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FROM THE STATE DEPUTY

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The fraternal year started out with the Summer Leadership Conference at Boyne Highland with the edification of the District Deputies and Directors for the Michigan jurisdiction. We trust that this training will bear fruit in membership recruitment, insurance for our families, and an increase in programs for our councils as well as an increase in charity.

Our membership in the Michigan jurisdiction on July 1, 1985 was 73,126, on July 1, 2009 were 70,978, and on August 23, 2016 were 66,484, on June 30, 2017 were 65,958 and on September 1, 2017 were 65,750. Our District Deputies and Directors and you, my brother knights are assigned the task to bring the Knights of Columbus Order to every practical Catholic man. This is the mission for each of us. I would expect each of our state officers to recruit at least one member this fraternal year.

Our Supreme Knight initiated the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund in 2014 to help the Christian refugees in Syria, Iraq and the Middle East. We/you helped with fundraising at the State Convention with half of the bucket raffle going to the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund and the other half to Holy Cross Children's Services with a matching of the raffle from Weingartz's (Everything from Lawn to Snow). This is what we do, helping those who cannot help themselves. \$15,089.66. to each charity.

Our Supreme Convention saw Council #7304 Fr. Leo McCann Council in Brighton awarded Second Place for the International Youth Award. They held a Catholic College Night with twenty-one Catholic colleges to discuss benefits and educational assistance available to our youth. Thank you to Council #7304 for your service to our youth.

With the Building the Domestic Church and Strengthening our Parishes, we as men are asked to rejoin our parishes as men to teach our children, our youth, to provide a Catholic haven with us, there to share our time teaching, mentoring, and interacting with our youth as men of the parish. We as knights are asked to bring programs – Free Throw contest, Spelling Bee, Poster Contest, Essay Contest, and Soccer Challenge, to our parishes and be with our parishes. We have so much to offer as leaders of our families and of our parishes.

Preserve our membership in our councils. We have a responsibility to keep active all our members. Call and invite all the members to participate in the council activities, especially our Fifth Sunday Rosaries, our Corporate Communion, our Council Picnics (open to the entire parish) because it is said that our members do not join to attend meetings and pay dues. Our members join to be active in our programs, our faith initiatives, to have their families involved, to help others. It is the officers of the council that have this responsibility.

We are entering in to the last three-fourth of the fraternal year. For the sake of our Order, you are all being asked to offer to all Catholic men and their families the opportunity to be a Knight of Columbus. Our Order is the largest Catholic men's lay organization in the world. We are a brotherhood of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. We are like men of the Catholic faith with charity in our hearts with our time, talent and treasure. Charity is not only about treasure, but time and talent, all given by God. Remember – STAR COUNCIL for all councils.

Most suspension are 1st Degree members and members that have not availed their family to the insurance benefits of the Order.

It is important that ALL districts host an Admission (1st Degree) EACH month and each district host a MAJOR Degree twice a fraternal year.

With this fall season upon and the celebration of the Birth of Jesus Christ upon us, these are opportunities for family events, our family as Knights of Columbus, our family as Catholic parishes, for our Domestic Church is our family, our extended family, our Knights family, our parish family. We are all part of the Domestic Church and it is we who will Strengthen our Parishes.

Council Newsletter and communication with our council & district members is important. We hear that communication is important, and then a council newsletter for all our members is of utmost importance. Retention of our members – yes, council newsletter - please make available for our members, prospective members, those members who are past due with dues payment, recruitment drives – please make available the booklet **“These Men Called Knights”**. Ask your Grand Knights to make this booklet available for all members to study.

It is always a good time to attend an Admission Degree (1st Degree). You must be a practical Catholic as understood by the Church. One issue is that marriage shall be blessed by the Church. Another is obedience to your superior officers and the laws of the Order.

