band to get us up and dancing. Please plan on joining us for a memorable day. All Councils and Assemblies will be receiving invitations in early July.

I look forward to these next two years as the State Deputy's wife and I hope you will join us in the excitement.

God Bless,

Julie, Mandy, Pam, Christy and Kara

State Family Director Garret A. Kelenske

My Brother Knights and Families as we begin the new Fraternal year it is my hope that we can work together to bring more families and friends into our Parishes and Churches through our Family Programs. Most of you have heard the saying "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." It means you can give someone an opportunity but not force them to take it. Well, it should be our goal to make our Programs so **fun** and irresistible that they will not want to miss this opportunity.

We have a few great Program opportunities that may inspire some excitement, but they need to be well planned and executed by our Councils. One of the Programs is the Family of the Week Program. This Program is usually held during the week of August eighth thru the fourteenth to coincide with the birth and death of our founder Blessed Michael McGivney. Plan a schedule of **fun** events that affirm faith and strengthen family ties. Ideally, the week of activities should begin with Mass on Sunday and conclude the following Sunday. You can find more information on the Supreme website under Faith in Action in the Family category. I am sure that our Councils can produce some wonderful things to engage the families in our parishes. A few possible ideas are start with Mass and the ever-popular Pancake Breakfast, a movie night, a campfire and Rosary night, volleyball, or a game night, you get the idea. Make it **fun** and be sure to get the word out!

It was so nice to get together with so many friends and brother Knights on Mackinaw Island and complete another successful State Convention, I thought I would mention the lack of participation in the Family division of the State Service Program Booklet. I know that a lot of the Councils are doing great Family Programs but how does anyone know outside your area what they are if you do not put a program book together. It is not always about winning the award but the ability to inspire other Councils to do

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MICHIGAN'S STATE OF COLUMBIANISM
STATE DEPUTY'S REPORT

Walter K. Winkle, Jr.



Your Excellencies: Most Reverend Allen Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit, Most Reverend David Walkowiak, Bishop of Grand Rapids, Most Reverend Paul Bradley, Bishop of Kalamazoo, Most Reverend Earl Boyea, Bishop of Lansing, Most Reverend John Doefler, Bishop of Marquette, Most Reverend Robert Gruss, Bishop of Saginaw, Most Reverend Jeffery J. Walsh, Bishop of Gaylord, Most Reverend Donald Hanchon, Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby, Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, Most Reverend Arturo Cepeda, Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, Most Reverend Robert J. Fisher, Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, Most Reverend Frank Kalabat, Apostolic Exarchate for the Chaldeans in

U.S.A., Most Reverend Bishop Richard Seminack, Ukrainian Bishop of Chicago.

Worthy State Chaplain Reverend Paul Ballien, Worthy Diocesan Chaplains, Worthy Council Chaplains, Reverend Monsignors, Reverend Fathers, Deacons and Religious, Worthy Supreme Director, 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 State Deputy Regional Representatives, Worthy State and Diocesan Directors, Worthy District Masters of the Patriotic Degree, Worthy Supreme Council General Agents and Field Agents, Worthy Supreme Regional Membership Growth Director, Worthy Delegates and Guests, Vivat Jesus!

Rise Up and Answer the Call. This was the motto 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 all of you for your support over this last year. The first part of the Fraternal year has been exceedingly difficult while our State and Country continued to battle the Covid-19 as well as other viruses. Since the end of January, the infections have decreased, but we are not clear from infections yet. I have continued to pray that all of you and your families will remain safe from sickness. I do know that we have in fact lost many 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.

Today, we are now able to gather once again, but not without precautions. Many of you have received a vaccine and even several booster shots in order to attend this week's 122nd State Convention. My team has worked hard putting this year's Convention together while continuing the goal of hosting an informative and enjoyable State Convention. To name a few, this team consisted of all our State Officers and Fr. Paul Ballien, State Membership Director Dan 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, FVSM Cliff Wasmund, DM Mark Brezenski and the 5 State Deputy Regional Representatives; 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, Gary Kolbitz, and Tom Marcetti for all of the many hours they put in to research, and their tenacity to get the directory working in good order and user friendly and most importantly, accurate.

Another new electronic step forward this year is the establishment of a Facebook page for the Michigan Knights of Columbus. At my request, Ken Warzybok started and is maintaining the page. The growth has been exponential! Please check it out: <https://www.facebook.com/MichiganKofC/>

On June 10-14, my wife, Karen and I were finally able to attend the State Deputies Meeting in New Haven CT. This was very helpful in learning about the

new programs that were being introduced this year along with meeting the other State Deputies in my class, so that we would have a very productive year in membership and programs centered around Jesus Christ.

Due to the circumstances that continued throughout this year, we needed to continue communication by hosting telecommunications with our leadership. This was a vital part of keeping 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 summer meeting for the new and returning District Deputies and State Leadership at the Crowne Plaza in Lansing on Thursday, July 1 to Saturday, July 4. We were honored to have Tom McCaffery, from Supreme Office, join us during the meeting for his words of wisdom and encouragement. All the District Deputies in attendance were installed and left the meeting with great enthusiasm.

During the rest of July, the State Board was able to once again visit all 7 Dioceses in the state. It was great to be able to safely attend the meeting and once again talk with all the membership across the state. I also took pictures of everyone that attended the meeting so that I could construct a collage of all the members that attended and hand it out during the Winter meeting.

Council 11689 celebrated their 25th Anniversary on Sunday, July 18. I attended the 50th Anniversary of the Gaylord Diocese on Tuesday, July 20 in the Cathedral and on Thursday, July 21, Kalamazoo celebrated their 50th Anniversary also. On Saturday, July 31 Pinconning Council 2986 celebrated 75 Years serving their parish and community.

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.

Since the Supreme Convention in Denver, Colorado was canceled, it was decided by Supreme to hold it virtually in New Haven, CT. On Tuesday, August 3, 2022. All the State Deputies were asked to try to create an atmosphere that the Delegates to the Supreme Convention would not forget, although there could not possibly be a replacement to spending time with Brother Knights and their Wives from all over the world, it was decided that the closest way to comply with Supreme's 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. This year we were honored to have council 1266 in Monroe, be chosen for the International Faith Award. Grand Knight at the time, Joe Vitali, was present to receive the award, and Monroe Council was on the center stage for all the world to see what great programs are happening in Michigan. We also had a photographer sent from Supreme to take pictures and record the event for the Columbian Magazine. I thank the Delegates from around the State who attended this substitute Supreme Convention.

The Lansing Lugnuts' game was held on Friday, August 13 for Vocations and was once again, well attended. We continued to host the State Camporee at Mecosta Pine Campground in Morley MI, over the weekend of August 13-15 hosted by Alan Baldrige and his wife Ramona. We had 51 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 again! Those of us that attended had a great time and plan to meet again at the same place on August 12-14, Come and join the fun!

Council 11811 in Novi, Celebrated their 25th Anniversary on Saturday, August 21. In September, we congratulated the new Rector that was installed at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Fr. Burr on Friday, September 10. We thank Msgr. Lajiness for all his leadership during his many years as rector and wish him well in his new

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assignment. My wife and I visited Posen for the first time to share a ride in the Potato Festival Float with Joel Kendzorski and his wife Jan Marie. I recommend this as a bucket list event to attend at least once! On Sunday, September 19, I visited Notre Dame Council 3021 for their 75th Anniversary. They had a very nice event outside next to their hall.

In October, I, along with our SMD and SPD decided that it would be good for us to meet with the District Deputies face to face for the first time since the Summer Meeting. As we traveled throughout 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. We all participated on October 31, the celebration at The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit, the one year anniversary of our founder being named Blessed Michael McGivney!

Ironically, Blessed McGivney experienced a pandemic in 1890 much like the one we are experiencing now. He shared his leadership until he himself became ill and died of pneumonia. I would like to take this time to not only to remind us and future Knights and their families, of how special our founder was and his dedication to our church. This is the time now, more than ever, to introduce a new man to join the Knights of Columbus, to continue to pray for McGivney's Sainthood and to join the Michael McGivney Guild at <https://www.fathermcgivney.org>. There are several articles about his life on the Supreme Website and at the Guild.

At the End of October, we started the Coats for Kids Program across the state in several cities that had a great need of warm coats. Some councils added gloves and hats to give out also. We used extra precautions and safety measures to keep the children safe and at the same time, warm with their new coats. Once again, I thank the Councils that helped with monetarily and with distributions for this program. I encourage those who did not participate to do so next year. You would be surprised how many families may be in need in your own back yard!

