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On this occasion of the 125th Michigan State Convention I am honored to present to this recap of the past year and my assessment of the state of Columbianism here in the great jurisdiction of Michigan. At last year's convention we had the election of our current state officers including our new State Warden Joel Kendzorski. Our board now has representation from the dioceses of Saginaw, Detroit, Marquette and Gaylord. We finished out the fraternal year with a busy schedule. The board attended along with dozens of 4th degree knights, the Special Olympics Summer Games Opening Ceremony in Mt. Pleasant where we presented a check on your behalf and cheered on the special athletes from around the state. We celebrated the first of many significant milestone council anniversaries with the 100th anniversary of Council 2515 in Allegan. The long and impressive history of many of our older councils is testament to the continuing importance of the service our order provides across generations and through many changes and challenges of the times. Some of the other anniversary events we attended included the 100th anniversary of Bishop Gallagher Council 2569 in Royal Oak and the 125th anniversary of Martin Carmody Council 389 in Grand Rapids.

In June, Lady Mandy and I joined all State Deputies in New Haven, Connecticut. Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly led the orientation and training. He spoke about "servant leadership" which fit nicely into my plans for the focus for our first six months on the theme of SERVICE, the first of the four-letter acronym S.O.A.R. As we sat in the pew at St. Mary's Church, the birthplace of the order and in the presence of the tomb of Fr. McGivney I was struck by the realization that 51 past Michigan State Deputies that came before me sat in that very pew. I was honored and humbled. In addition to being installed by the Supreme Knight, that weekend we were provided tools and resources along with introductions to many of the officers and staff at the Supreme Office.

At the Archbishop's Gala fundraiser for Sacred Heart Major Seminary, we presented checks on your behalf from the Seminarian Tuition Assistance Assessment and donations to the Endowed Scholarship Fund. Thanks to Past State Deputy Kenneth Unterbrink for encouraging council and individual participation in these initiatives. The golf season kicked off with the annual Guest House Golf Classic and the St. Louis Center Golf & Glory Outing. Representation at outings like this are useful exposure for the Knights of Columbus brand but also are accompanied by donations to these organizations to support their good works.

June also began our training season. New District Deputy training was provided for the new volunteer leaders. Our state officers and wives gathered for both New-Board Weekend and Board Turnover to continue the tradition of an orderly hand-off and training of the duties of each state officer. The state leadership team geared up the presentations for the Summer Leadership Conference which kicked off the new fraternal year.

We gathered in early July at Treetops Resort in Gaylord with all the district deputies, regional, state and diocesan directors. New State Chaplain Fr. Andrew LaFramboise celebrated Holy Mass and led us in adoration. We rolled out the expectations and plans for programs and membership consistent with our strategic plan. State Program Director Matt Wierzgac and State Membership Director Doug Kokot talked about the importance of balance between activities and recruitment and reinforcing the theme of "SERVICE". The COR initiative was firmly in the spotlight and continues to be a great tool for faith formation and connecting our membership and our councils to our catholic foundation. We included a good dose of fraternalism with an entertaining "80's Night" theme to Saturday hospitality. As usual, we followed the conference with the "Diocesan Road Show" taking key elements of our training and information to all seven dioceses.

Later in July we had our first ultrasound dedication of the year in Allen Park. State Life Director Ed and Lynn Strach have continued throughout the year helping with ultrasound approvals, dedications and ASAP programs in addition to Right-To-Life events and support. Additional ultrasound machines were dedicated in Alpena, Midland, and the 100th ultrasound dedication in Oxford. Ed and Lynn also represented Michigan at the National March-For-Life March in Washington D.C. in January. While the national event is still important, since the Supreme Court Ruling overturning Roe our focus is shifting more to the battle at the state level. With a chance to lead, Michigan turned the wrong direction with the passing of Proposal 3. There is much work to be done and we are working with great partners like Protect Life Michigan and Michigan Right to Life which both have new leadership in Trevor Polo and Amber Rosenboom who are both attending our convention.

In August, the Board participated with a couple hundred faithful from the Lansing Diocese at the annual Lansing Lugnuts Vocations Night. This fun family-friendly event along with Fraternal Vocations Night at the Grand Rapids Whitecaps minor league game and others like it, give knights a chance to show our public

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**From The State Chaplain
Fr. Andrew S. LaFramboise**



Fr. McGivney Pilgrimage

Dear Knights and Ladies,

I was blessed in June to participate in the Meeting for State Chaplains in New Haven. It was a beautiful time for fellowship and sharing. We were blessed to offer Mass together in Immaculate Conception Church in Terryville. This was the mission Church of Fr. Michael when he was pastor in Thomaston and Terryville. We also went to Thomaston and saw various marriage licenses he had signed. We went to the Opera House where he put on plays to bring people of the parish together. We also went to the cemetery where his family is buried and where he was buried until his body was exhumed in 1982 at the centenary of the order. The following day we offered Mass in St. Mary's Church in New Haven where the order was founded, and we were blessed to pray at the sarcophagus of Blessed Michael McGivney.

We continue to celebrate this Jubilee Year of Hope, and we do so mindful of the theme "pilgrims of hope." This opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Fr. McGivney was a pilgrimage. Our whole life is a pilgrimage. The friendship of the saints helps us to journey as pilgrims of hope. The saints are the friends of Jesus, and they are our friends as well. They are friends who teach us how to be friends of

Jesus. As I prayed near the tomb of Blessed Michael McGivney, I was reminded that he walks with us on our pilgrimage. His life and intercession sustain us to be pilgrims of hope.

Stars in the sky guide us. They fill us with hope. They help us to dream big. They can only do this because they are balls of fire. The saints guide us, fill us with hope, and help us to dream big. But they can only do so because they are filled with the fire of God's love. Blessed Michael McGivney is one of those stars in the Church.

Mother Elvira Petrozzi, the founder of *Comunita Cenacolo*, said to be on pilgrimage is to "discover that our brothers and sisters are gifts to us, a richness in our lives...we go because we have a need to find something. We need to find Someone. It is true that we have met him many times, but we always feel a greater need to encounter him."

How did the saints live their pilgrimage? By remembering their life is going Somewhere and it is lived with Someone. This pilgrimage of life is a great gift. May we always be grateful for it. But we also know our pilgrimage has a definite goal, eternal life forever in heaven with God and the communion of saints. Pilgrimages remind us of the glory of heaven. We are going Somewhere.

We also journey with Someone. Our pilgrimage through life is not a lonely one. Jesus is at our side. Fr. McGivney was sustained by the love of Jesus. He had a great devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As he lived as a dedicated and faithful priest, he knew the love of Jesus in his life. As we offered Mass in these churches where he offered Mass, I was mindful of the renewal he received from Jesus through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The offering of the Eucharist in these churches enabled him to encounter Jesus' love anew and to live out the mission entrusted to him. The Mass is our food for the journey, our food for our pilgrimage, and this food fills us with hope.

Isn't this one of the blessings of the new COR initiative, to help us men walk together as pilgrims of hope? The various state chaplains offered stories of different men being impacted by the new COR initiative. I was struck by the witness of a state chaplain in Mexico who said that wives are coming to him telling him how COR is helping to bring a renewal of faith to their husbands, and because of that, to their family. Brothers, please continue to place COR at the forefront of your mission as Knights.

Brothers, I encourage you to pray for Fr. McGivney's canonization. You could offer this prayer during your business or COR meetings. You could pray it in your homes for blessing upon your family. I have resolved to keep his canonization prayer in my breviary, so that I am daily reminded as I pray of this great parish priest who brought families together in charity and fraternity. Ask for his intercession in your life. Ask for his intercession upon the members of your council. He will help you on your pilgrimage through life.

Thank you for your service to our Lord and to the Church. May Jesus keep you all close to his Sacred Heart!

Vivat Jesus!

Father Andy LaFramboise

Father Edmund Battersby Council 2025 Richard Snyder PGK, FDD Scholarship Award



Grand Knight Jim Chuck presents the council's scholarship award to Hoan-Minh Joseph. Hoan-Minh will be attending Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, and studying Philosophy and Law

Programs = New Members

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**From The State Warden
Joel J. Kendzorski**

It has been a year now since I began serving as your State Warden. During this time, I have had many opportunities to meet with the knights in our state to work together to solve problems and address the concerns of our councils.