Tuition Endowment Scholarship Program for the Sacred Heart Major Seminary

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FROM THE STATE CHAPLAIN
V. Rev. William J. Turner, PhD, KCHS



These past many months I have been facilitating our initiative to gather funds supporting our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. As I am in the Holy Land each year, and as I am well aware of the needs as well as the crises there, I chose two projects while visiting this past May that would have an excellent effect for these Christians and also bring honor to our Order. The first proposal was to use \$25,000.00 to support the parishes in their summer programs for children. The State Office, because of your donations, was able to send these funds over to the parishes in July. The happiness in the face of these young people, knowing that we care about them enough to give them a time of peace and joy amid their sadness, made all efforts worthwhile. I have sent pictures to the state Office of

the children enjoying their time in the programs. Some youth are holding signs with the Knights of Columbus logo upon them, as their way of thanking us. Secondly, I proposed that we support the Catholic girl's school in Bethlehem, managed by the Sisters of St. Joseph, as the Junior Girls Building desperately needs refurbishing, safety features, and most of all, a furnace. In the cold months the morning temperature goes down into the low 40s. In August the State Office sent them a check for \$25,000.00, which amounted to half of the amount I had hoped we would raise, but was the rest of the funds sent to the State Office by our Councils and Assemblies at that time. I am greatly thankful for this generosity from 150 of our 425 Councils, but I was sure more could be forthcoming, if I sent out the word in a more efficient manner. For the last two weeks of August I called all Councils that were yet to contribute to the initiative. It was an onerous task as so many names and numbers in the State Directory were not up to date and so many Grand Knights are away on vacation or busy about family duties in that month. Many Councils had not heard about the request.

We are a large state and so many programs are ongoing and sometimes overlapping. I was edified that over 200 Councils that I called expressed interest and told me that they planned to bring up the request at their September meeting. At the time of writing this article in early September, I am hoping for a good response so that we will be able to send additional funds to the Sisters for the furnace. I will report the result to you in the next Newsletter. Once again, on behalf of our brothers and sisters in the Middle East, thank you all, for: "Whatever you have done for the least of these, you have done for me."

I would also like to further encourage you to make active our pledge and promise to our bishops and priests of Michigan to truly make our Knights devoted to the Domestic Church. I ask you to emphasize living a Catholic family life at home and away, and to support your priests as active members of the parishes both at liturgy and in the programs of the pastor. I especially reflect upon the need to offer yourselves as examples of family men, and even participation in the religious education of the children.

God bless you in these and all your works, and may the zeal of the Venerable Michael McGivney inspire us all! Vivat Jesus!

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Council 8391 Recruitment Event



Hillsdale, MI: Council 8391 held a recruiting event at The Source on the campus of Hillsdale College on Tuesday, August 29th in Hillsdale, Michigan. The Source is a gathering of campus clubs, local businesses and charities. It showcases the many activities, employment possibilities, local goods, and volunteer opportunities Hillsdale has to offer.

Thomas M. Wegener, PSD FSD



My Brother Knights and Ladies,

In each of our pasts, we made a decision to join the Knights of Columbus, to belong to an organization of Catholic men which was then and is still now the largest Catholic Family Fraternal Service Organization in the world. In fact, as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you and your family are part of the largest Catholic lay organization in the world.

We have, by our membership, been entrusted to use our talents and experiences to further the mission of our Founder, the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney.

His Mission, our Mission, is quite simple actually. First is to live the life of a Catholic Man and family. Second is to live a life of service and charity. Both of these require dedication. Both of these require attentive and repetitive service. And both of these require faith that our beliefs and our actions will be pleasing to god and to our fellow man.

Today then we are members of a movement, members of a great society that looks inward towards our own (Unity and Fraternity), and outward (Charity) to those in need. To further the goals of this movement, this great society, we and our councils will have to become even more active in our parish communities. This is the goal of our ongoing Order-wide initiative Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish. This initiative is intended to strengthen and support Catholic families. In order to accomplish this, we Knights of Columbus and our families must be

fully integrated into the sacramental life of the parish.

All Knights of Columbus resources, programs and membership should be utilized to support the programs and initiatives of their parishes. This initiative is in standing with who we are as Knights of Columbus. We are a Catholic brotherhood based upon the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, dedicated to faithful and unparalleled service to the Church.

The closer the Knights of Columbus becomes to parish life; the closer we work with our parish priests; and the more we support Catholic families, the more our Order grows in membership and charity.

To help grow the domestic church, our councils need to focus on offering the benefits of membership to qualified Catholic men. One of the best ways to convince these men and their families to join our order is through our example of charity.

Ours is a charity that Evangelizes. Through the good works our members and their families perform in their parishes and communities, they give witness to what it means to be a Catholic and to follow the path of the Good Samaritan.

All of you know how much good our Order does. And we could do even more if we had more men to help us. Our charitable work and programs go hand-in-hand with achieving membership growth. When a man sees the good works of the Order in his own parish or community, he becomes more open to being a part of that organization.