On Wednesday, November 3rd, my wife and I drove down to Nashville for our State Deputy Leadership Training. Other than getting familiar with the Hotel and surroundings so that we would be ready for the Next Supreme Convention to be held in the same location, we discussed how we can better serve our church. The new St. Joseph Icon was given to me so that we could start the icon Program here in Michigan asap. On Saturday, November 6, the State Board and Michigan Knights were recognized for the Achievement Award by Special Olympics. This was done during the annual Ties and Tennies held at Ford Field in Detroit. This is not given out to just any group or every year! Since I was at training in Nashville, I did a prerecorded video thanking Special Olympics for the award and on your behalf, donated \$25,000.00 for their Future Games. The State Secretary and Board attended our annual Memorial Mass that was held at the Sacred Heart Seminary on Sunday, November 7. I thank Bob Garstka and the DAVL Team for their work not only supporting vocations throughout the year, but also remembering our deceased members by providing the names to be entered on the plaques that hang on the wall at the entrance of the church.

In December we were presented with another problem of how we would gather and distribute the sweatshirts and gift cards for Holy Cross Services. While working with the SDRRs and DDs, 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 DDs that made this such a success. The Knights on Bikes had their Christmas Party once again in Okemos. The State Board and our wives attended the celebration. On Wednesday, December 15, Council 11875 in Charlotte celebrated their 25 Anniversary. On Saturday, December 18, I along with several

Veterans, Sir Knights, Brother Knights and Families attended the Wreaths Across America. Archbishop Vigneron said prayers and made comments at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. At this time, I would like to thank all the Veterans that have served and continue to do so. To those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and to their families that miss them and to the Fourth Degree Assemblies that support this outstanding program.

In January, the Winter leadership Meeting was held on Friday the 7th and 8th. This year it was hosted at the Amway Grand in Grand Rapids. The meeting was well attended and used the concept of all the meetings being interactive. We said goodbye to are Supreme Regional Growth Director, Joseph Ramirez and thanked him for his guidance and friendship as he was appointed to a different state and no longer serving Michigan. At the same time, we welcomed our newly appointed SRGD, William Chasse', our Immediate Past State Deputy. We along with Illinois and Iowa are in his new region. The State Board did another trip around the State attending Diocesan Meetings in 6 locations. I passed out a small poster collage that Gary Kolbicz had arranged and asked the membership to post on their information center at their parishes if allowed to. On Friday, January 14, the State Membership Director, Dan Fuller and I attended mass and the dedication/presentation of a new council charter for 17772 in Marquette. It was very well attended and much excitement for the future of the council. The RTL March in Washington D. C. was on January 21, 2022. This year we, along with many others, attended with great optimism, that this may be the last time we would need to attend. Pending the case out of Mississippi, Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health that bans abortion after 15 weeks to be heard by the Supreme Court there could be great changes. Several other Councils from all over the state hosted their own march in their own cities.

On Friday, January 28, we paid our last respects to a great leader in the Grand Rapids area, District Deputy, Robert Luxford. He was called home unexpectedly and will be a great loss to his wife and family, friends and the Councils in District 313. He will be deeply missed.

Beginning in February, Supreme started a new program called the Affiliate Membership. They asked councils to identify members that had moved or not paid dues in several years to be placed in this program and would ultimately be removed from the council roster but, not to be forgotten as they would still receive materials from Supreme encouraging them to come back and continue to be active in the council.

Friday, February 4, I along with our State Program Director, Paul Palka, drove up the Marquette to present a check to Special Olympics on your behalf for \$5000.00 to sponsor their Winter Games. On Saturday, February 12, The State Bowling tournament began with the Officers tournament and then lead into the regular competition. This year was hosted in Warren by Bishop Murphy and Knights on Bikes. We all had a great time at the Officer Tournament. Next year it will be hosted by Bay City Council 414 on February 11 at Monitor Lanes in Bay City. Please consider putting a team together and have an excellent time!

On February 24, Russia invaded Ukraine, this senseless attack has put our over 1,800 Ukraine Brothers and their families in dire needs that we continue to assist and pray for them. We have donated funds to this cause to help them directly and are helping other missions that are going to Poland with medical and food supplies. This invasion is a true sign that Satan is continuing to challenge the good in this world and we must continue to defend the good on this earth as long as we can.

On Saturday, February 26, we hosted the State Chaplain/ State Deputy Tribute Dinner at Zaccaro's in Chesterfield, MI. after having to cancel the last year's event, we combined them into one. We passed out many awards and thanked the

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numerous councils that had a quick start in membership. We honored several Grand Knights and Field Agents for their dedication in growing the membership in their councils and showing men how to put their faith into action. This was the first time we used this venue. I would like to thank Gary DeCarlo for the many years that he hosted K of C events in his hall in Warren.

On Friday, March 4, the State Board, our wives and the State Chaplain, Fr. Paul Ballien, had the honor in attending the installation of a new bishop for the Diocese of Gaylord. The Most Reverend Jeffery J. Walsh, from Scranton PA, was installed as the 6th Bishop of Gaylord. We met his parents and other family members and at the end talked with his Excellency pledging our support for the future. He informed us that he was a 3rd and 4th Degree Knight and was looking forward to working with the Knights of Gaylord. A week Later I attended the funeral mass of Bishop Rose, the Second Bishop of Gaylord. He was called home on March 2, 2022. The service was held in Grand Rapids and was very well attended by Knights along with many Honor Guard who stood guard at his casket.

We celebrated several events for St. Patrick's Day including marching in the Detroit Parade down Michigan Avenue, and our traditional visit to Holy Trinity Church in Detroit with MSGR. Kosanke. On Sunday, March 27, I attended Mass with several Knights and their families at St. Thomas the Apostle in Grand Rapids. After mass a new council Exemplification was held hosted by DD 311, Patrick Smiggen, SDRR, Marty Brown and several other State and Diocesan Directors as 21 new members joined that day to start Council 17970. Thank you to all that made this new council happen!

On April 5, the State Board hosted the 44th Annual Michigan Right to Life Banquet. Ed and Lynn Strach did a great job along with Paul and Sue Thorn and many others. There were 600 in attendance, one of the best ever. At that time, the State Board donated \$100,000.00 on your behalf to MRTL. These funds are to be used for the MRTL Education Fund and "Citizens to Support MI Women and Children" to allow them to challenge the signatures for the current petition "Reproductive Freedom for All". I recommend everyone visit this site to learn more. The petition has until July 11 to get the over 400,000 signatures. The goal of this petition is to change our State Constitution to have unlimited abortion on demand, sterilization, and even protecting the person providing the abortion from getting sued if there was a trauma to the mother. I ask every member in the state to please read before signing any petition. If this gets approved, we will send out more information on a course of action. Please pray that it does not happen.

On Monday, April 11, we learned of the passing of DD 304, Jeffery Van Natter. On April 18 he was laid out for visitation and had a very good reception. At the end, along with the Honor Guard that was there, I spoke with his wife, Christine and son, Jeffery, Jr., I told them that since Jeff was at 94% that I would ask Bill Bernesser, our Diocesan Membership Director in Grand Rapids, to work with the district and try and achieve the Star District Award so that the next SD and myself will be able to present it to his son. He is currently at 107% and I understand that the district has more members to bring in, Thank you Bill. Jeff was the best dressed DD in the State, a great leader and will be missed by all his Family, Friends and the Councils in District 304.

On Thursday, April 21 we hosted our State Raffle Drawing at our State Chaplain's Parish Council 16169. Grand Knight, Edward Hurst, Jr. and the members of his council put out a great meal for all the Knights and families in attendance. The top three sellers joined us; John Rogers, Donald Faxlanger, Ed Theut. We raised a total of \$303,944.00. \$60,788 went back to the councils to help fund local charities. Thank you to all who sold tickets helping us to raise funds to help those in need!

On Saturday, May 14, we hosted the Living Rosary on the steps of the Capital in Lansing. Everything worked out great as we all prayed for life, I would like to thank all the membership and the Honor Guard that attended as well. Our State Chaplain, Fr Paul Ballien, gave an outstanding speech during this event. After that, Karen and I attended the 75th Anniversary of Clair Council 3029. Joe and Brenda Munie, Our State Warden attended the 25th Anniversary of Council 11694, St.

Mary Cathedral in Lansing. On Saturday, May 21, Council 5280, in Gladwin celebrated their 60th Anniversary. This week's Convention started on Wednesday, May 25 to Friday, May 27. We are honored to have Supreme Director Michael L. Wills and his wife Kathy from Tennessee join us this week.