We are getting ready to begin a new fraternal year, which is an opportunity for each council to start fresh. We can now concentrate on getting this new year off to a great start by doing exciting activities within your councils and with your families.

During our recent convention on Mackinaw Island, we celebrated with some of the members of the order doing remarkable things. I hope your councils were able to come away with fresh ideas to focus on to help make our order better. This should be the goal of all of us, to try to continuously improve our order along with building upon our relationship with our bishops and priests. Now is the time to think about all the good works your councils do and how to share those ideas within our state. Do not hesitate to submit your activities and programs to our Michigan Columbian magazine and to our public relations/ social media director Matt Hoxsie to post online.

Going forward please keep in mind that the pillars of our organization are charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. We must continue to help those in need. We should work together to build a powerful sense of community within our organization and our parishes. We need to foster a sense of brotherhood to support our fellow members along with their families. We are proud citizens that uphold the values of our country. Of all of these, remember that fraternity is the key to our success. We should be creating a sense of belonging along with a connection amongst our members. In other words, we must work together on projects while at the same time having fun doing it!

To conclude I want to thank all the Knights of Columbus members in our state for the excellent job that they continue to do. I appreciate my friends and family for supporting my wife JanMarie and I as we continue this journey. I would like to express our appreciation to the "Faith is a Mountain" committee for all your support as we could not do it without you.

Thank You.

Vivat Jesus.

Au Lac Council 10724 Youth of the Month - April 2025



Pictured L-R: Grand Knight Patrick A. Bohr; Nova McKiernan; Fr. Joseph Esper, Pastor

Congratulations to Nova McKiernan on being named as our Au Lac Council 10724 Youth of the Month for April 2025! Nova is the daughter of Brenden McKiernan and Shelby Mies and a 3rd grade student at Immaculate Conception School in Ira Township. She is a frequent altar server at the Sunday 12:00 PM Mass. She played St. Bernadette in the Our Lady of Lourdes scene during our parish birthday party for Mother Mary. She has been an inspiration to her family which helped them decide to send her to our parish school. Although she is our youngest award honoree, she

shows a great love for Jesus. We thank Nova for sharing her faith with young and old alike!

Whatever work you undertake, do it seriously, thoroughly and well; never leave it half-done or undone, never feel yourself satisfied unless and until you have given it your very best. Cultivate the habits of discipline and toleration. Surrender not the convictions you hold dear but learn to appreciate the points of view of your opponents.

**From The State Membership Director
Douglas Kokot**

Greetings Brothers and Ladies:

I am honored to serve as your State Membership Director for another year. My primary objective remains to support you, your council, and your diocese in achieving success.

The tagline **SOAR** aptly represents our team's objectives. For the last fraternal year, we focused on **Service** and **Optimism**. For the first part of this fraternal year, we be focusing on **Aspire**. As we move forward, consider dedicating yourself to contributing to your church, your community, and our Order. Aspire to help your council's grow in faith, service to your church and to grow membership.

SOAR

Service – What Life is About

Optimism – The Faith that Leads to Achievement

Aspire – to Accomplish Great Deeds

Responsibility – to do Your Duty

The Knights of Columbus is dedicated to serving God's church, families, and the community.

Our programs impact many lives. The numerous annual initiatives by our Councils, State, and Order are both impressive and inspiring. Our actions evangelize our faith, which attracts Catholic men to join us.

The significance of growing our membership should not be perceived merely in terms of numbers, targets, and quotas. Instead, it provides every Catholic man with the opportunity to deepen his faith, contribute to his parish, assist those in need, and gain exclusive access to our outstanding fraternal benefits.

An organization's strength is often reflected by its membership. Men who join our Order can take pride in our accomplishments for Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. I urge you to invite more members, so our mission is clearly heard: "We defend the poor, widows, orphans, elderly, unborn, family values, and religious freedoms."

Our Order has had a significant impact through various programs. Special Olympics participants have benefited, lives have been impacted by our Ultra-sound Program. Our Coats for Kids program has provided children with needed clothing. Blood Drive Programs have contributed to life-saving efforts. Food Drive Programs have supported those in need. Last but not least, membership in the Knights of Columbus has positively influenced many men's lives.

A quote from Pope Leo XIV

"Do not be afraid! Accept the invitation of the Church and of Christ the Lord!" By inviting men to join the Knight of Columbus, we are inviting them to grow closer to the Church and Christ the Lord!

Let's take flight and **SOAR** together looking for God Grace and Love as we spread our wings and invite other Catholic men to come SOAR with us.

Fraternally

Douglas D. Kokot

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State Membership Director
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support for clergy and religious in our dioceses.

The Supreme Convention in beautiful and historic Quebec City was attended by our delegation in early August. Your delegates from councils around the state were on hand to see Michigan receive recognition for International Faith Program of the Year (Mason Council 9182) and the International Family of the Year (Joseph Ampe family from Marquette). I also had the distinct honor to give the nomination speech for our Immediate Past State Deputy Christopher A. Kolomjec who was subsequently elected as a Supreme Director.

As State Deputy and Former Master I have continued the supportive relationship with our Masters and the four Michigan Districts of the Fr. Hennepin Province. We attend as many of the patriotic exemplifications as we can and encourage all brother knights to join the 4th Degree and those who are able, to participate as a Color Corps member. It will provide for some of the most rewarding experiences as a knight.

We support and participate in statewide fraternal events like Knights on Bikes Meet-up weekend, Detroit Tigers Game, Detroit Red Wings Outing and the State Campout which was held near Houghton Lake with outdoor Mass, campfire stories, cornhole and pontoons. Other golf outing fundraisers where we sponsored or participated include the Gianna House Golf Outing, DAVL Golf Outing, Saginaw Bishop's Golf Outing and Banquet for Seminarian Education, and the Anthony G. Vittorini Memorial.

A state membership recruiting team sponsored and participated at the August Michigan Catholic High School Cross Country Meet in Dewitt and also the October Prep Bowl at Ford Field. While supporting our catholic youth and educators, we also successfully recruited a good number of men, bringing them directly into the order as E-Members.

On September 7th in Saginaw, we hosted the State Leadership Installation Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral with the formal reception held at Horizon's Conference Center. Knights on Bikes and local law enforcement provided an escort for the newly installed board and clergy through downtown Saginaw. Mandy and I were pleased to have the participation of so many friends, family and clergy to celebrate together the huge leadership team, both elected and appointed to keep the Michigan State Council moving in the right direction.

State Officers don't just golf – we eat a lot too! Representing you across the state, we contribute to, sponsor and attend many formal fundraising dinners such as Southeast Michigan Catholic Charities Gala (Host Sponsor), Heart of Christ Clinic Gala, St. Louis Center Fall Harvest Fest, Guest House Archbishop's Dinner, Special Olympics Ties & Tennies Gala at Ford Field, Detroit Catholic Campus Ministry Dinner, St. Louis Center Fall Auction Dinner where the State Treasurer bought himself a very nice recliner, St. Francis Camp on the Lake 40th anniversary Gala, Camp Sancta Maria Dinner, SPERO Gala, Michigan RTL Dinner, Interfraternal Brotherhood Dinner, Detroit Catholic Campus Ministry Mission Night, and Protect Life of Michigan Vision Dinners.

In September, some of us crossed the southern border and joined our Canadian neighbors in Windsor for Ontario's 125th Anniversary Celebration of the establishment of their first Knights of Columbus council. State Deputy Bruce Poulin was a gracious host and we had a delightful time.

Throughout the year we also attend and support many council and diocesan events as well with one or more state officers attending the Gaylord Diocese Clergy Appreciation Dinner, Clergy Appreciation Dinner at West Branch Council 2022, Clergy Appreciation Dinner at Dearborn Council 2660, DAVL Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Posen Wild Game Dinner where the State Deputy won a new rifle, Petoskey Council Polish Sausage Supper, Davison Council 4090 41st Annual Lansing Seminarian Dinner that raised over \$64k, the West Branch Council 2022 90th annual Sausage Supper, and the DAVL Vocations Dinner Dance.