The Knights of Columbus is the right organization for any man interested in helping those in need, serving his parish, growing in his faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for his family.

Be prepared to ask a man to join and to tell him your own story of how being a member of the Knights of Columbus has made you a better man, a better husband, a better father and a better Catholic.

Encourage your brother Knights to do the same. Asking a man to join is always the first – and in many cases the only – step in getting him to become a part of the Knights of Columbus.

Membership growth is very important. It means doing even more good in the communities and parishes we serve, and it allows us to protect the financial future of even more Catholic families.

We have the honor of being members of an organization that is second to none in the good that it does. We have much to do in the year to come. Our families depend on us. Those in need depend on us. Our Church and our communities depend on us. Let us work together, with charity, unity, and fraternity so that we can meet those needs and create a better world, one family, one council, one parish, one community at a time.

As many of you know I ended my term as a Supreme Director on August 31st. Joyce and I would like to take this opportunity to look back during these nine years and thank you all for your support.

We traveled to Quebec City for the Supreme Convention with the State Board in August of 2008 as a newly minted IPSD. After ten years as a State Officer with the last two as your State Deputy I was down to my last few hours of vacation at work and looking forward to a several days' nap upon returning home. Well, so much for that thought. An interview with the Supreme Knight on Monday, announcement as candidate on Tuesday and elected as Supreme Director by the delegates on Wednesday.

It was such a surprise and honor to be elected as Supreme Director. Upon returning home we had to prepare for our first board meeting. As it happened our very first board meeting was in October and the board was to participate in a pilgrimage to Rome and the Vatican in honor of the Pauline Year, celebrating the 2,000 birthday of St. Paul. Tradition is to install the new board members during the first board meeting and so, after a Mass in the Pauline Chapel of St. Mary Major Basilica in Rome, I was installed as Supreme Director. The new Supreme Warden and Supreme Master were installed as well. You might think it would be downhill from there but really each new experience was on such a high plane.

Over the nine years we've visited the Vatican, twice, and we were in the room with Pope Benedict and we were honored to meet Pope Francis; visited Poland on a pilgrimage of Saint John Paul II sites, attended the World Meeting of Families with a front row seat at the Papal Mass, and a year ago February we went to Mexico City to the shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe where we held a wheelchair distribution and had a close up view of the Tilma. Each and every pilgrimage was truly spiritual.

Some of the highlights during these nine years include having the Board approved changes in all 4 degrees with major changes

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From The State Advocate
Walter K Winkle, Jr.



Involving our children in several of our events and encouraging them to grow up learning our catholic faith can be challenging in today's atmosphere. The parents may be concerned about their child's future as adults and try to conform to a challenging curriculum evolving sports, dance or many other pre conditions to entering a collage including a sizable scholarship. In the meantime several parishes and councils offer programs that may involve young children gowning in our Catholic Faith such as Catechism or other youth programs. We as Knights need to be on the forefront to assist in this growing and learning process. It is required that you also participate in any and all programs requested by your Diocese or parish while representing your council as a Knight of Columbus. If you have a Council youth event and are on Parish grounds or just an event within your Council, you must also participate with *Praesidium*, this is an organization that has worked to provide knowledge and tools that safeguard against sexual predators for more than 20 years, All Grand Knights and Council Youth Directors and any other members that will be in contact with any youth programs must participate with the *Praesidium's Armatus®* online Program. Through this partnership, Knights of Columbus provides youth leaders with access to the most up-to-date resources to keep children safe, including online training, background checks, and an exclusive hotline to report child safety concerns (**1-844-KOFC-SAFE (1-844-563-2723)**). If you have

identified anyone on the sex offenders list, contact Supreme on line at oyp@kofc.org or 203-752-4558. You no longer need to contact the St. Advocate to report this. I will be able to answer any questions you might have if necessary. This training may seem to be repetitive but, we must safeguard our children no matter how much time it takes, to protect them from the predators that place themselves in the confidence of others. These classes teach us how to be vigilant in the children's security and is not meant to accuse anyone taking this course of misconduct. With the Supreme *Praesidium's Armatus®* online Program, there will be a uniformity within our order that could provide a larger scale of protection from state to state. Please do not let this training discourage your council from participating in youth programs but, in fact, allow you the confidence that you will encourage many young children to enjoy your events and provide memories that they will never forget and the fun they had with the Knights of Columbus.