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, Daniel Fuller had accepted the challenge once again this year to lead the state in membership recruiting and reach Circle of Honor. We found this to be extremely challenging due to the yearlong Covid-19 mandates in the beginning of our fraternal year. 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 and 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 Council that they should join. Besides keeping up with the retention in our councils when help is needed, he also is one of our senior tech advisers and is one of the administrators of our MiKofc.org email system. Dan Remeika has been tracking the Round Table along with doing a great job putting together the Talking Points for our DDs, GKs, Membership and Program Directors and our Chaplains. Jim Escott has been advising DDs as our New Council Development Director and also as our State Training Director. He has many videos that are available to assist you on any topic you can think of. David Buick has been planning several locations as to where we could start 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 2073 and has been reduced to 1945 due to the incentives that were earned by our Emembership recruitment success. As of May 7, we had 1575 new brother Knights. Currently we are at 80% of our goal for this year, 10% higher than last year at this time! We are in 2nd Place in division 1 and 32nd overall in the order, standing in the Black. I challenge all of you in this room to recruit one new member this year and I am asking each District to bring in at least 5 new men in June using the Free Membership code MCGIVNEY2020 before the June 30, 2021 deadline. Let's share the principles 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 Applications!

Greg Brunson has done an excellent job contacting and visiting many councils around the state and getting many more councils engaged in the RSVP

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STATE DEPUTY'S REPORT

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program. In 2020, 143 councils and Assemblies donated a total of \$291,808.⁰⁰; in 2021, 165 councils and Assemblies donated \$335,687.⁰⁰. Greg also worked with our State Chaplain, Fr. Paul Ballien, putting together more "one day retreats" than ever before, not only in Detroit but all around the state this year. Greg mentioned to me that it was exceedingly difficult to pick the winning faith program this year due to the quality of the applications.

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 have been 80 placed and expecting another several more in the coming months. I, along with other State Leadership attended several of the dedications from Hancock to Monroe, in Flint and Grand Rapids and many cities in between. We are currently working on raising funds for a motorhome to be used between Lansing and Ann Arbor. The goal is to have the funds necessary by July. Ed and Lynn have also stated the new Baby Blanket program that has not only been doing great in Michigan but other states as well. He has sold 1,100 since October, 2021!

Our Family Director, Garret Kelenske has promoted great family programs with an increase in the Family of the Month and Year. Garret has also started the Youth Sportsmen program encouraging fathers taking their children out fishing and hunting.

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. 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. I want to thank Bob for finding a Silver Rose from Canada that we could have at our State Convention this year.

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 one step closer to our goal by the time we present the check to our Archbishop on June 10, 2022.

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 requests for charity that we receive. Many times, when money is needed for a crisis such as the tornados and various tragedies that occur throughout the year, we are able to help on your behalf.

Our MI drive that occurs twice a year has been increasing steadily over these many years. Even with the fear of Covid-19, several councils came up with a safety plan and in many instances broke records in raising money for this year's MI Drive. I would like to thank George Stump for the great work he has done over the many years with this program. Many of the funds end up at several of the charities around the State like Saint Luis Center, 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. Continuing our streak of being Number one in the Division One States, Michigan has once again received a check for an additional \$12,000.00 to donate to the Michigan Special Olympics! I ask you to look out for more information on Special Olympics and the Unified Cup/ International Soccer Tournament which will be held on Friday, August 5 at Wayne State University. We

will be looking for volunteers for the day. The big event the next day will be on ESPN and we will be asked to attend the games.

Holy Cross Services has been supported by our members for many years. I would like to thank Michael Fontana for his help in representing HCS and working with all the councils in organizing the contributions from each council. Thank you to all the members and Councils that support this important work. I encourage all councils to continue to support HCS by putting together fund-raising events throughout the year. Our Sweatshirt and gift card program was very successful this year. Thank you to those councils that participated.

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, Patrick Oliver and Larry Herman, In Lansing, Ed Warren, Ed Nickel, Matt Wiezgac and Mark Stenske, In Saginaw, William Learman, Mark Hebert and Ray Ghelmann, In Grand Rapids, William Dingman, Bill Bernesser, Tom Farley and Lawrence Adams, In Kalamazoo, Luis Scohy, and John Byrnes, In Detroit, Joseph Brenner, Paul McClelland, John Hundiak, Kenneth Warzybok, Ken Krause, Lou Brotchner, Hans Hanson and John Resser. Thank you for sharing your time, talents and leadership!

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 21, 2022. This year Gary suggested that we keep our prizes in Michigan to help the struggling businesses and Hotels, I believed that helped sales tremendously. Gary will be stepping down this year as a Director. I want to thank Gary for all that he has done over the many years to make this program a success and the services that he has provided over the years at his hall in Warren. Many events were held there from 4th Degree Exemplifications to many fund raisers. We are still waiting for Kevin Rowley to keep his 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. I ask that you pray for his wife, Arlene, during this difficult time in their lives. William LeVeque was also my assistant and made many phone calls keeping up with 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 putting out 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 made sure every State Raffle Ticket was scanned so that each council received the proper refund. They managed all the mailing and many 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 publications on 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

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position in keeping up with the hundreds of forms he receives. His son Russ was a tremendous help with the new web site and has donated several hundreds of hours converting the old site information to the new one. I thank all of these men for their dedication to making the state one of the premier jurisdictions in the Country!

Jac Armstrong has been working with the merchandising over the past year driving to several Diocesan Meetings and I want to thank him for his dedication in sending out the items on a timely basis and keeping the emblem of our order promoted through our shirt and hat program.

I would like to thank the Patriotic Degree for all their help and support. Our Former Vice Supreme Master Cliff Wasmund and his Wife Susan have been a tremendous source of support to the four districts across the state. They finished their appointment on August 31 last year. We welcome the new VSM, Don Ponder to our State Convention. 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 #4 Sir Knight Keith Woodrum and his wife Lady Marie have done a great job during their 4 years as District Master and will be completing their appointment on August 31 this year. We wish the best of luck to both of them. They all have been a tremendous amount of support and have 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 GAs, 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 63,000 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 ask 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 Delegates 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, Joe Munie and Brenda. These four families have been extremely generous of their time and talents. I would like to give a special thanks to Jim and Amy Kraus for their time on the board. We all greatly appreciated working and getting to know you during your time as Warden. We started the year with Supreme Council Regional Growth Director, Joe Ramirez, Sr. and would like to thank him for his help and guidance during his appointment. Our new SRGD is our IPSD, William Chassé. We congratulate him in his new appointment and pledge to do our best working with him. Our Supreme Regional Training Director, Jon Olson and Supreme Hispanic Field Coordinator, Marty Yzaguirre, are 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 continued this year with an inspirational goal, Rise Up and Answer the Call! My committee's symbol from 9 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. 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 if they needed any help, contacting our priests and asking if they needed any assistance, and doing this with safety and common sense in mind. I would like to thank and congratulate all the District Deputies and Grand Knights that have achieved Star District and Star Council. You all are truly leaders in our state. With a combination of Programs and Membership centered around Jesus Christ you are an inspiration to the rest of the leaders around Michigan. With all of us praying that Covid is over soon, we will be better than before. The new ideas and techniques that transpired caused many of us to alter our membership and programs so that we could continue fulfilling 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. I stood up here on this stage in 2018 and said that I will do my best to make Michigan Great Again and with your continued support in evangelizing new Members and Programs centered around Jesus Christ, my belief is that "The State of Columbianism" is not only alive and well but was proven, by our putting or 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 Pope, Bishops and Priests, the Knights of Columbus and our Families. Vivat Jesus!

**From The State Program Director
Paul Palka**

or Life Director or myself. We want you to be successful and will support you with anything you might need. Please feel free to share your councils' programs. We love to attend your events. We love hearing your success stories and love to share them with others.

Remember Proper Planning Prevents Poor Performance!

Paul Palka State Program Director

May They Rest In Peace

Bay City Council 414

Ronald Herek

Monroe Council 1266

Frank Gessner, PGK

Standish Council 2724

Jeffrey Jurek

Detroit Council 2739

George Tardif

Gaylord Council 2781

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Stanley Gabrysiak, Jr.

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Jeff Van Natter DD

Highland Council 8500

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Patrick Davenport

Kalamazoo Council 12998

Rev. Lawrence Farrell

Vicksberg Council 13305

Leo Swiat

Southfield Council 14928

Michael Delong, Chuck Ahern

Jack Walton

Cedar Springs Council 15889

Jack Penkivech

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

**Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus
122nd Annual State Convention
May 27, 2022
REPORT ON THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

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

Last year amid the pandemic we considered that Knights are for the Lord. Brother Knights have fed and sheltered the Lord's people and stepped up when it was not always comfortable. Servants in our first principle of charity did it for people in need. We know we will always be on mission when we are obedient to the Lord because Knights are for the Lord. A year later we find that challenges are increasing. Consider the unrelenting assaults on unborn children.