Youth events continue to be offered by local councils with winners advancing to district or diocesan competitions including the State Soccer Challenge, State

Spelling Bee, Poster Contest, State Free Throw Championship and the new Hockey Challenge. We tested the hockey equipment out at the Winter Leadership Conference and my ceremonial first shot missed the goal but fortunately the hockey ball didn't leave a mark in the convention center wall.

The Fall MI Drive was held in October around Columbus Day weekend with many councils opting for a second effort each year or simply trying to target a warmer weather option. Council submission of the participation paperwork is now handled through standard Form 10784. This sometimes goes unreported as councils are still familiar with the "old way" or they don't report if they don't participate. We received a nice share of the incentive money from Supreme but we could have done better as reporting was down from previous years.

With nearly half the year behind us, Supreme called State Deputies together in Washington D.C. for our mid-year meeting in early November. We were blessed with good training, good counsel and reinforcement of Supreme's priorities for growth and development. We left energized to finish the calendar year strong and motivated to keep our councils engaged through the winter months. Little did I know that God had a plan that would affect me more than any plan we came up with. On November 13th I came home rather late from work and found Lady Mandy unconscious and completely unresponsive from a severe stroke. Best estimate is that she had the stroke about six and a half hours before I came home. From the first few hours to now over six months later she has made remarkable progress in her rehabilitation but still has significant limitations. She is not yet able to live at home but in early May she graduated one step closer. She moved to an assisted living facility in nearby Frankenmuth where she continues to get physical, occupational and speech therapy along with daily care assistance. Paralysis on her left side keeps her from being able to stand or walk, but we are able to take day trips and Mandy is getting back to communicating with phone, social media and email. She misses everyone and looks forward to getting back to attending Knights of Columbus events. We are both extremely grateful for the loving support of our fraternity and the astounding amount of prayer that has been offered for her healing and our family's strength and endurance. Dealing with this challenge at an age much younger than expected, I admonish any of you who are of good physical and mental health now, to consider talking with your Supreme Council Field Agent about long-term care insurance. I have a new perspective that I do not want to share with others.

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

The Winter Leadership Conference was held once again back at Crowne Plaza in Lansing during Advent. Participants could earn a "Nice" button if they recruited a member within a designated window of time. I proudly wore my button after recruiting three new members. One was in the lobby of the hotel, one at a credit union, and the third in my office at work. The third one had to wait until he completed OCIA and was fully initiated into the church, receiving sacraments at Easter. He was eager and proud to become an E-Member as soon as he could and will soon join his local council. We all have lots of opportunities to welcome other catholic men to our order. We can do better!

We are grateful for the opportunity every year to meet with all the bishops at Michigan Catholic Conference in Lansing. This year was a great exchange and discussion about what we can do for each other. The bishops shared their excitement for and approval of the Cor Initiative and the desire to have it implemented in all parishes. They also applauded our support of vocations and asked us to continue looking for the priestly candidates that must come from within our own families and parishes.

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The Diocesan Meeting Road Trip began in January and I shared my theme of “Optimism,” the second letter of the acronym S.O.A.R. as we again visited every diocese. The bishop of each diocese attended these meetings and shared their personal support and message of encouragement directly with the knights of his diocese.

In February, with the help of Fr. Matthew Hood and Detroit Catholic Campus Ministry we initiated the start of a new College Council by holding an Exemplification at Wayne State University. The council charter is still pending but nearly complete. Members are from a number of area colleges and universities. The State Bowling Tournament was held in Burton. Attendance continues to decline but this is still a great fraternal event that provides a nice financial boost for the sponsoring council. They are considering ways to freshen up this event to breathe some new life into it. Finally, in February we held the State Chaplain’s Tribute Dinner at Zuccaro’s in Chesterfield. We recognized and thanked Fr. Andrew LaFramboise along with councils, districts and individuals that have excelled in recruitment. We’re doing well, but we can do better! Michigan always rallies late in the fraternal year and we need it.

Michigan knights held our second Cross Catholic Outreach packing event in Plymouth, creating meals that will serve thousands of hungry families. State Director Garrett Kelenske is looking at how he can help with more of these and/or other outreach projects that bring knights and others together to provide needed goods or services within our communities. The Detroit-Lansing Catholic Men’s Conference was supported and attended by our membership team in March with successful results.

Pope Francis allowed for the retirement of Archbishop Vigneron by naming his successor, Edward J. Weisenberger from Tucson, Arizona. The board attended Archbishop Vigneron’s Last Mass and Archbishop Weisenberger’s Installation Mass, welcoming him to Michigan and pledging our support. He has long been involved with Knights of Columbus and expressed his desire to continue our great collaboration. Our best wishes go with Archbishop Emeritus Vigneron and we give gratitude for his ministry.

The board and many other knights participated in the Detroit St. Patrick’s Day Parade and Green Mass at Most Holy Trinity, maintaining a long-standing tradi-

tion. March quickly turns to April but not without volatile weather. Devastating storms spawned high winds and tornadoes in the Southwestern portion of the state while an incredible ice storm left widespread damage throughout the North-eastern portion of the lower peninsula and parts of the upper peninsula. I heard of many stories of knights in action from single one-on-one assistance by brother knights to councils and even districts mobilizing resources to help with cleanup, safety and security, shelter for displaced people, and damage recovery and repair. These are the times that truly make me proud to be a Knight of Columbus; when we step in, step up, speak up, or jump in to help others in need. Never forget the first principle of Charity.

At the time of our convention, the fraternal year is not yet over. We look forward to the next round of new State Deputy training at Supreme in New Haven as well as the Summer Leadership Conference to be held this year at Double Tree Hotel in Bay City. In spite of our challenges, I am still very optimistic. Michigan is in good shape – but we CAN do better! We have too many councils with zero recruitment activity, or a lack of good leadership, or with conflict internally or with the parish. We are making progress but are capable of so much more. I believe conditions are ripe for us to see significant growth in membership but more importantly, growth in our parish communities. I am truly happy with the leadership team in place and confident we can provide the encouragement, tools, and resources to empower members in any council in this great state to make a difference. In June and July we will focus on the theme of “Aspire” for our next six months. I ask every member, every council, to aspire to do something *more*. As Mandy asked her ladies at last year’s Summer Meeting, “Be the Change!”

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

50th Anniversary of St. Michael Church



The event on March 16, 2025, was a spectacular day as St. Michael celebrated its 50th Anniversary as a parish. The celebration started at 11:30 Holy Mass and the church was filled with a variety of parishioners, founding members, and those who have moved away but returned for this special occasion.

The choir filled the church with song and many musical instruments complimented the lovely sound. Many familiar faces, old and new, were in attendance along with Fr. Bill Seibert, Fr. Francisco, and our very own Fr. Bob Violand. The Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Alan Vigneron, Fr. Mike Quaine, Fr. (Artemio) Tim Galos, Deacon Franz Hoffer, and Deacon John Kovacik.

Fr. Mike gave a short History of the Parish, saying that the founding Fr. Larry Jackson was with St. Michael for over 30 years, before he retired. His motto was “All are welcome in this place.” This is still true today. One outstanding addition was the beautiful mosaic sculpture that the parishioners made, and it was installed as a permanent part of the church. This event was followed by a luncheon at the Italian American Cultural Center in Clinton Twp. Attended by 412 people. Vivat Jesus,
 Grand Knight, Sir B. (Bomber) Martin
 St. Michael of Sterling Hgts.
 Council #13799

The Mass started with a procession led by the Color Corp master Curt Best, followed by Archbishop Alan Vigneron (official last act before retiring) officiating.

From The State Program Director Matt Wierzgac

My Brothers and Sisters,

As we stand at the threshold of a new fraternal year, I invite each of you—council leaders, directors, and members—to reflect on one powerful word: **aspire**.

To aspire is more than to hope—it is to **reach upward** with purpose. It is to look beyond the comfortable and toward the meaningful. As Knights of Columbus, we are not called to do the bare minimum; we are called to **be excellent**, to **lead boldly**, and to **serve selflessly**. This year, let us aspire to grow—not just in numbers, but in impact, in unity, and in the depth of our faith.

Our programs are the hands and feet of our Order's mission. Through **Faith, Family, Community, and Life**, we carry the light of Christ into the world. But these programs are not just boxes to check—they are opportunities to **inspire transformation**: in our parishes, in our families, and within ourselves.