Over the past decade "social media" has grown to be the preferred method of communication. There is Facebook, tweeting, websites and Apps that can help you spread your ideas, information and beliefs. This has proven to be both a good and bad way to communicate. I know, some of you do not even use a computer or have a smart phone and may have only heard about some of the good and not so good conditions that occur by using this format to communicate but, used with good conscience and common sense, could be used in very productive ways. This still should concern you because what a brother knights posts on "social media" good or bad, is a reflection of who you are as a member. You may have heard the expression "Fake News", this is basically someone that is either out right lying to the people it is presented to or misunderstood news from another source, not much different than gossip. It is easy to just cut and paste or forward any of this information to your family, friends and even brother knights. Unfortunately there are a lot of people that believe everything they see, and believe me, it is amazing how people can alter pictures and documents to make them appear to be real. What follows next is the communication, someone will respond either positive or negatively to such a post, some may not even be a brother knight or even Catholic, but may instantly form a negative opinion or post a comment to see if they can encourage some type of outrage from others that are reading the posts.

When something is posted on "social media" by someone that identifies himself as a brother knight, and he is sharing "fake news" this makes all of the knights look bad and gives the people ammunition and cause to attack our catholic faith and the Knights of Columbus once again. What is the first thing you think of when you hear the company names of Target, BP Gas, Sea World or United Airlines? They have all had some type of negative news coverage and may have caused the public consumer not to use their services. I ask you to be careful of what you post and how you comment when you use "Social Media". Your comments could be the difference of a prospect joining our order or not. They could effect not just your council, but others as well. When posting other members and their families pictures, please ask them if they mind. If not, then share the great things that your council does for the church and community.

Protecting the brand of the Knights of Columbus is a reflection of who we are as brother knights. The way we communicate, socialize, and live our faith as Catholics, is and has always been, despised and ridiculed whenever the opportunity arises. As members of the Knights of Columbus, we are living proof that the Jesus Christ lives through our daily actions. We should do our best to emulate his teachings so that we may become better men and better Catholics. Most of us have attended the three degrees that remind us of our duties towards Charity, both moral and materially, Unity, the glue that keeps us together as a brotherhood and Fraternity, the Latin word *frater* meaning "Brother", sums up what we try to achieve as brother knights, a special bond with our faith and each other. Let's use "social media" in a positive manner to promote the Knights of Columbus and show the world how great our Catholic Faith is and why everyone should learn the words of Jesus Christ. Please pray for all of the Christians that are being persecuted across the Middle East and those effected by natural disasters across the world.

Pere Marquette Council 1492 in Ludington, sold fried dough during a series of town street fairs. The 200 volunteers hours yielded \$1,500 in sales, which the council donated to the Ludington High School Resource Center. The center provides basic necessities such as food, clothing and laundry detergent to youth from families in need or to those living on their own while trying to graduate high school. The support services also extend into the summer months, when school is out of session.

**From The State Program Director
Dale Schaedig**

The State is off and running with a strong emphasis on membership and the Domestic Church. We have completed the Diocesan training and the District Deputies have completed their training so all the information to have a successful year has been presented. We are offering some very nice rewards for member recruitment which are detailed on our webpage (www.mikofc.org). We have eliminated the Michigan Achievement award and have urged all councils to strive for the new Domestic Church Activities Award which requires two programs in four different activities. This information along with a list of programs was given to each District Deputy at the summer meeting to be given to their councils. This information is also on the State Website.

The Domestic Church requirement for the Columbian award was omitted and replaced by the Domestic Church Activities Award so the Columbian Award is back to what it was before last fraternal year. The requirements for the Columbian Award for the 2017-2018 fraternal year are 4 programs in each of the 6 activities (Church, Council, Community, Family, Cultural of Life and Youth).

We have kept the MI-01 and changed the title to the Columbian Award Activities Report to help the councils track their progress toward the Columbian Award. The MI-01 will again be used to generate the Columbian Award form for submission to Supreme.

Please remember that the MI-01 is due at the end of each quarter.

Our youth programs are starting with the Soccer Challenge with the State level being held on October 15th at Clarkston Everest Academy. The Keep Christ in Christmas Posters need to be to the State by Jan. 31st, 2018. The youth Essay Contest submissions need to be to the State Youth Director (Kevin Rowley) by Mar. 15th, 2018. The Substance Abuse Posters (alcohol or drugs) need to be to the State by Mar. 30th, 2018. The State Free Throw will be held on Mar. 11th at Sacred Heart Parish in Mount Pleasant. The State Spelling Bee will be held on Mar. 17th, 2018 at Fr. Van Rooy Council #2740 in Essexville.