Michigan outlawed abortion in 1846. If the U.S. Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade* in an anticipated decision based on a leaked draft opinion, Michigan's law would go back into effect. In response to this reversal, the pro-abortion coalition called Reproductive Freedom for All has formed a new coalition of the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan, Michigan Voices, and Fems for Democracy. Their goal is to collect petitions to put a constitutional amendment on the Michigan ballot on November 8. This ballot will explicitly affirm unrestricted abortion on demand throughout all nine months of pregnancy, for any reason whatsoever, as a fundamental right in the Michigan Constitution. If successful, it will eliminate the 1846 law and strike down every pro-life advance made over the last five decades. If you don't think this threat is serious, consider that MacKenzie Scott, the billionaire ex-wife to Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, donated \$275 million to Planned Parenthood. Both our Governor and Planned Parenthood have each filed separate lawsuits in Michigan courts to ask the Michigan Supreme Court to immediately resolve whether Michigan's Constitution protects the right to abortion. And I am sure everyone here is aware of the news covering the nationwide assault on life in the womb. Brothers, every pro-choice advocate in the country has its eyes on Michigan.

To fight back and resist, the Michigan State Council, you my brothers, donated \$100,000 to Right to Life of Michigan for the unborn. There is more we can do. Do not sign the petition from the Michigan Right to Reproductive Freedom Initiative. Stay informed. Visit right to life dot org (rtl.org). Join in prayer and fasting. Donate. Join parents who want to protect their born and unborn children. Raise your voices because the consequences are real.

Pro-choice demonstrations not only threatened Supreme Court Justices; they also attacked Catholic churches. They even threatened to burn the Eucharist in response to a Twitter user who offered to pray for them. "Stuff your rosaries and your weaponized prayer. We will remain outraged after this weekend, so keep praying. We'll be burning the Eucharist to show our disgust for the abuse Catholic churches have condoned for centuries." This came from a Ruth Sent Us Tweet.

In addition to remaining steadfast in our work to protect the unborn, we can also respond in three ways – Eucharist Revival, Evangelization, and the Rosary.

Enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist may mean more corporate communions by our councils. Evangelization of the church may mean more actively assisting in bringing people back to the church. Remembering our devotion to Mary and the Rosary may mean approaching Mary more often in reflective prayer, asking for love and guidance in our pursuit of her Son and His forgiving mercy. In all things, let us offer humble prayer for our petitions, protection, and especially the needs of our society.

Amid domestic challenges, let us not forget our solidarity with Ukraine. Let us support relief efforts in various ways, including through the Supreme Council's [Ukraine Solidarity Fund](#).

Lastly, please pray for vocations because the need is great. For example, for the first time in at least 70 years there will be no priestly ordination in the Archdiocese of Detroit in 2022.

In conclusion, we know that there is always much that can be done in life. But do not overlook the good that has been done during our pandemic recovery. As the world came out of the darkness of the pandemic, councils became more familiar with our Faith in Action programs. The Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) grew to the highest record number of 165 participating councils and assemblies donating over \$335,000 to seminarians. We had the best two years of State Charity Raffle sales during the pandemic by members who responded to the charitable needs of Michigan, and the need was great. In other areas, councils lit the state with increased prayer hours, Icon services, and devotion to St. Joseph. Life affirming programs, such as March for Life proliferated. And Michigan dedicated its 80th Ultrasound. Memorial baby blankets were distributed to new families in great numbers. Youth activities, such as, the free throw challenge, soccer challenge, and spelling bee, continued our traditions. And Into the Breach and other group study programs grew by leaps and bounds! Yes, Knights are for the Lord and will continue to accomplish with the Lord.

Worthy State Deputy, thank you for the honor to address the 122nd 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.

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Daniel Remeika
Good of the Order Committee, Chair
State Round Table Director, Michigan Knights of Columbus
District Deputy #804
Cell: 248-470-0668

Rise Up and Answer the Call!

**WHAT IS A NEW KNIGHTS FIRST IMPRESSION OF THE K OF C?
Gene Murawski, State Ceremonial Director**

Degree on the right side to find a Request form for an Exemplification Team. You fill that form out and e-mail it back to me. I will assign a team to come to your location and do the Exemplification Degree for you.

The Traveling Team Members will be required to have the parts memorized and will have to be certified by me to become one of the Traveling Teams. Once you are certified, the State Office will get you all the equipment you need. The team will be given 6 blazers to wear doing these exempts.

The candidates that go thru the Exemplification Degree by a Traveling Team will receive a Michigan Memorable Coin during a special presentation. This Memorable Coins can be purchased by any member for \$10 from me.

We did have traveling teams in the past that did the old 2nd and 3rd degrees and they worked very well. Now we will do that for the Exemplification Degree. That will help the councils that do not have a degree staff and want to get members through the exemplification degree. Why not take advantage of this opportunity?

Michigan State Bowling Association

The 80th Annual State Bowling Tournament was held earlier this year in Warren, Michigan by host council, Bishop Murphy Council #3257 and Knights on Bikes at Astro Lanes. At the opening ceremony the Tournament was kicked off by the Immediate State Deputy Walter Winkle, Host Council #3257 Grand Knight Dennis Thomas and Bowling Association President Tom Hickey. Congratulations to the 2022 Honoree Harry Deneweth for his many years of dedication to the Knights of Columbus and Bowling Association.

Upcoming in 2023, the 81st Annual State Bowling Tournament will be held in Bay City, Michigan, hosted by Bay City Council #414 at Monitor Lanes. Officer's day will be February 18th and the open weekends February 23rd through March 19th. Additionally, there will be a fun mixed tournament on October 15, 2022 at Westland Bowl.

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

For more information, visit: <https://www.michigankofcathletics.com> or contact, Karl J. Zawalski
Bowling Association Secretary
kzawalski@wideopenwest.com
586-322-5275



(L-R) State Deputy Walter Winkle, MI Bowling Association President Tom Hickey and Bishop Murphy Council #3257 Grand Knight Dennis Thomas



2022 Tournament Honoree Harry Deneweth

State Family Director Garret A. Kelenske

great works also. Please consider putting together a booklet this year! Now is the time to start planning!

Have you taken a Youth out Fishing this, Summer? Has your Council thought about taking the Alter servers out Fishing? We have a great State Program your Councils can participate in that gets the Youth outside and forces them to get their phones and devices out of their hands. Hunting and Fishing is a great tradition in our State, and this is a perfect way to take credit for something you are already doing by filing out a form #10784.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the Family of the Month Program. We still have plenty of room for growth in this program. Currently I am only seeing about ten percent of the Councils turning in the form. I am sure that a lot of Councils are participating but failing to file the form #10784. This is a great program to recognize Knights of Columbus Families but also the Families of the Parish. Please take the time to complete this worthwhile program!

I would ask that as you are sitting in Church before the Mass, look around and ask yourself how we can fill the empty seats, what can I do as an individual and as a Knight of Columbus to be effective. To motivate someone to come back to the Faith or help someone new join the church. I know there is no perfect answer but if we all work together, we can make a difference.

Your Brother in Christ
Garret A. Kelenske
State Family Director

State Community Director John Hundiak, FDM

My Brother Knights, welcome to the new fraternal year. My name is John Hundiak and I am honored to serve as your State Community Director for the fraternal year. I am looking forward to this fraternal year with all of the councils getting back to 'business'. There are so many great programs around the State that I want to personally see them. If you have an event coming up, please send me an email (j.hundiak@mikofc.org) with the pertinent information. I have set a personal goal of visiting at least one event in each of the SDRRs regions. And yes, I expect to be busy...

At the recent new DD training, Jon Olson (Supreme Regional Training Consultant) told us that we do so many great things but only a few people know about it. We need to promote what we do and let the world see what we are truly capable of. While attending the events in your area, I can help you tell the world about the great things your council is doing. I will be taking pictures and interviewing your brother knights as well as those attending the event. Look forward to seeing your event in the Michigan Columbian or perhaps even the Columbian magazine from Supreme. I will also be looking for your creative ways that you recruit at your events.

By the way, congratulations to Msgr. Patrick Dunigan Council #695 for their winning the Community category of the State Program Awards for 2021/2022! Their submission of their 'Welcome Back to Mass!' program was fantastic. It is on the State website if you would like to see more about it. This program will be sent on to Supreme for judging against all the Community programs submitted by the jurisdictions.

The Service Awards program is a Statewide program designed to help promote your programs and show the world what your council is capable of. Each year we have to really beg to get program submissions in. Start now, at your next council meeting pick a project and start assembling all of the information needed to put together an awards submission. All you have to do is to tell the story behind your program and document. If you are not comfortable doing that, get help from the ladies in the council. Some of the best submissions that I have seen are

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From Our President & CEO

Like our communities across the State, Holy Cross Services has been experiencing a time of growth and healing as we all emerge this summer from the weight of COVID-19. In this transformational time, we have adopted 4 new trauma-informed values, each with "competencies" that help guide our work: Safety, Shared Power, Nurture, Purpose. Every month we honor one of the 12 competencies imbedded within these values. This summer is the summer of safety: we are starting this June with honoring "Physical Safety," launching safety protocols, technology, and physical plant improvements for each of our sites. By the end of the month, we will be better trained and our facilities better secured, to ensure the people in our care find peaceful respite with us. In July, we will focus on "Felt Safety," developing operations to help people feel safe – physiologically, emotionally, spiritually, psychologically – when they are with us.