So I challenge you:

- Aspire to lead a Rosary night that awakens devotion.
- Aspire to run a Food for Families drive that feeds not only bodies, but hearts.
- Aspire to mentor a young man into deeper faith through your witness.
- Aspire to take your council's programs to new heights—not with complexity, but with **commitment and creativity**.

This year, let's not settle for "what we've always done." Let's pursue **what we've always been capable of**. Ask the Holy Spirit to stir in you a desire to dream, to serve, and to build. Tap into the gifts of your brother Knights. Invite new men to join and bring their ideas. **Aspire to be the council others look to for inspiration.**

In all that you plan and do this year, let **aspiration lead to action**, and let action bear fruit.

Thank you for your leadership, your vision, and your commitment to the mission of the Knights of Columbus. Together, let's make this year not just one of maintenance—but one of **meaningful movement forward**.

Let's continue this momentum this year and SOAR!

Vivat Jesus!

Matt Wierzgac

State Program Director

Au Lac Council 10724 Justin Mello Memorial Award



Pictured L-R: Adam Homiak;
Grand Knight Pat Bohr; Alexis
Kiley

Congratulations to Adam Homiak and Alexis Kiley for being chosen to receive the Justin Mello Memorial Award during the I.C. School sports banquet on May 20! The award is presented each year to an 8th grade boy and girl for their achievements in sports, academics, conduct and citizenship.

Justin Mello was a graduate of Immaculate Conception School who tragically lost his life in October, 2000 at the age of 16. Every year our Au Lac Council presents the award in his memory. We hope that by honoring his memory we remind all parents about how precious each and every child is to them and to us.

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Ladies Corner

Dear Ladies,

I am so sorry I was not able to attend the 2025 Michigan State Convention, but I am continuing to make progress in getting stronger after a stroke in November 2024. I am incredibly grateful for all the texts, emails, and Facebook posts so I could keep up with what was going on.

For those who arrived early at the convention, they started Wednesday morning with the Eucharistic Procession from St. Anne's Parish, through the streets of Mackinac Island and ending at the Grand Hotel, followed by Adoration. The Opening Mass was once again a highlight of the convention with the new Archbishop of Detroit, His Excellency Edward J. Weisenburger along with 9 bishops, Diocesan chaplains, and 80+ priests in attendance. We were also blessed with a seminarian from Sacred Heart Major Seminary and two from the Marquette Diocese. It was also a "welcome home" to the newest Supreme Director, our own Immediate Past State Deputy, Christopher Kolomjec and his wife, Julie, who were the Supreme Representatives for the convention.

Thank you to all who made the Ladies Charity Raffle at the State Convention successful again this year. With the generosity of the Weingartz family matching funds again this year, the Knights are able to donate nearly \$26,000 to charities supported by the Knights of Columbus and the Weingartz family.

I personally planned the Ladies Program some time ago and was really looking forward to the Grand Hotel's resident historian, Bob Tagatz, talking about the history of the hotel and focusing on the designers and décor of the hotel. I understand he was fabulous and kept everyone thoroughly entertained.

Hopefully, you all came home from the convention with wonderful memories, many made with lifelong friends and new friendships we have made.

By the time you read this, the Summer Leadership meeting will be here and gone as it was the last week of June rather than early July, as in recent years. Welcome to the new District Deputies and directors and their wives. Thank you for stepping up and taking the baton. We look forward to working with you all and making new memories. We would like to thank those who have dedicated the last several years to the Order and we know we will continue to see you at various events, and you can always be called on as mentors to those coming in.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the wives of our State Officers and Past State Deputies for everything they have done to keep things moving along while I continue to get stronger. These women have come together to make sure everything runs like a well-oiled machine, and I could not have done this without them. We did not lose a beat these past 9 months.

I would also like to thank all those who have sent cards, emails and texts to both Barry and me. They have kept us positive, and we know that everyone has been keeping us in their prayers.

On behalf of all the ladies of the State Board, we wish you all a fun and safe Summer. We thank you for supporting your husbands as they work on the Good of the Order.

God Bless you all,

Mandy, Pam, Christy, Kara, JanMarie and Julie

Sacred Heart Icon Displayed at Lake Orion



An icon depicting the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was displayed at Christ the Redeemer in Lake Orion during May. Parishioners and visitors viewed the icon at the Chapel entrance. Related prayer booklets in English and Spanish were available for individual reflection.

The original icon painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni is venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. Lake Orion Knights of Columbus arranged for the display as part of the organization's Pilgrim Icon Program, aimed at spreading devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus
125th Annual State Convention
May 23, 2025
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

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

As we approach the end of this 125th Annual State Convention, let us be aware that we represent all the Knights in Michigan. In a way, all our brothers are here in you. We are responsible for what we do here in our home councils. So, let's take these few remaining minutes to speak freely and informally on some distinctive ways to participate at home where we continue to be involved.

When Father McGivney encouraged pastors to form councils in their parishes, he started a special relationship between a Knight and his parish. That special relationship requires at a minimum that the grand knight or his representative calls on the pastor. To prevent conflict with existing groups, the pastor assigns the projects. But what if you call on the pastor thinking of new directions. Maybe you start to take new ideas from new members? What might this look like?

For example, Michigan Knights support pro-life activities, and our ultrasound initiative is one of the best in the Order. What if you and the pastor discuss other activities, such as, organizing marches, prayer vigils, and educational campaigns? What if you discuss looking into assistance with adoption services and advocacy for legislation to protect life at all stages? There are also opportunities in religious education and evangelization. In addition to financial support, Catholic education, including Catholic schools and religious formation for children and adults also includes organizing events like retreats and the "Saints and Scholars" campaign for Catholic Education in the Diocese of Lansing.

We can also ask the pastor why so many have left their childhood religion. The decline in religious affiliation among young people should be a growing concern for us. This concern might lead to an increase in mentorship programs for young people. We could help reinvigorate religious faith and engagement by working with our pastors to create youth-centered programs and events in our parishes to make young people feel welcome and involved in the church community.

Providing opportunities for youth to lead, volunteer, and participate in activities can help them feel more connected to their faith. Older members could mentor younger people, offering spiritual guidance, advice, and support under the direction of the pastor. Expanding religious education opportunities for young people, such as retreats, Bible studies, and workshops, can help them understand the relevance of their faith in today's world.

Offering more contemporary and engaging ways to learn about faith might appeal to a younger audience engaged in social media and digital platforms. By creating engaging content, live streams of Mass, and interactive discussions about faith, they can meet young people where they are, on their phones and computers. Offering podcasts, webinars, and online communities centered around faith can help make religious discussions accessible to those who may not regularly attend church.

Each of these youth-centered approaches could address why many have left their childhood religion to the tune of 28% adults who identify differently now than how they were raised in the U.S ⁽¹⁾. But this may be the perfect time because another survey suggests that more youth are turning to masculine Orthodox Christianity ⁽²⁾. They are all young people and mostly people who have Protestantism or no background or atheism. Maybe they're looking for eternal truth. Maybe they're looking for the actual reality. Maybe they are looking for us to lead, to evangelize.

We can encourage the formation of smaller faith-based groups that provide a sense of community and belonging. Think Cor. And hosting events that bring together people from all age groups can help young people see the importance of maintaining their faith through all stages of life, possibly addressing any lack of connection, spiritual doubts, or disillusionment with organized religion. In Michigan, we Knights, you, can have a profound impact on these Catholic issues, working with local parishes, schools, and charitable organizations to meet the needs of

the community.

After all, we engage in community service, including providing food, clothing, and shelter to those in need. We also assist with local food banks and homeless shelters and may organize fundraising events to support these causes.

Knights are often involved in responding to natural disasters by providing financial aid, supplies, and volunteer manpower. Witness the response to the recent ice storms here in Michigan. But this is most identifiable through United in Charity at the level of the Supreme Council. That addresses physical needs around the world, including recovery efforts. Michigan's last appointed disaster relief director here served from 2013 to 2016.

Continuing with some distinctive ways to participate where we continue to be involved now, consider social services, advocacy for religious freedom, and vocations support beyond RSVP. Discussing these questions with our pastors might lead to extraordinary results. What might be done to help expand the Heart of Christ Clinic at the Basilica of St. Anne de Detroit to new locations in the state of Michigan? What might be done to protect religious freedom, including supporting legislation or initiatives that ensure we Catholics can practice our faith freely in public and private spaces? How can we encourage youth to consider becoming seminarians and novitiates?