There will be a new spelling list for this year which will be published on the State website in early September.

We are going to be busy with all the programs that are going to take place in the upcoming months at the Council, District and Diocesan levels in preparation for the State Youth competitions. Please remember to wear your Knights of Columbus shirts and use these events as a member recruitment opportunity.

Please have a blessed Fall and remember our call to be Catholic and Proud.

Your State Program Director

Dale Schaedig

**State Membership Director
Ken Krause**

MICHIGAN MEMBERSHIP GROWTH – YOU CAN DO IT!

Golfing with K of C members and parishioner approaching each green, we chip up and line up our putt. Inevitably someone will say: "You can do it!" With that encouragement, the golfer focuses that much harder on lining the ball up to sink his putt. With a smooth stroke, his putter strikes the ball sending it toward the hole. If the putt and the gods of golf align properly, the ball drops in the hole. The other golfers congratulate him, and the team moves to the next hole. However, it seems more times than not the ball doesn't drop in the hole. In that case the golfer tells himself he did his best, and he's committed to scoring a par, birdie or eagle on the next hole.

That scenario is a bit like recruiting members. The recruiter has a goal in mind. He knows how to approach the prospect and what he'll say inviting him to join the K of C. With a positive delivery and the right amount of information to attract the candidate, the man will agree to sign an application. When the man and his family join the knights, the council congratulates him, gets him involved and acknowledges the work of the recruiter. The council can celebrate gaining a member to join in parish and council programs to help others. However, sometimes the "best laid plans of mice, men and knights" don't work out. Due to other commitments, the man doesn't join. The proposer has done his best, and he thanks the man for considering the K of C. The proposer has planted a seed, that may well result later in the man becoming a knight when circumstances change. The proposer moves on, recommitted to asking another man to join and make his council better for having a new member. Knights don't give up. They continue to reach out to others.

Writing about reaching out, in October the state will hold Hispanic outreach meetings in the Archdiocese of Detroit and the Lansing, Saginaw, Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo Dioceses. With the help of Supreme Director Javier Martinez, who is a Special Assistant to the Supreme Knight, a series of meetings with priests, Hispanic members of parishes and K of C members are scheduled. The purpose of this outreach is to build bridges between the knights and Hispanic parishes and councils, to provide information and to increase the membership and active participation of Hispanic knights in councils and parishes. The attendees will explore ways to overcome the language barrier. Follow-up is important, and that will happen under the direction of Vince Cabras, Silver Rose / Hispanic Outreach Director. This isn't a membership recruitment effort, but rather an opportunity to show the knight's commitment to support Catholics of other cultures.

As knights, we should always look for opportunities to invite Catholics of different nationalities and ethnic groups to join. This enriches our councils. Next weekend when attending mass, look around the church and identify a man to invite to join the K of C.

In this young fraternal year Michigan is still struggling with recruiting. In the first two months Michigan has recruited 220 knights while losing 221 as of this writing. Total state membership stands at 65749, down 209 from July 1 resulting from deaths, suspension and withdrawals. The positive news is that growth is a bit better than the first two months of the last fraternal year. However, it's still

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Ladies Corner

Hello K of C Ladies,

We are here to "SERVE."

Summer was here – summer is almost gone and Life with the Lord is beautiful! We thank God for this beautiful earth we live on. The State Deputy is going into his second year as State Deputy, and life is busy, the fourteen grandchildren and their activities, - softball, baseball, band, swimming, football, volleyball and the Knights of Columbus activities. The last 4 months has been busy and exciting.

We started with the State Convention at Beautiful Mackinac Island in May and the Summer Meeting at Boyne Highlands in July. We relaxed, as they learn to Serve. Then home to work on the lawn and outdoors things. In late July, early August the board and wives drove vans to St. Louis, Missouri for the Supreme Convention. The scenery of the Midwest is beautiful, the corn, as far as you can see, the small towns, of wonderful friendly people, always willing to converse with you.

At the Supreme Convention we celebrated mass each day. The first mass was a history with the new Patriotic Degree uniforms. So stately and proud were the Vice Supreme Masters as they processed at the rear of the Masters, Marshalls, Commanders and Navigators, proudly displaying the transition from the past to the future.