Safety is something many of us take for granted. We serve children removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect, children battling addiction, and individuals experiencing homelessness. By the nature of our work, the people served by Holy Cross Services are unsafe before they cross our doors, many of them harmed by the very people charged with their protection. At Holy Cross we are duty bound to ensure the people in our programs are safe in our care, to offer the protective care we are all worthy to receive.

The Knights of Columbus have been longstanding partners with Holy Cross Services, providing many forms of support that help us remain a respite for our communities. Donations from the Knights help us provide spiritual services for children in addition to supporting basic needs for children, families, and adults experiencing homelessness. Gift card donations from the Knights fund our "Nurture Budget," the budget we use statewide to honor the people we serve with birthday parties, baby showers, graduation flowers, and other nurturing gestures to remind people how important they are. The need is great, but every year the Knights of Columbus help Holy Cross Services to provide people a safe haven from the world's harms. We would not be here, could not be here, without the Knights. The people we serve would not be safe without the Knights. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for your partnership.

Wishing you a safe and peaceful summer,

Susan Rosas
President & CEO

How You Can Help

It's the little things that can become big things for the families that are in our care. Holy Cross Services is now participating in the Amazon Smile program. You can select HCS as your charity of choice or click on

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1368326> to purchase an item from our wish lists.

As we move into the summer months we always welcome the opportunity to take our youth on summer outings. If you would like to sponsor an outing for one of our programs, please reach out to Wendee Rex, Donor Engagement Officer at 248 980-4830 or wrex@hccsnet.org

CONTACT US

989-596-3557

info@hccsnet.org

www.holycrossservices.org

HCS Knights' Liaison Mike Fontana m.fontatna@mikofc.org, 248-224-5583



HolyCrossServices

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Our adoption team finalized it's FIRST EVER adoption! What a joyful milestone for this sweet little boy and his family and for Holy Cross Services. The adoption program we are building will bring steadiness, future, and love for families.



Jonah Hall Makes A Move-New Name

Our children's behavioral health program, once called Jonah Hall has moved it's location and changed their name to Corcoran House. Many of our Flint-area staff had been commuting an hour each way for several months to Saginaw, awaiting for the program's relocation to Mt Morris. These dedicated team members are now closer to home, serving in a home-like facility for children recovering from addiction.

The unit once occupied by this program at St Vincent's Home will allow additional space for our child abuse and neglect Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTPs) to expand to meet the unprecedented need in the state. There are currently 180 children awaiting residential treatment care in Michigan, which is the largest number in recent history.

Calendar Winners

MARCH

- Week 1 Martin Powers
- Week 2 Paul Teszlewicz
- Week 3 Katrina Wandrie
- Week 4 Gerald Meller

Month End Don Kebler

APRIL

- Week 1 Brian Hein
- Week 2 Ron Foldenauer
- Week 3 Michele Fraker
- Week 4 Cary Anderson
- Month End Joan Bezaire

MAY

- Week 1 Richard Perry
- Week 2 Robert Fluture
- Week 3 Vera Agnetti
- Week 4 Al Arends
- Week 5 Gary Weber
- Month End Paula Chetosky

JUNE

- Week 1 Larry Pfeifer
- Week 2 Jerome Davis
- Week 3 Theresa Rinehart
- Week 4 Mr. & Ms. Kurt Movinski
- Month End Albert Koenigsknecht

NOTE: FOR GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCIL PR CHAIRMAN

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

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

Mike & Paula Timm
Mark & Mary Hebert
Alan & Michelle Leppke
Glen & Diane Covaleski
Milton & Charlene Simmons,*cfy
Don & Mary Joe Gracey
Jeff & MJ Seward
Tom & Kay Van Tifflin
Jack & Diane Cavanaugh
Walter & Janet Taberski
Lansing Council 788
Doug & Joni Guenther
Matt & Betsy Crippen
Archie & Julia Magaswaran
Algonac Council 856
Allan & Rose Rumball
Michael & Christine Page
Monroe Council 1266
Robert & Suzette Morley
William & Vicki Kipf
Mark & Theresa Locher
Jeff & Donna Langton
Portland Council 2168
Jeremy & Angela Newman
Thomas & Therese Jandernoa
Doug & Brenda Smith
Tom & Mary Hengesbach
St. Clair Council 2251
David & Patricia Kindsvater
Westphalia Council 2890
Bruce & Sandy Cook
John & Katie Pung
Dan & Lynnette Witgen
Chesaning Council 2943
Lenny & Jodie LeFeure
Bernard & Cathy Schmitz
Pinconning Council 2986
Richard & Bonnie Misiak

Gary & Sherry Lightner
Lincoln Park Council 3078
Ronald & Kathy Edwards
John & Ana Brillowsky
Jerry & Kathy LeBoeuf
Brian & Tammy Nicholson
Southgate Council 3956
Larry & Glenda Rossi
Tim & Gail Dee
Gladwin Council 5280
John & Judy Klimkiewicz
Jerry & Lori Farrow
Robert & Carolyn Brinkman
Larry & Ruth Stoivski
Waterford Council 5436
Larry & Stacey Jasinski
Anthony & Joanne Blazevec
Funeral Lunch Team
New Baltimore Council 5981
Matthew & Laurie Hoxsie
Gerald & Lisa Luzynski
Ron & Jeanine DePestal
Roscommon Council 6593
St. Michael Parish Office Staff
Nate & Ashley Alyas
Andre Janisse, Jr. family
Bob & Pam Pardue
Posen Council 6657
Troy & Tanya Krajniak
Walter & Rene Roznowski
Jim & Laurie Smigelski
Michigan Center Council 6687
Raymond & Maria Sowa
Kirk & Amy Parrish, *cfy
Swartz Creek Council 6694
Adam & Kim Tye
Ken & Molly Lixey
Dec. Rob & Marcia Amon
Lance & Jennifer Wildman

Ed & Doris Reynolds
Bill & Liz Munger
Ortonville Council 6824
Jeffrey & Jodi Hall
Birch Run Council 7233
Bob & Mary Frank
Joe & Vana Haley,*cfy
Dick & Alice Melenbrink
Norm & Joyce Rushton
Fenton Council 7418
Joe & Maureen Pontello
Mel & Mary Richards
Durand Council 7955
Donald & Jeanie Mellott
Michael & Diane Pelky
Hillman Council 8041
Joe & Sue Kennard
Alan & Corey Morrison
Jim & Donna Weir
Sanford Council 8043
Erick & Jacqueline Molitor
Howell Council 8169
Richard & Kathy Mandel
James & Vickie Kujawski
Daniel & Wendy Burke
Jackson Council 8392
John & Shayne Slough
Dale & Jill Robert
Chris & Shannon Putra
Auburn Hills Council 8659
Karl & Linda Chase
Charles & Winifred Kelmer
Herb & Sandra Stacer
Montrose Council 8669
Brenda Dunn family
Temperance Council 8902
Chris & Emily Smith
Mason Council 9182
Dr. Larry & Pamela Prokop

Charles & Karen Heiler
Kimball Council 9526
Gary & Barb Ellery
Lansing Council 10542
Stan & Helen Draminski
Ira Township Council 10724
Mark Kehoe PGK, family
Bryan Sebastian family
Bob & Mary Lada
Cliff & Mary Becker
Ron & Jeanine DePestal
Ann Arbor Council 10963
Dolly DeVoss family
Lansing Council 11099
Donald & Gayle Gardner
Russell & Marci Pate
Vicksburg Council 13305
Hugh & Jennifer Swager
Adam & Arleia Swager
Bryant Mike & Kris
John & Michelle Klein
Ann Arbor Council 13360
Dec. Pete & Connie Hansen
Greg & Sue Stout
White Cloud Council 13939
Roger & Jean Smith
Leonard & Janet Wahr
White Cloud Council 13959
Vern & Liz Vis
Shelby Township Council 13983
John & Mary Jane Dziwanowski
Dennis & Sandra Jacks
Southfield Council 14928
Ryan Cousino family
Comstock Park Council 15548
Claude & Barbara McMznus
Jim & Peggy Blaszek
Joseph & Barbra Breching

Prince of Peace Council #6593

#6593 was privileged with hosting the St. Joseph Icon as icon was displayed in a place of honor where parishioners Knight Zach Gerdes and his children along with Financial Martha stand before the icon.