It is time to pause and reflect.

Distinctive ways to participate where we continue to be involved is not new ways to carry out old activities. In these discussions with our pastors, let's find new ways and do new things. Since we profess to be in Christ, we are new creatures as St. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:17. Let the message of reconciliation surround these questions with our pastors. Let our love of Christ motivate our discussions to foster a welcoming environment, to focus on service, to promote faith formation and education, to leverage technology and social media, to strengthen family and community ties, and to evangelize.

Brothers, I will conclude with this. We are in the universal Church's Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year which began on Christmas Eve last year and will continue until January 6 next year. This includes the Jubilee Celebration of Young People ages 18 to 35 which runs from July 28 to August 3. Therefore, the committee suggests that we work with our pastors to create youth-centered programs and events in our parishes to make young people feel welcome and involved in the church community.

By combining these efforts with a focus on understanding the reasons why young people are leaving their childhood faith, such as, lack of connection, spiritual doubts, or disillusionment with organized religion, could go a long way in helping the Knights of Columbus and Michigan parishes engage younger generations and help them rediscover the value of their Catholic faith. In Michigan, as in other states, we Knights have a profound impact on these Catholic issues, working with local parishes, schools, and charitable organizations to meet the needs of the community.

We here are responsible for what we do here in our home councils. So, let's take what we have been given to speak freely and informally at home on some distinctive new ways to participate where we continue to be involved.

Thank you and God bless you.

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

The Good of the Order Committee: Round Table Director and Chair Daniel Remeika, Hispanic New Council Development Director Julio Salinas, Archdiocese Membership Director – South Hans Hansen, Gaylord Diocesan Membership Director – West Joseph Zayaz, District Deputy #309 Brian Galloway, District Deputy #405 Joseph Harnish, Grand Knight #788 Andrew Wegener, Grand

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From Warmth to Worth: What the Knights of Columbus Make Possible at Vista Maria

For 142 years, Vista Maria has been a steady presence for young people and families who needed someone in their corner. Founded in 1883 by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, we began as a single home for girls in Detroit and have grown into a mission-driven organization serving youth and families across southeast Michigan. While our programs have evolved, our focus remains the same: to walk with each young person in faith, care, and a steadfast belief in their individual worth. Today, we help youth facing cycles of trauma and instability by not only providing services, but a place where they are encouraged and empowered to move forward.

Our story began with five Sisters of the Good Shepherd who came to Detroit to care for young girls and women society had cast aside. They opened the House of the Good Shepherd, offering shelter, education, and guidance to those in need. As the need for care grew, the Sisters expanded their work to a new campus in Dearborn Heights, which was gifted by Henry and Clara Ford. In 1942, the organization was renamed Vista Maria.

That same spirit of fearless compassion still drives us today, as our services have grown to meet the ever-evolving needs of youth in Michigan. Vista Maria cannot accomplish our mission alone. We depend on committed supporters like you. The Knights of Columbus play an essential role in sustaining and expanding our impact. Since 2021, your generous support through the Coats for Kids program has kept hundreds of youth warm—both on our campus and in foster care throughout the community. These coats do more than provide comfort; they send a powerful message that every child is seen, valued, and cared for.

We support young people who have experienced severe trauma, abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Many arrive at our doors having cycled through numerous placements, institutional care, or unsafe environments. For some, it's the first place they feel safe, supported, and unconditionally valued.

Vista Maria offers a full range of care designed to meet youth where they are and help them move forward with dignity and purpose:

- **Foster care and adoption** programs that prioritize stability and lifelong connections. We support both foster families and birth families, with a focus on reunification when possible and permanency when necessary.
- **Recovery programs for adolescent survivors of human trafficking**, including specialized residential care. Vista Maria operates one of the few facilities in Michigan offering comprehensive treatment and stabilization services for youth who have experienced exploitation.
- **Transitional and independent living** programs that support youth aging out of foster care and prepare them for adulthood. These include supervised group living, apartment-based programs, and support from caring adults to help navigate life skills like education, employment, healthcare, and budgeting.
- **Residential mental health treatment** for youth with complex emotional and behavioral needs. This includes individualized treatment plans, clinical therapy, and support for education and wellness—all within a safe, structured, and trauma-informed environment.
- **Juvenile justice case management** and community-based services through our newest program, InSight Youth and Family Connections. InSight supports court-involved youth and their families through home-based therapy, wraparound care, and restorative practices focused on reducing recidivism and increasing community connection.

In April 2025, Vista Maria merged with InSight Youth and Family Connections, a respected provider of juvenile justice and community-based services across southeast Michigan. InSight now operates as a program of Vista Maria, continuing

its mission to support youth and families involved with the justice system. The merger allows us to expand our impact, offer more prevention and intervention services, and create a more integrated continuum of care for youth across the region.

We often serve young people during the most difficult moments of their lives. Some have faced unimaginable abuse, have been trafficked or abandoned, or have never had a consistent adult believe in them. Vista Maria is often the first place where they feel secure, supported, and unconditionally valued.



Our approach is both deeply spiritual and intensely practical. We offer therapy, education, housing, life skills, and more. But perhaps most importantly, we provide compassion and a path forward. This work is essential. It helps youth break generational cycles and build lives grounded in purpose and possibility.

Healing from trauma requires extraordinary patience and commitment. Meredith Reese, our Chief Operations Officer and Interim Agency Lead, explains, "Healing is hard. It can be messy, painful, and incredibly difficult. But at Vista Maria, we witness daily the transformative power that caring adults consistently show up with empathy, patience, and understanding."



Each year, hundreds of young people find hope and possibility at Vista Maria. Jaedyn, a current resident in our Shepherd Hall Independent Living Program, shared, "Some advice that I would give future residents that come to Vista Maria is: this isn't a permanent place. It's a place to help you. It's not a punishment. You didn't do anything wrong. You had wrong things happen to you, and that's why you're here. The staff aren't here to tell you what to do. They're here to help you figure out who you want to be."

These words reflect a truth we see every day: when youth are surrounded by care and support, they begin to believe in themselves again. They realize their future can be shaped by hope, not defined by what they've endured.



Dynisti, another young person in our care, came to Vista Maria after years of struggling with her mental health and bouncing between hospital stays. She shared, "I was having mental breakdowns at school, [and] around my mom and family. My mom didn't know what to do, so I kept getting sent to the hospital." After a few months in our residential program, Dynisti transitioned into Independent Living Plus. Now, she's focused on finishing high school and going to college for nursing. Dynisti also volunteers as an assistant volleyball coach for younger girls on Vista Maria's campus. "I feel supported by Vista a hundred percent," she said. "Now my siblings look at me and say, 'Wow. I want to be like her.'"

Stories like Jaedyn's and Dynisti's show why Vista Maria exists. They prove that healing is possible and that, with steady encouragement from a community of people who care about them, youth can rise above their trauma and become leaders for others.

Sr. Janice Rushman, RGS, who works closely with the youth and lives on our campus, reminds us: "Our loving Creator does not always extend the divine hand directly to us, but so often gives us help and strength through friends and supporters, who stand with us in this Holy Work."

That support makes a lasting difference. Your involvement—through advocacy, volunteering, or giving—helps youth reclaim their dignity and build lives filled with purpose. We invite the Knights of Columbus to continue walking beside us. When others step back, you step in. And no child should face their future alone. We deeply value our Catholic roots, the resilience of the youth we serve, and the partnership of committed supporters like you.

From Warmth to Worth: What the Knights of Columbus Make Possible at Vista Maria

How You Can Help

Donate

Support us with a monthly gift, shop our wish lists, or include Vista Maria in your planned giving: www.vistamaria.org/donate

Volunteer

Mentor a youth, adopt a Holiday Wish List, or volunteer your time: Contact Jessica Marcetti at jmarcetti@vistamaria.org

Advocate

Invite us to share our story at your parish, school, or council event: Follow [@VistaMariaOrg](https://www.instagram.com/VistaMariaOrg) on social media or visit www.vistamaria.org



The Right Place at the Right Time

God uses people, especially Knights, to help others in unexpected ways. A brother Knight (we'll call him Don) and a friend went fishing in the Detroit River recently. On the way back to the launch they came upon a boat that looked like no one was in it. As they got closer they saw there was a dog in the boat. Then as they got even closer they saw a man crumpled down in the boat.