The Michigan Hospitality Room for the outgoing Supreme Director Thomas M. Wegener was to be outdone by no one. The three hundred plus people came to wish Tom and Joyce a great future. We displayed the gifts of Michigan, the wine, the beer, the pop, the cheese, the Jiffy Mix, along with the wide display of other food from Michigan. The sights of baseball, The Arch, Mississippi River were a few of the things we did in our spare time. There interaction with the ladies from other jurisdictions was wonderful. The ladies program with the ladies sharing gift to each other was special. Of course, our mission at the Supreme Convention was to make sure the Delegates and wives were having an experience to remember. The Michigan family of delegates and other Michigan guest were always welcome to the Michigan Hospitality Room.

We must remember that Our Knights of Columbus are a FAMILY with God at the center. This is not always easy! Therefore, we need to build the domestic church, starting with the Family. Sunday mass should be the center of our lives. When we visit the Lord's house, we need to dress appropriately. It is a place to pray, get to know one another and socialize after mass to promote the domestic church and play a key role in strengthening our parishes. The Knights are asked to play this key role in alliance between church and family. Ladies, your position plays a key role in the alliance between the church and the family. Pray together, eat together, and just go on a walk as a family. The family time seems to be a forgotten entity. Families are torn in all directions with sports, school activities, the cell phone, and related activities on the cell phone. Make "TIME FOR FAMILY TIME".

Ladies, please extend an invitation to your son, son-in-law, brother, brother in-law, to join a Knights of Columbus council. By joining, they will be joining the world's largest Catholic men's family fraternal service organization with 1.9 million members. Ask you husband, brother, son for the pamphlet "These Men Called Knights"

The Michigan Knights of Columbus along with the State Board welcomed the Sistine Chapel Choir to the Archdiocese of Detroit on September 22nd & 23rd. This is a once in a lifetime event

The Winter Leadership Meeting will be a one (1) day event on Saturday December 2nd. We will have a different agenda for the Winter Leadership Meeting this year than previous years. The Holy Cross Children's Services sweatshirt, bath basket and gift card collection will continue.

The Winter Leadership Meeting will be for one day only. Starting at 8:00 am, with a working breakfast meeting and ending approximately at 5:00pm with a working dinner meeting.

The Knights of Columbus will still assist in collecting for HCCS & Charities.

The sweatshirts, gifts cards, and bath items as usual. Please put bath items in zip lock bags. The men attending the meeting on Saturday morning December 02 will bring the items-Sweatshirts, Gifts cards and Bath Items with them. A room will be set aside for the items. There will be persons to receive the gifts and sort and pack for pickup by the Charities

Any question please call Ellie Unterbrink at 734 475 1491 or text me at 734-904-9233 or email at e.unterbrink@mikofc.org.

Please remember that November 18, 2017 at Ford Feld in Detroit, that the Beatification of Father Solanus Casey. This beloved and humble Capuchin Friar is well-known as "The Doorkeeper" who compassionately served soup to the hungry, counsel to the distressed, and a healing touch to the sick. The Catholic Community thought-out Detroit – the Brothers Knights and the Detroit Archdiocese is making this event possible. "How merciful is the Good God in making us dependent upon another." Save the date. Hope to see you all there.

Choose God in all decisions. Ask God for grace in all decisions and acts.

Sometime we are stressed out. Remember that we can ask the Lord for help. Find a quiet place, put your hand in the hand of the Lord." I need some help. Walk and talk to me."

Remember "Our Lady Queen of Heaven", She is always there waiting for us to listen and ask for her help!

Ladies thank you all for supporting your husband in the Knights of Columbus!!!

Fall is near, winter is on the way. Enjoy this beautiful land we live in "AMERICA the Beautiful"!!

**Ellie Unterbrink, Sue Vittorini
Marybeth Chasse, Karen Winkle, Julie Kolomjec**

“Take 5 Plus”
“TEN FOR CHARITY”

I am pleased to make this annual report of the “Take 5 Plus” program for the 2016-2017 fraternal year. This was the most successful year since its conception in 1977. Council contributions amounted to \$107,522 plus miscellaneous contributions from the 4th degree and other sources of \$1,336, making a grand total of \$108,858.