Programs = New Members



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

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

to the Michigan Columbian.

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

Steven Pawlak,*cky, Milt Simmons
Jim Kasper, Bob King, Jim Duemler
Ron Makidon, Mark Hebert
Deacon Ken Kochany
Glenn Covalski, Ken Grzegorzczak
Dave Lapointe, Mike Blair

Battle creek Council 575

Greg Finnila

Escanaba Council 640

Lonny Breitzman

Mt. Clemens Council 744

Paul Nebel

Lansing Council 788

Jay Corey PGK, Andrew Wegener
Dan Stump

Cadillac Council 1224

Rd. Michael Janowski, Ken Schwerdt
Chad Geiger, Bruce Peacock

Monroe Council 1266

John Haynes, Paul Jay

William Terrasi

Frank Handler PGK

Big Rapids Council 1300

Tom O'Brien, John Doyle*cky

Portland Council 2168

Paul Jandernoa, Dick Brown

Steve Hengesbach

St. Clair Council 2251

Gary Depue, Steve Klemmer

Westphalia Council 2890

Chris McQueary, Marc Irrer

Eugene Spitzley

Newberry Council 2929

John Purcell

Chesaning Council 2943

Joel Henige, Michael Schneider

Richard Kneiper, Dennis Weisenberg

Grand Haven Council 2975

Joe Larthem, Tom Biros

Chris Jarvis

Pinconning Council 2986

Martin Schultz, Jeffrey Szyperski

Owen Bush

Clare Council 3029

Michael Nivison, Alexander Banach

Greg Trombley

Lincoln Park Council 3078

Mike Gioccio, Steve Vitale

Paul Herman, Kevin Nicholson

Grand Rapids Council 3104

Charles Marker

Allen Park Council 3774

Tom Stevens, Joe Powers

Berkley Council 3830

Leonard Piasta, Gregory Connors

Southgate Council 3956

Brain Batko, Larry Rossi

Bill Robert

Three Rivers Council 4141

Jeffrey Springer, Robert Larkins

Farmington Hills council 4401

Henry Testa, Robert Collins

Garden City Council 4513

Jerry Kowalczyk

Gladwin Council 5280

Larry Stojnski, Frederick Schanbeck

Fr. George Aman, Rick Davis

Daniel Brooks,*cky

Waterford Council 5436

Andrew Mallory, Tom Kendziorski

David Smith, Drew Canada

New Baltimore Council 5981

John Grillo, Ronald Demick

Matt Hoxsie

Brooklyn Council 6223

Frank Krawczyk

Roscommon Council 6593

Duane Pinkelman, Don Croff PGK

Ron Peters PGK, Timothy Keenan

Posen Council 6657

Joe Romel, Leo Romel

Wayne Purol

Michigan Center Council 6687

Albert Podgomiak,

William Roller, *cky

Swartz Creek Council 6694

Wayne Deshano PGK

Tom Roke, Adam Tye, Ken Lixey

Bob Kranz PGK

Jim Drummond PGK

Grand Blanc 6742

Joe Dunn, Adam Mitchell

Decon Dennis Pennell

Daniel Emeott

Ortonville Council 6824

Gary Putt, Ray Cobb, Craig Marion

John Ochab

Portage Council 6980

Fr. Ben Huynh

Birch Run Council 7233

Rob Doll,*cky, Mike Rocha

Norm Rushton, Donald Walther

Robert Trudell

Brighton Council 7304

Tom Vereecke, Ralph LeRoy

Kevin Monloch, Ron Garrison

Grand Ledge Council 7311

Daniel Bazela, David Zerbe

Howard Miller, Dan Korte

Giuseppi Messina, Michael Hull, Jr.

Mio Council 7329

Joseph Gibala,*cky

Fenton Council 7418

John Thomas, Dave Hermann

Mark Swaistyn

Naubinway Council 7472

Arnold Frazier

Freeland Council 7582

James Oskaerk, Steve Harrant

Jim LaMay, Alan Sumption

Hale Council 7623

Philip Donnelly

Brighton Council 7891

Jerry Warren, Michael Radelt

Frances Love

Durand Council 7955

Dec. Gregory Middleton

Michael Pelky, Jim Weir

Hillman Council 8041

Daniel Panko, Mark Pollard

Sanford Council 8043

Gerald Ciuk

Howell Council 8169

Kevin Bodin, Patrick Holihan

Gilbert Brazil

Canton Council 8284

Vincent Ventura, Mike Riley

David Frye

Jackson Council 8392

Tim Giroux

Lake City Council 8556

Randy Sucharski

Auburn Hills Council 8659

Frederick Fisher, Jim Johnson,*cky

Joseph Cichon, Sam Crowl

Montrose Council 8669

Logan Dowell

Cass City Council 8892

Deacon David Gillespi

Richard Zyrowski, Adam Dorland

Adam Dorland*cky

Temperance Council 8902

Phil Wesley, Tony Homolka

Kimball Council 9526

Doug Landschoot

North Branch Council 9568

Paul Snoblen, Andrew Repic

Lansing Council 10542

Douglas Jones

Ira Township Council 10724

Mike Mytinger, Jim Haase,PGK

David Quinn, Jim Satchfield

Donald Plegue

Lansing Council 10907

Dwane Davis, Joe Lorenz

Joe Cimala, Cory Anderson

Ann Arbor Council 10963

John Nelson, Mike Saylor

Lansing Council 11099

Anthony Cherniawski, Matt McKune

Robert Murphy

Temperance Council 11430

Michael Dressel

Joseph Komorowski

Harrison Twp. Council 11658

Christopher Butts, Ernest Boulos

Richard Abernathy, Wayne Jarvis

Edward Trabilsy, Pete Vanvianen

Dan Nevin

Clinton Twp. Council 11689

Michael Hartel, Ralph Colosimo

George Schulte, Eugene Kapala

Lansing Council 11694

Carlos Castillo, Jr., Terry Eagle

Michael Czajka

Shelby Twp. Council 11772

Carl Grewe

Clinton Twp. Council 12403

Mark Taylor, James Gajewski

Montague Council 12985

John Duff, David Greiner

Vicksburg Council 13305

Christopher Jefferies, John Klein

David Leighton, David Montgomery

Ann Arbor Council 13360

Peter Vanicelli

Muskegon Council 13579

Joe Tackx, Thomas Ketchum

Waterford Council 13600

Leonard Poplaskie, Mark Meuwissen

William Brown

Grand Rapide Council 13641

Matthew Baker

Howard City Council 13653

Deacon Richard Du

Michael Stutzman, Edward Kentgen

Farmington Council 13673

Ralph Koch, Patrick McDonald

White Pigeon Council 13749

James Broadbridge

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Programs = New Members

AROUND THE STATE

Prince of Peace Council 6593



On behalf of the Roscommon Knights of Columbus, Grand Knight Joseph Moore was proud to present a check for \$200 to Rebecca Yuncker, Executive Director for the Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center. They do an excellent job to help child victims of physical violence and sexual assault. The Knights of Columbus have a duty to our communities to help those that need it the most. Socks for the

St. Francis of Assisi Council 4401 Socks for the Homeless



The Matchan Nutrition Center is operated by St. Vincent de Paul Society and serves the homeless in the Pontiac area. The Center provides lunch, food boxes, and other social support to approximately 150 area homeless individuals. In February of 2022 our council delivered 646 pairs of new warm socks and \$220 in donations to St Vincent de Paul Matchan Food Center. The entire SVDP team was grateful and appreciative to our council and the Our Lady of Sorrows St Vincent de Paul chapter for their generosity.

A VARIETY OF CHARITY

Members of **Father Glen Weber Council 13115 in Houghton, Mich.**, assisted their parish and community in various ways in recent months. Among their recent projects, the Knights donated more than 1,400 pounds of food to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, donated coats to three elementary schools, installed a defibrillator at St. Ignatius Catholic Church and helped to raise \$23,000 for a pregnancy resource center.

Bishop Babcock Assembly



On February 19, 2022 the Bishop Babcock Assembly 0487 of Bad Axe MI presented to Father Craig Carolan of Annunciation of the Lord Parish, St. Michael Church of Port Austin MI a traveling mass kit. On the chalice were the names of our deceased members of the 2021 memorial year.

ROSARY FOR AMERICA



Members of **St. Stephen Council 15691 in Grand Rapids, Mich.**, gather with their families and other parishioners to pray the rosary for the country outside St. Stephen's Catholic Church in East Grand Rapids.

A GLORIOUS DONATION



Members of **Father Battersby Council 7586 in South Lyon, Mich.**, gather outside St. Joseph Church, next to a piece of art the council donated to the parish. The Knights raised \$5,000 to sponsor the metalwork depiction of the Resurrection — the first glorious mystery — for the church's rosary garden.