They got close enough to hook the boat and the friend jumped into the other boat and discovered that the man (we'll call him Ed) was having a stroke. The friend drove the other boat to the launch and Don followed him in his boat. They got out and several people were just standing around. Don went to Ed's boat to help him out. Ed wanted to call his wife and Don helped him find his phone in the boat. Ed was able to talk well enough for Don to understand him. Ed called his wife then Don talked with her and she was understandably hysterical about what happened.

Don got Ed's car keys out of his pocket and EMS took him to the nearby hospital. Don and his friend pulled Ed's boat out of the water and took care of his dog. They called Ed's brother and waited until he came.

Don said that it was a last minute decision to fish in the Detroit River that day. They had been fishing closer to home recently but decided to try a different location on that day. It turned out to be a life-saving decision by brother Knight Don and his friend for someone named Ed who they just happened to meet that day.

Council 14729 - Chili Cook-Off



St. Augustine of Hippo Council 14729 from Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Edwardsburg, hosted a Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser to benefit the Edwardsburg Food Pantry (EFP). The event featured 10 local chefs with a variety of homemade chili's. With community backing, the event raised over \$2,600.00 to support local families in need. In addition to chili tastings, guests enjoyed

raffles, baked goods, and family fun. Judged by a popular vote, the winner of the cook-off was Brother Knight, George Pabreza, who has had 85 years of experience in the kitchen.

In the picture on the left is check presentation: Amy Hefler-Mgr EFP, Brother Knight Bill Eustis and Pastor Scott Sheel-Dir EFP. Pictured on the right is Brother George Pabreza.



K of C Au Lac Council Youth of the Month - May 2025



Congratulations to Melanie Bilicki on being named as the Au Lac Council 10724 Youth of the Month for May 2025! Melanie is the daughter of Mike and Kandie Bilicki and a freshman student at Cardinal Mooney High School in Marine City. She is a very active member of our I.C. Parish Youth Group and has participated in many parish activities, such as the summer festival and Lenten fish fries.

At Cardinal Mooney High School Melanie received the Citizenship Award and has been on the Honor Roll. She also received a Varsity letter for girls basketball as a freshman. While at Immaculate Conception School she received the President's Silver Education Award, Personal Success Award for Perseverance and Patience, Art Award and Academic Olympics Awards.

We thank Melanie for sharing her faith with others and for her service to our parish! Pictured L-R: Patrick Bohr (Au Lac Council 10724 Grand Knight); Melanie Bilicki; Fr. Joseph Esper (Pastor - Immaculate Conception Parish)



Failure is not fatal. Failure should be our teacher, not our undertaker. It should challenge us to new heights of accomplishments, not pull us to new depths of despair. From honest failure can come valuable experience.

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Foster Care + Youth Transition

We offer a stable, nurturing home for children when they are unable to safely remain in their home. Through support of the child/parent bond, reunification is always the hope for a child entering care.



Residential + Family Care

We provide safety, structure, and trauma-informed care within our treatment programs for youth and families who have experienced trauma and mental health issues.



Independent Living

We create a safe, nurturing home-like setting for youth transitioning from foster care with intensive coaching and life skills training to become functioning members within their community.



Sheltering + Community Care

New Hope Community Center in Lansing provides 24/7 shelter, warm meals, and veteran services while we help individuals and families secure safe and stable housing.

OUR MISSION

Hope and Healing

To bring hope, promote change, and help people live free, healthy, and productive lives

OUR VISION

Purpose in Commitment

A future where family and home are certainties for everyone

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Faith in Action



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A SAFE HAVEN FOR THE YOUTH OF SAGINAW

THE COMPASS CENTER

Workforce Development

The Compass Center is here to give youth and young adults the support they need during those critical moments in real time. Our open-door campus located in South Saginaw is for youth and young adults to visit any time for a warm meal, community events, life-coaching, or to receive employment and housing support.

Our goal? To guide our youth and young adults toward a brighter future. Because everyone deserves a chance to thrive.



Whipping Up Life Skills in the Kitchen

Under the guidance of our Culinary & Lifeskills instructor, our Compass Center participants are mastering safe food prep, cooking, and even the art of sharing space. It's more than just a meal; it's about building confidence and community! These formative sessions happened every Monday in June.



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Saline Council 6674



The Saline Council 6674 commemorated the International Day of the Unborn Child with a Living Rosary and Chaplet at the Ann Arbor Planned Parenthood abortion facility on Saturday, March 29, 2025. Our Chaplain and St. Andrew Parish pastor, Fr. John Linden, led us in these prayers asking Mary to intercede in the closure of all abortion facilities across Michigan. The Day of the Unborn Child was instituted by Pope St. John Paul II in the late 90's and coincides with the Feast of the Annunciation.

St. Peter Council 653



On March 30, 2025, St. Peter Council 6534 in Eaton Rapids was recognized for 50 years of service (March 31, 1974-March 31, 2024) by the Michigan State Council and Immediate Past State Deputy Christopher Kolomjec. Some of the Council members stood for a photo with State Secretary Charles McCuen III (who presented the award) and District Deputy Michael Schaefer. Holding the plaque is Grand Knight Michael Mills. Some members are in costume as they rehearse for the upcoming "Is It I?" Lenten play.

St. Patrick Council #13319



On April 26th, the St. Patrick Knights of Columbus Council #13319 performed yardwork for a St. Patrick parish member in need. This person had received a notice from their homeowners insurer that the

property would no longer be insured if the shed on the property was not removed. Our crew of Knights took care of the problem in short order and also cleaned up the yard for good measure. Many thanks to all of the Brother Knights that helped out with this project.

Au Lac Council 10724



Thank you to everyone who donated to our Mother's Day flower sale! A total of \$830 was collected and will be given to RTL-Life Span. Thanks also to the brother Knights and other volunteers who helped with the event, plus a special thank you to PGK Peter Cornwell and his wife Janis who are our pro-life leaders throughout the year.

PLAV Post #16



The local PLAV Post #16 in Dearborn Heights, Michigan is an inspiration to the city by promoting its national pride and great service to their veterans. However, the need for new flags could not be afforded by the post. Holy Cross Assembly #1622 of the Knights of Columbus rose to the occasion and purchased the three flags for the post. The post now can publicly show its support of National Pride openly and continue to be of service in the community.

K of C O'Kelley Council #3860



K of C O'Kelley Council #3860 recently served dinner to the retired Priest's in Clergy Village Livonia. This core group does this every other month

with each member taking the lead for that month's featured entree'.

St. Perpetua Council 13600

Below is a picture of our Brother Knights from St. Perpetua Council 13600, that participated in the road cleanup on April 12th, 2025. There were 12 Brother Knights that participated.



Cardinal John Dearden Council 744



Cardinal John Dearden Council 744 donated a new Grill to St Peters Church in Mt Clemens, MI. It had it's inaugural Buffet Breakfast on Sunday April 27th 2025, when it was Blessed and then served nearly 200

Parishioners.

Serving the Parish breakfast has been a monthly event for over 28 years and the Council has served the Church and the Community for over 122 years.

St Catherine of Siena Council 6980



St Catherine of Siena Council 6980 in Portage, MI held its third annual Kentucky Dinner and Dance. It was a very successful event. It raised over \$6,500 which will be used to support local organizations. The event included a catered dinner, DJ Music, Silent Auction, 50/50 raffle, best hat contest, and pick-a-pony contest.

Au Lac Council 10724 - Catholic Education Scholarship Award



Congratulations to Alexis Kiley and Michael Ogden on receiving the Au Lac Council 10724 Catholic Education Scholarship Award! Their essays were chosen as the best from

the Immaculate Conception School 8th grade class on the topic of "Why a Catholic High School Education is Important to Me." They will each receive a \$1000 scholarship paid to the Catholic high school that they will attend next year. We thank their parents for choosing a Catholic education for Alexis and Michael and we say best wishes for their high school years and beyond!



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Knight #2950 Michael Dixon, Grand Knight #6223 Matthew Girdham, and Grand Knight #7237 Eric Simon.