While this is a sizable amount, it is still much less than our potential. We were able to reach this amount without any remittance from 119 councils. It’s hard for me to believe that if the opportunity to contribute to this worthy program had been properly presented that not one member would have made a donation. It is incumbent upon every financial secretary to include the donation information with their December billing notice, thus giving every member the privilege and opportunity to make a donation.

It is well to note the name of this program has been changed by resolution of the 2017 State Convention, to “TEN FOR CHARITY” with the thought that \$5 today doesn’t begin to purchase what it did in 1977, therefore hoping \$10 or more per person will help meet the cost increase and the great needs today.

Below is a list of the councils that contributed during the 2016-2017 fraternal year. If you have made a contribution and you don’t find your council number listed below, please contact your council financial secretary immediately and find out why. Thank you for your past contribution and for your continued contribution in the up coming fraternal year.

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Marquette Diocese
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Saginaw Diocese
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Third Generation Brother Knight



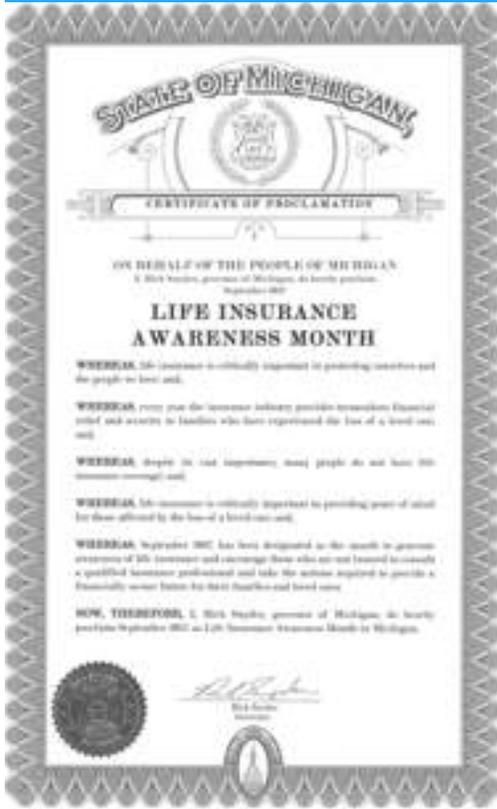
Pictured L to R: DD Ken Warzybok, Larry Lorentzen, Jon Lorentzen Kyle Lorentzen and GK Bob Vaillancourt

On July 20, 2017 Council 14213 welcomed a third generation Brother Knight into the Order. Kyle Lorentzen joined his father Jon and grandfather Larry as a Brother Knight. Both Jon and Larry are Charter Members of Council 14213. Brother Larry holds the position of Inside Guard while Brother Jon holds the position of Warden. We look forward to Brother Kyle filling a position.

Council 695

Msgr. Patrick R. Dunigan Council 695 in Flint, prepared hot dogs for attendees of the Faith in Flint Festival at Powers Catholic High School. With the help of volunteers from Father John E. Madden Council 14031, also of Flint, and Father Louis P. Gauthier Council 10170 of Burton, Council 695 manned a food tent with K of C donated hot dogs and chips for the five hour event.

Monthly Spotlight: Raising Awareness About Life Insurance



Rick Snyder, Governor of Michigan, recently proclaimed September 2017 as Life Insurance Awareness Month in Michigan. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of life insurance, its uses, its benefits, and its variations among the general public. Each year since 2003, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) puts out the results from their annual survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they recently reported continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that more than 75 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor, even though 68 percent of them said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable. In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn.

Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about “making the wrong decision.” If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. Contact your local agency or your assigned agent, and have a discussion with him.

The biggest mistake you can make is procrastination when it comes to protecting your family’s future. Our primary responsibility is the care and service of your family’s life insurance, retirement and long-term care needs. We are here to answer your questions because we want your decisions to be informed ones. We want to help.

Ronald A. Sneller, Jr. FICF, General Agent 4th Degree Member 248-499-9676
ronald.sneller@kofc.org

Why We Focus on These Numbers

In the weeks following the convention, we’ve all heard the staggering numbers of our successes in membership growth, and we see the continual emphasis on gaining even more members in this fraternal year. Yet, some might ask, why this type of focus? Are we limiting membership to a simple figure, thereby diminishing the personal worth of each of our members? Our purpose is precisely the opposite. We focus on numbers because each and every number represents one Knight who is making a positive impact on his community. As each Knight ministers to the community, to the peripheries, that in turn will impact the entire world. As we grow our numbers, we increase our ability to live out our principle of fraternity and become the men we are called to be as Catholic Knights, living out Christian charity and defending the truth and beauty of the Church. So join us in celebrating our numbers. Help us increase that number and grow our impact.