A BOOST TO LOCAL CHARITIES

St. Patrick Council 3129 in Sterling Heights, Mich., organizes a matching donation program, working with area businesses and foundations to raise money for charity. In 2021, the program yielded more than \$10,000 for Children's Hospital of Michigan, Meals on Wheels, a homeless shelter, a local food bank and a soup kitchen. Over the past decade, the council has donated more than \$56,500 to local organizations.

Programs = New Members

St Francis of Assisi Council #4401 The Rosary of our Blessed Mother



One of the gifts we receive during our exemplification as Knights is the gift of the Rosary. We recall "Her Rosary in our hands going where we go." The salutation "Hail Mary" on our lips and her

protection reminding us of her intercession to her Son, always with us. We pray the Rosary before every council meeting. Some of our Brother Knights pray after every morning mass. Some of us lead the Rosary to Our Mother of Perpetual Help every week. Some of our members pray it marching in front of abortion clinics for the souls of departed children every Saturday morning. Our council and its members are devoted to the Holy Rosary and pray as often as possible

Grand Rapids Home for Veterans



Master Keith Woodrum of Michigan Dist 4 of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, presented a check to the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans to Beth Smit, activities director and to a resident of the Home. The check will be used for Life Enrichment activities. The new buildings are beautiful and welcoming. A similar check was given to the Saginaw Veterans home. Thanks goes out to all the assemblies of Michigan Dist 4 for their generous donations!

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38th ANNUAL KofC SEMINARIAN FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS!



Fr. John Whitlock and Denise Dell'Aqua receive the checks totaling \$ 50,670. From left to right in red coats: Co Chair Mark Corcoran, Faithful Navigator Gary Lehr, Grand Knight Ted Miles, Co Chair Carl Knieper.

For the second year in a row Bishop Joseph H. Albers KofC Council 4090 has overcome the setback of not holding their usual dinner/auction seminarian fundraiser due to the pandemic shutting their actual dinner down. The generosity of the parish communities of St. John the Evangelist/Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary, St. Mary's, St Francis and Saints Charles & Helena brought our campaign to a new high.

Our 2022 total exceed the 2021 total of \$ 49,193. The total has increased every year since 2011. The council presented checks valued at \$ 1,689 each for 30 seminarians to Fr. John Whitlock, Director of Vocations and Denise Dell'Aqua , Administer of the Vocations Department on March 16. The total contribution was \$ 50,670.00.



Council members celebrate a new high total for seminarian support

Bishop Eis Council 2894 joined with Negaunee High School to put on a art show.



Negaunee's Heikki Lunta celebration provided a good reason for Bishop Eis Council to join with the Negaunee Schools art department and hold its annual art show. The show had been cancelled in 2021 due to the covid pandemic.

The Negaunee Schools provided the artwork. The venue was provided by St.Pauls Parish. The Knights of Columbus organized it and provided the cake and

cookies. Midtown Bakery provided the hot chocolate. The Knights of Columbus along with help from Negaunee Schools art teachers and students set up and took down the displays.

There were samples of artwork from all the grades in the school district and the pieces were randomly displayed. If a parent wanted to look at something their child had created they would have to look at all of the artwork to find the one they wanted view.

The purpose of the art show was to give recognition to the Negaunee Schools Art and industrial education departments and to recognize the talent of the students. Because this was the goal there wasn't any admission fee and there weren't any awards given out.

About 400 people came through to view artwork. The art show was also covered by the local media and shown on the nightly news

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 2021 WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL OCTOBER 15, 2021.

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 7, 2021 @ 10:00AM.**

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

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SILVER ROSE CEREMONY

Newberry (Mich.) Council 2929 organized a Silver Rose prayer service while hosting a Knights of Columbus Silver Rose at St. Gregory's Catholic Church. More than 20 people attended, and the rose was also present during eucharistic adoration.

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**FR. THOMAS R. CAREY COUNCIL 4764
RESPECT LIFE ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

Knights of Columbus Council 4764 announced the following winners for their annual Respect Life essay contest. Recipients of cash awards and certificates were:

- o First place, **Benjamin McGuire**, St. John Fisher R.E.
- o Second place, **Annie McNurlen**, St. John Fisher R.E.
- o Third place, **Annabelle Meldrum**, St. Joseph's R.E.
- o Honorable mention, **Isabelle O'Halloran**, St. Joseph's R.E.



L. to R.: Fr. Jim Kean, Benjamin McGuire, Annie McNurlen, and Grand Knight, Frank Kramarczyk

Fr. Jim Kean, Pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Lake Orion, and St. John Fisher Chapel, Auburn Hills, with Council Grand Knight Frank Kramarczyk presented the awards to the students at their respective parishes this past week.

Seventh and eighth grade students were invited to write an essay explaining what Respect for Life of the Unborn meant to them. Contest winners received cash awards of \$250 (1st place), \$150 (2nd place), and \$150 (3rd place) and Certificates of Achievement.

**St Francis of Assisi Council #4401
8th Grade Catholic Essay Contest**



2021-2022 Winners

- Victoria Kakos - \$150
- Dillan Arafat - \$100
- Natalia Martinez-Necoechea - \$50

All 8th Graders (Our Lady of Sorrows School and Religious Education students) were invited to participate in the 2021-2022 Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. This contest encourages today's youth to be more connected to their community and their Catholic faith through creative writing. Student essays were to be original compositions that address the following topic:

Describe everyday obstacles that you may have experienced or witnessed others experiencing while living a life of authentic faith. Explain how you have overcome these obstacles and how, by doing so, it has helped your faith to continue to grow.

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." – James 1:2-4

Hancock Council 692



Knights of Columbus Council 692 unveiled their "Weapons of Salvation" display on Ash Wednesday at the Church of the Resurrection in Hancock. The display, which offers free prayer aids and information on how to use them, was blessed by Resurrection pastor Fr. Jubish Joseph, and will remain in the parish hall through the season of Lent.

The display includes free holy water, brown scapulars, rosaries, St. Benedict medals, miraculous medals, St. Anthony medals, and other devotions as well as informational pamphlets on the origin and importance of each. Some of the rosaries were donated by parishioners, and the holy water and some of the printed materials for the display were provided by the Church of the Resurrection, with the remainder of the materials having been purchased by Schoos and the Knights of Columbus.

The idea for the display came to Schoos in a dream and he began collecting materials and conceptualizing the layout before bringing the idea to Council 692 at their regular meeting in February. The initiative received overwhelming support from his brother Knights as well as from Fr. Jubish and other parish administration. In the short time that the display has been up in the parish hall, it has proven popular with the parishioners as well. Schoos hopes that the display will not only provide free objects, but will also remind parishioners of the wealth of prayers that they are provided by Holy Mother Church, particularly during the lenten season.

The display will remain available in the parish hall at the Church of the Resurrection on 900 Quincy Street in Hancock through Easter. For more information, or with follow-up questions contact Council 692 current

State Community Director

like scrapbooks that they are so good at. Please consider this as you start the new fraternal year.

Remember, men do not join the Knights to sit in meetings. Making your programs visible, fun and rewarding will give men in your parishes a reason to join your council.

I look forward to working with you and seeing your programs in action. Vivat Jesus!

John Hundiak
State Community Director

**Sacred Heart Major Seminary
'Endowed Scholarship Fund'
Kenneth Unterbrink, PSD – SHMS State Director**

cannot control values of families, we legalize such, as abortion, drugs, sins of the sexual revolution, gambling. We are Catholics – Into the Breach.

Michigan Knights of Columbus Leadership Installation Saturday, September 10, 2022

**Life Director
Ed Strach**

abortionists with little respect for my right to protest in a civil manner. The rudeness, with vulgarity thrown in from time to time, came from both young and old. I was not alone in taking a stance for Life. With the lead of Dr. Monica Miller's 'Citizens for a Pro-Life Society' about 75 stood firm while being harassed throughout the pro-abortion rally.

June 2022 - I share this day in contrast with you as the Dobbs Case is being deliberated by the Supreme Court and the Reproductive Freedom for All petition (aka Anything Goes Petition) is only a month away from wrapping up. We must continue to do what we can to take a stand for Life at this critical time in our life. What we do now for Life will affect those for generations to come. What we don't do now will also affect those for generations to come. Let's all do something. Here are a few ideas:

- Pray for the unborn
- Lead a Novena for Life in your parish
- Sign up for Citizens in Support of MI Women and Children
- Get involved in your parish and community to Defend Life

- Stay informed through Right to Life Michigan
- Share the facts about Life

May 14th, 2022 - Ann Arbor, MI – One more thing. The day ended in an interesting way. Toward the end of the pro-abortion rally the skies became dark with the wind whipping and then a down pouring of rain sent all scurrying for cover. A sign? I don't know, but it was an appropriate washing of the grounds that thousands stood on yelling and screaming for a woman's right to choose the demise of a child created in the image of God.