Childhood Religions, March 26, 2025

(2) US News, Young men leaving traditional churches for ‘masculine’ Orthodox Christianity in droves, Rikki Schlott, Dec. 3, 2024

(1) Pew Research Center, Around the World, Many People Are Leaving Their

Michigan Traveling Team Exemplification

We are finished with the fiscal year 2024-25 and we had scheduled 41 Traveling Team Exemplification during this period and put over 150 thru the Exemplifications.

Our current State Deputy Barry Borsenik asked our staffs to help and train other Council Exemplification Staffs who need assistance so they can do their exempts in a more professional way. We all know that the first impressions the Knights of Columbus are very important. We know that we have many teams that will put on their own exempts. This is all just great. However, so far, we have had only a few local exemplification teams attend any of the degrees that the Traveling Team has put on. We have also had a few neighboring council s bring a candidate to the exemplification.

The Traveling Teams will still be doing Exemplifications for any Council or District upon request as before. In addition to that, the Traveling Teams will go to a District or multiple Districts to put on an Exemplification, with other council exempting team members present to observe how they may do their own exempt more professionally. An Exemplification should be done from the heart with expressions and enthusiasm and not just simply reading the part. Our goal is to hopefully have better exempt teams and retain more new Knights that will be excited about the Knights of Columbus. We want them to get involved and become a long-time member of our council.

How this will work is I, as the State Ceremonial Director, will be working with the DDs to schedule these training exempts. When we schedule training exempts for one or more Districts, we want as many as possible council exempt team members present to observe how the traveling team puts on an exempt. There will also be some new candidates present to become new knights, as well as family and other knights. Team members can see how the Traveling Team prepares the chamber and how they work with the fibers, rosary and pins. When we get it done, the staff will answer any questions that may be asked and try to help them become an even better exemplification staff.

Gene Murawski

State Ceremonial Director

**38 TH ANNUAL VOCATION GOLF OUTING
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The Father Kenneth C. McDonald Council #9182 in Mason Michigan sponsored their 38th Annual Vocational Golf Outing for Seminarians on May 10, 2025, at the Wheatfield Valley Golf Course in Williamston, Michigan. It was Brother Knights, Angels

and a Parish that supported all aspects of the outing with time, talent and treasures. A community of local businesses, that supported and donated items and sponsorships for T-Shirts, door prizes, silent auction, large raffle, breakfast sponsor, lunch sponsor, golf ball sponsor, Koozie sponsor and the \$10,000 Hole in One sponsor. A record setting 32 teams and a record earnings

Au Lac Knights Remove Church Ceiling Fans



On March 31st several Au Lac Council brother Knights and other volunteers removed the fans from the ceiling and installed new and much smaller units at Immaculate Conception Church in Ira Township. Our council continues to help make our worship space more energy efficient while maintaining its beauty.

K of C Council 4764 Supports Love INC



PGK Ron Hines, left, and GK Tom Tiffany present a \$5,000 check To Patricia Schapira, Executive Director of Love INC.

At their April 8 general meeting, Lake Orion Knights of Columbus Council 4764 supported Love INC with a \$5,000 donation. Love INC (Love in the Name of Christ) of North Oakland County is a Christian ministry linking partner churches, volunteers, and community organizations to aid local neighbors in need. Director Schapira thanked the Knights saying “Love INC isn’t a hand-out; we offer a hand-up.”

Lake Orion Knights of Columbus Council 4764 members are parishioners of St. Joseph and Christ the Redeemer Catholic Churches.

District 118 Exemplification - May 13, 2025



Pictured L-R (Row 1): Eric Scmitt; Michael Purifoy . Pictured L-R (Row 2): Ron DePestel (State PD Detroit East); Pat Bohr (GK 10724); Rich Burke (GK 5981); Mark Kehoe (10724); Mike Cousins (State DAVL Director) . Pictured L-R (Row 3: Ken Krause (5981); Ed Arnold (5981); Matt Hoxsie (DD118 & State Public Relations Director)

Congratulations to Eric Scmitt and Michael Purifoy for joining the Knights of Columbus on May 13th! They joined Au Lac Council 10724 in a ceremony hosted by Anchor Bay Council 5981. Thank you to the brother Knights from both councils and welcome Eric and Michael!

NOTE: FOR GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCIL PR CHAIRMAN

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

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

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

Knights of the Month

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| Lansing Council 788
Rich Rybicki, Paul Connors
Lou Garbarino, Dave Schulte | Fr. Thomas R. Carey Council 4764
Stephen Roback *cky | Will Wilson, Mike Orsini | Lansing Council 11694
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| Monroe Council 1266
Joel Whalen, Jeffrey Couturier
Brian Masserant, George Kelly | Gladwin Council 5280
Ranson Lambert, Richard Miller | Lowell Council 7719
Dale Bonn, Ben Vanderhart | Port Huron Council 11756
Mark Rummel, John Derler |
| Portland Council 2168
Andy Pulling, Chase Fitzsimmons
Sean Eddy | Waterford Council 5436
Thomas Kendziorski, Jeffrey Patrus
John Dean | Howell Council 8169
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Joe O'Neill, Chris Gier |
| Howell Council 2659
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John Letter | Laingsburg Council 12044
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| Standish Council 2724
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Jerry Zarczynski | Auburn Hills Council 8659
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Don't wait until everything is just right. It will never be perfect. There will always be challenges, obstacles and less than perfect conditions. So what. Get started now. With each step you take, you will grow stronger and stronger, more and more skilled, more and more self-confident and more and more successful.

NOTE: FOR GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCIL PR CHAIRMAN

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

James J. Kelley, State Council Family Director, 7263 Village Square Dr., West Bloomfield, MI 48322

*cfy - council knight of year, send a copy of the names to the Michigan Columbian.

Families of the Month

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Anchor Bay Council 5981

Congratulations and welcome to four new members of the Anchor Bay Council 5981! The Charity/Unity/Fraternity Exemplification was hosted by the Anchor Bay Council and the Degree Team from neighboring Au Lac Council 10724 led the ceremony.

Pictured L-R 1st Row: John Edmunds; Thomas Edmunds; David Robles; Shivaji Sengupta (new members).

Pictured L-R 2nd Row: Jim Ruemenapp; WGK10724 Pat Bohr; Dave Szczepanski; DD118 Matt Hoxsie; Supreme Insurance Agent Don Wesley; WGK5981 Rich Burke; State Program Director-Detroit East Ron DePestel.

Knights of Columbus Saginaw Diocese 2nd Annual Religious and Clergy Appreciation Dinner



St. Louis Center

Fun in the Sun and on the Golf Course

Greetings in the Name of the Lord, Brother Knights!

First and foremost, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to be with all of you at the State Convention in May. Your commitment to the service of the least invigorates my love for our mission to serve our residents at St. Louis Center. Thank you. My heart is filled with joy and thanksgiving whenever I think of all the amazing support we receive from Knights of Columbus councils across Michigan. With your help, we are able to continue to care for residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities in a meaningful way.

Not only are your financial contributions impactful, but so is the time you generously donate through your volunteer efforts. Recently, several Knights from the Irish Hills Council renovated the gazebo outside of Fr. Guanella Hall. Their hard work has secured a calming shelter for those who need it. We have also had Knights graciously aid us in our admin work.



Personally, I greatly appreciate the archival work they have done for us, humbly working through and organizing our records. This type of work might not be flashy, but it has a lasting impact on all that we do here. By providing a hands-on style of giving, your generosity offloads a

wide range of labor from our staff and allows them to focus more fully on the residents.

As summer begins, many residents enjoy their favorite event of the year: Special Olympics. This amazing opportunity allows residents to joyfully experience the beauty of teamwork and physical activity. Every year, the residents practice and train for this and return with many prizes and medals. I appreciate this gift of an opportunity that God gives our residents to live joyful lives. I am fully aware that the Knights of Columbus is a huge supporter of the Special Olympics, and it gladdens me to see its impact first-hand.

I would also like to take a moment to thank every Council that has sent St. Louis Center money from its Tootsie Roll Drive. It is through your continued efforts and support that the residents know that they are loved and cared for.

In thanksgiving, every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, as well as every Friday during the Rosary, our residents pray for all of you. In addition, every day our brother Knights and their family members are remembered during Holy Mass in our Chapel. God bless you.