Ed Strach
Life Director
Michigan State Council
Knights of Columbus

Easter Basket Sale

Chesaning Knights of Columbus Bishop Kenneth Untener 4th. Degree Assembly recently held an Easter Basket Sale and donated the profits to the veterans food bank.



The above picture shows Tom Rombach, Faithful Captain of Bishop Untener Assembly, and Mary Rombach, bake sale coordinator, presenting a check for \$1068.75 to Judy Adams, The director of

"I Support the 1% Food Bank for Veterans" program. The Knights of Columbus are proud to be able to help our Veterans

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Saturday February 18, 2023 - 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

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With a Little Help from Our Friends



It's a Family Affair – This Lent, when the St. Nicholas Knights found they couldn't manage six fish fries by themselves, Grand Knight Joseph White called on parish families to lend a hand.

Earlier this Spring, the Knights of St. Nicholas Council #7011 knew our parish and the surrounding community had had enough of lockdowns, masking, social distancing, dispensations and hiding away from normal life. We met with our pastor and together we set a plan to open up the parish hall to our friends and neighbors and host fish fries once more, throughout the six weeks of Lent.

This presented us with a seemingly insurmountable problem: we didn't have enough Knight volunteers to staff the kitchen, the serving area, and the hall, in an effort to accommodate what we believed would be a huge response to our reopening. We wondered what to do. With some of our older Knights compromised and unwilling to put themselves at risk around so many people, especially following so closely behind the COVID Omicron variant wave, we were faced with a manpower shortage we couldn't overcome.

We discussed these limitations with Fr. Libor Marek, our pastor, who offered to make an appeal, both through our parish bulletin and from the pulpit at Masses leading up to Ash Wednesday. We decided to trust in the Lord and in our fellow parishioners, that help would come to set up the hall and with tables and chairs, man the serving line and manage the order fulfillment and clean up.

As the days passed and Ash Wednesday approached, the parish office got call after call. The Trail Life boys and Heritage Girls (our equivalent groups to the Scouts), the Rosary Society, along with a host of parents and kids turned out to help in the effort. When we opened for business on the first Friday of Lent we had a full house of volunteers, along with a lineup of folks waiting for a great fish dinner. We put a donation box beside the cash register for spare change donations for Ukraine and went to work.

For six weeks, the friends of the Knights showed up to set up, serve, offer service, clean up and tear down the fish fry. Every week they came. When someone had a scheduling conflict, someone else stepped in and picked up that job. The result was record sales; more cod, salmon, chowder, and shrimp than we'd ever served before, more rave reviews from all around St. Cyril & Methodius Parish in Sterling Heights, and a lot of new friends – as well as some new Knights.

On Ash Wednesday we were wondering if we had made a mistake returning to a full dine in/carry out menu and whether we'd be letting a lot of people down by over promising and under delivering. But, when the smoke cleared, we broke all previous records, AND raised over \$4,000 in charitable funds for our spiritual neighbors in Ukraine.

Throughout his papacy, Saint Pope John Paul II told us, "Be Not Afraid." This Lent, our council learned a practical lesson about what he meant – with a little help from our friends – and from above.

St. Peter Knights of Columbus Council 6534



The St. Peter Knights of Columbus Council 6534 in Eaton Rapids Michigan presented a Last Supper play titled "Is It I?" on 4/3/22 in the parish hall.

Among the cast were 3 father-son combinations and 1 grandpa, ranging in ages from 15 to 70.

The play has the 12 apostles frozen as depicted in Da Vinci's Last Supper painting right after Jesus said, "One of you will betray me!".

One at a time, each apostle unfreezes and reflects on his interactions with Jesus, his love and his fears, ending with the self-doubting question, Is It I? The institution of the Eucharist follows with the apostles exiting while singing, "Jesus remember me when You come into Your Kingdom".

The play was well received, and donations totaled \$917.25 for our Youth Group's summer retreat at Steubenville University.

A VARIETY OF CHARITY

Members of **Father Glen Weber Council 13115 in Houghton, Mich.**, assisted their parish and community in various ways in recent months. Among their recent projects, the Knights donated more than 1,400 pounds of food to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, donated coats to three elementary schools, installed a defibrillator at St. Ignatius Catholic Church and helped to raise \$23,000 for a pregnancy resource center.

Programs = New Members

District Deputy Golf Outing

This event is open to all current District Deputies and Wardens/Formal District Deputies and Former Wardens.

**Where: Royal Scot Golf Course
4722 W Grand River
Lansing MI 48906**

**When: September 24, 2022
Registration *:00am/Tee off 9:00am**

Price: \$70.00 per Golfer/Includes chance at a Door Prize

Includes 18 holes of golf, 2-man Blind Draw Scramble Format, Cart, Lunch at the turn, Dinner at Council 788. Optional: Raffles and Skins Game.

Sign up:
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Mike Kozakiewicz, Chairman 313-779-1348 cell

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Swartz Creek Council #6694 "Baby Bottle Drive" for Pregnancy Resource Centers

Submitted by: Mike Trundle, Grand Knight Swartz Creek Council #6694

Swartz Creek Council #6694 held a "Baby Bottle Drive" during the month of March for the purpose of raising money in support of local Pregnancy Resource Centers. Our council is steadfast in our belief that all life is to be valued and we are committed to doing our part in protecting those who are most vulnerable. We recognize, however, that we are only able to do these good works with the interest and participation of others. We are blessed with a very giving parish family at St. Mary Queen of Angels (Swartz Creek), and because of their generous support in addition to that of family, friends & faculty of St. Thomas More Academy (Burton, MI) we were able to raise over \$5,600!

We were pleasantly surprised and extremely excited by this outcome. It proves that there are many who also share in our values and our commitment to protect life. We are most grateful for the tremendous support received and trust that it will make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most.

On Monday, May 23rd, we distributed the proceeds of this initiative with a visit to both *The Luke Project 52 Clinic of Flint* and *The Flint Pregnancy Help Clinic*, presenting each a check in support of their incredible work for mothers in need. Though unable to visit, we presented a 3rd check to *Heartbeat of Greater Flint* as well. It was a wonderful day, very inspiring and uplifting to see all that these facilities offer and to hear the stories of their success. We hope to continue supporting their good work in years to come.



The Luke Project 52 Clinic of Flint - Brad Garrison, Executive Director; Mike Trundle, GK Present not in pictures is Bob Kranz, Chancellor and Jim Drummond, Advocate



The Flint Pregnancy Help Clinic - Shari Boley, Executive Director; Dr. Yvette Frownfelter; Aaron Survance, Flint Center Director; Mike Trundle, GK; Lance Wildman, DGK

Knights of Columbus Car Show raises thousands for charity

The Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Council #5492 of the Knights of Columbus sponsored its fifth annual Kick Off to Summer Car Show on Saturday, June 4, at St. Colette Church in Livonia, Mich. Nearly 150 classic and custom car owners displayed their vehicles at the show, which raised more than \$7,000 for Detroit area charities that the Council supports.

"This was our biggest and best Car Show yet since we started sponsoring Car Shows five years ago," said Bob Rais, who chaired the event for the Dooley Council. "We are grateful for all the support we received from the car owners who participated in the event and helped us raise money for the charities we support.

"I also am thankful for the more than 40 brother Knights as well as their many family member and friends who volunteered to help at the Car Show and ensure its success.

"In addition to the cars on display, the event featured food and beverages, door prizes and raffles, and a deejay playing oldies but goodies music.

Among the Detroit area charities that will benefit from the Car Show proceeds are the Corpus Christi Pantry, Gianna House, the Lennon Pregnancy Center, Sister Judie's Outreach and St. Leo's Soup Kitchen.



Grand Knight John Galindo registers a car at the June 4 Kick Off to Summer Car Show sponsored by the Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Council- #5492 of the Knights of Columbus in Livonia, Mich. The Car Show raised more than \$7,000 for Detroit area charities.



Spectators enjoy the nearly 150 classic and custom cars on display at the June 4 Kick Off to Summer Car Show sponsored by the Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Council- #5492 of the Knights of Columbus in Livonia, Mich.

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This year, through a combined effort, local councils will directly share over \$60,000.00 in State Raffle revenue. The proceeds, 20% of the Councils gross raffle ticket sales or \$1.00 per ticket sold by the Council. How much of this \$60,000.00 plus in revenue did your Council or your District earn? Have you seen an easier fundraiser? Simply buy or sell your State Raffle Tickets and your Council receives One Dollar (\$1.00) for every ticket you buy or sell. No License to apply for and purchase, no printing costs, no risk to your Council.

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*Michigan Knights of Columbus
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