Fr. Sathesh

Fr. Sathesh Alphonse, SdC

MEET THE RESIDENTS

Linda Alber

Linda grew up in a big family in nearby Manchester MI.

For many years she worked at the University of Michigan, using public transportation to make the commute. She retired in August 2021.



Linda moved to St. Louis Center in 2013 and really likes her housemates. She also enjoys going to Chapel, clay workshops, and especially doing jigsaw puzzles - big ones with lots of pieces.

Special Olympics holds fond memories for Linda. She loved bowling and hopes to regain her strength so she can play again. Caitlin, Fitness Specialist, offers classes several days a week. Linda participates



to improve her mobility and strength. Cardio drumming is one of her favorite classes.

Linda says the Knights have great food at

their fish fries. She enjoys going to them each Lent.



Read more about the history of the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive and St. Louis Center here:

bit.ly/SLC-tootsie

St. Peter Council 6534 - Last Supper Play

On April 6, 2025, St. Peter Council 6534 in Eaton Rapids presented their annual Last Supper play for Lenten reflection titled "Is It I?". Actors were primarily fellow Knights which included two father-son pairings and one grandfather. Parishioners provided music, lighting, sound and refreshments.

The play has the twelve apostles in a still pose as depicted in Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper. After Jesus declares he will be betrayed, each apostle approaches the audience and reflects on their relationship with Jesus. Each speech ends with the same self-doubting question: "Is It I?". The institution of the Eucharist follows. The apostles then exit while singing "Jesus remember me when You come into Your Kingdom".

The play was well received and performed with great passion. Donations totaled \$1265.88 with all proceeds going to the Youth Group. Attendees numbered around 200.

Council #13432, St. Patrick's, Traverse City, and St. Mary's, Hannah

April was a busy and productive time for Council #13432, St. Patrick's, Traverse City, and St. Mary's, Hannah, in Northwest Lower Michigan. On April 11 & 12, Council #13432 Brothers collected monetary donations for the annual *Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities* campaign. Our heartfelt "Thanks" to Tom's Food Market, in Interlochen, and Family Fare grocery store, in Chum's Corners, for their generous support and annual assistance in allowing use of their store.



On April 14, in preparation of Holy Week & Easter, Council Brothers pressure washed the concrete sidewalk and entranceway into St. Patrick's Parish.



On April 26, Council Brothers held its annual Spring Scrap Metal Drive at Kingsley High School. The drive completely filled a 70-cubic yard roll off bin with assorted ferrous metal

brought from households in the surrounding townships items. In addition, Brothers separately collected scrap aluminum and copper equally several hundred pounds for beneficial recycling. Profits will be used to support community charities.



May They Rest In Peace

- Bay City Council 414**
Richard Banaszak
- Standish Council 2724**
James Whitson
- Caro Council 3224**
Austin Hessling
- Southgate Council 3956**
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David Desilvio

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- Clinton Township Council 11689**
Ralph Colosimo

St. Patrick White Lake Council 13319 Right to Life Fundraiser



On May 3rd, the St Patrick Knights of Columbus Council #13319 supported the Lakes Area Right to Life at their annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser at St. Patrick Parish in White Lake. Our Brother Knights were busy with setup, clean-up, serving drinks and waiting tables (among other things). The night included some great food and even a little dancing after the meal. A good time was had by all. Many thanks go out to all that helped make this event a success.

Council Provides Easter Baskets to Community Members



St. Jude Thaddeus Council 2890, Westphalia, Michigan assembled Easter baskets for 15 families and elderly in the local community. The idea was spearheaded by Grand Knight Randy Cusack and several members of the council as a program to put our faith into action. Those in need were identified with the help of the local parish, St. Mary, Westphalia. Snacks, Easter treats, meal starters, and 30 certificates for pre-purchased meals with delivery from local restaurants were included in the baskets. Council members delivered the baskets on Holy Saturday and received sincere appreciation from all of the recipients. Members enjoyed visits with the individual and families as they extended well wishes and greetings for a blessed Easter from the council and parish family. Deliveries included visits with a 99-year old parishioner and an eventful game of cribbage with another parishioner. The activity was a great success and the Council plans to continue next year.

Tickets

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, ST., ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Number of Lower Box Seats _____

Number of Main Level Seats _____

FRONT-TX _____

Please Note: Michigan State Council #13319 and Lower Box Seats are \$17.00 each. Main Level Seats are \$10.00 each. All tickets must be requested by Saturday, July 12th 2000.

All Ticket Requests Must Be Received No Later Than Saturday, July 12th 2000

Michigan Knights of Columbus 2024 - 2025 State Raffle Winners

Prize #	Ticket #	Winner	City	State
1st	660074	Becky Cook - Alpine Restoration	Gaylord	MI
2nd	406693	Eduardo Mena	Detroit	MI
3rd	532233	Chris Tavalisky	Jackson	MI
4th	83512	Mike McDermett	Rochester Hills	MI
5th	88497	Ron Stewart	Rochester Hills	MI
6th	430162	Tim Oliver	Eaton Rapids	MI
7th	446611	Jason Kulpa	Williamston	MI
8th	322051	Lida Pakula	Dearborn	MI
9th	186925	Carolyn VonMatt	Gladwin	MI
10th	261049	Mark Wilke	Lexington	MI
11th	433721	John Suckowski	GranLedge	MI
12th	568179	Diane Brechting	Comstock	MI
13th	194472	Neil Thelen	Lake	MI
14th	904214	Claudia Clancy	White Lake	MI
15th	257015	Ron Rutkowski	Decker	MI
16th	620938	Terry Duley	Cadillac	MI
17th	708331	Blaine Simon	Holt	MI
18th	908651	Scott Korycki	Canton	MI
19th	91013	Justin Bissett	Brown City	MI
20th	711818	Tom McCarthy	Lansing	MI
21st	188917	Raymond Kico	Roscommon	MI
22nd	176347	Dave Gagne	Rushing	MI
23rd	451700	Cornelius Quinn	Howell	MI
24th	117297	Gerry Stevenson	Waterford	MI
25th	710781	Gerald Winkler	Stanton	MI
26th	612110	Charles Marker	Grand Rapids	MI
27th	559093	Mary Boncher	Caldonia	MI
28th	350051	Mark Mercurio	Erie	MI
29th	49383	Jack Yandvra	Royal Oak	MI
30th	396692	James Ostermeyer	Canton	MI
31st	911908	F. Woody		MI
32nd	104329	David Pranger	Shelby Twp.	MI
33rd	315644	Cody Hepler	North Olmstead	OH
34th	901458	Randy Parker		MI
35th	550114	Barclay Hayes	Onstead	MI
36th	657162	David Hammond	Mercersberg	PA
37th	908198	Brian Thelen	Milford	MI
38th	908558	Ellen Mardeusz		MI
39th	309032	Lawrence Doll	Chelsea	MI
40th	486251	Marylou Schmitt	Westphalia	MI

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The Guild
Now!**



■ YES I wish to enroll in the Guild and to receive the newsletter. Name _____

■ Address _____

■ City/State/Country _____

■ Please list below the names and addresses of any family or friend who might be interested in the Guild's work.

■ Name _____

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■ MONTHLY MASS FOR GUILD MEMBERS

Michigan State Council
Knights of Columbus
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Fr. Michael J. McGivney Guild

By Tom Marcetti, Sr PSD – McGivney Guild Chairman



Pope Francis stated that Blessed Michael McGivney's "zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for the needs of his brothers and sisters made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance." The Holy Father set his annual feast day for Aug. 13, the day between Father McGivney's birthday (in 1852) and the day he entered eternal life (in 1890).

The Guild is free to all. It serves as a source of information about the life, works and spirituality of Fr. McGivney. The Guild publishes a quarterly newsletter and offers a weekly Mass for the intentions of Guild members.

This free Guild membership is not limited to K of C members. I encourage you to ask your spouse, family members, neighbors and parishioners to join and learn about our blessed founder.

As of April 1, the Michigan Guild membership was at 9,556. This number is far short of what Michigan is capable of achieving.

To join the Guild using a computer, go to: <https://www.fathermcgivney.org> and fill in basic contact information.

Right now, with your smart phone, use this QR code and make it happen!

You too will be part of the organization that will help move our founder to sainthood.



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