One member per council per month

May They Rest In Peace

Alpena Council 529

Kevin Nowicki, James Daleski
 Eugene Kamyszek
 John Marchlewski, Sr

Marquette Council 689

Edward Buys

Flint Council 695

Paul Drevon PGK, John Anderson
 Robert Stoutenburg PGK

West Branch Council 2022

Don Lehman, Jerry Buhlman

Lincoln Park Council 3078

William Hess, Charles Danowski
 Thomas Jonas, Kenneth Molnar
 Dennis Emery, Mariano Disanto

Mt. Pleasant Council 3651

Victor Boge, Donald Pung
 Thomas Fox

Allen Park Council 3774

James Hattar, Peter Naubert
 James Kondieza

Taylor Council 4872

Michael Vasas, Fletcher Hayward
 Deacon Robert Rowland
 Edward Konefe, FDD

Roscommon Council 6593

Louis Nowak, Dick Grant

Grand Ledge Council 7311

Ron Hafner

Milford Council 7444

John Schimetz

Highland Council 8500

William Cassidy, Kenneth Young
 James Gorman

Montrose Council 8669

Alan Shripka

Yale Council 8710

Robert Vinckier, Arthur Schutt
 John Kramer

Royal Oak Council 12408

Richard Tschirhart, Sr.

Sterling Heights Council 13799

Mike Sandelich

FROM THE STATE DEPUTY
Kenneth B. Unterbrink

A request of Archbishop Most Rev. Allen H. Vigneron and the Rector of Sacred Heart Major Seminary, former State Chaplain Msgr. Todd Lajiness is being honored by the State Board and the State Board has committed to this endeavor until June 30, 2026.

We, the State Board of the Michigan Knights of Columbus, have established a Tuition Endowment Scholarship Program for the Sacred Heart Major Seminary, with the scholarship/s distribution awarded from the interest earned annually (probably a maximum of 4%). It is anticipated that we will, at a minimum raise one million dollars for the endowment. We will be asking for a voluntary six \$6.00 a year per member to fund this endowment. The first request will be attached to the annual dues billing starting in December 2017.

Checks should be written to Michigan Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. (the Michigan Knights of Columbus 501(c)(3) account. All funds for the Tuition Endowment Scholarship Program for Sacred Heart Major Seminary will be directed to our charitable account. This would allow for contributions to Sacred Heart Major Seminary for the Tuition Endowment Scholarship Program to be tax deductible.

The Tuition Endowment Scholarship Program will be used for seminarians in need of financial support. The RSVP program will continue to be in full support of individual seminarians of your choice to the seminary of your choice. We would also encourage all jurisdictions to create their own tuition endowment seminarian fund.

The new uniforms of the Patriotic Degree (4th Degree), as directed by the Supreme Directors, are the future of the Patriotic Degree and are well designed for the future. All Masters, Navigators, Marshalls, Commanders, Former Masters, and Honor Guard are encouraged to participate in the Living Rosary at the State Convention in their new uniforms.



The Patriotic Degree (4th Degree) pin
EMBLEM OF THE PATRIOTIC DEGREE

The triad emblem of the Fourth Degree features the dove, the cross and the globe. The dove, classic symbol of the Holy Spirit and peace, is shown hovering over the orb of the Earth (globe). Both are mounted on a variation of the Crusader's cross, which was found on the tunics and capes of the Crusading knights who battled to regain the Holy Land from the pagans.

Spiritually, the sacred symbols on the emblem typify the union of the Three Divine Persons in one Godhead, the most Blessed Trinity.

- The Globe – God the Father, Creator of the Universe.
- The Cross – God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind.
- The Dove – God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of Humanity.

The colors of the symbols are:

- A blue globe with the land of the Western Hemisphere in white.
- A red cross with gold borders and gold knobs at the end of the points forming the ends of the arms of the cross, also known as the Isabella cross.
- A white dove.

Red, white and blue are the colors of the flag of the country in which the Knights originated. They are used to stress patriotism, the basic principle of the Fourth Degree.



The Emblem of the Order

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EMBLEM The emblem of the Order dates from the second Supreme Council meeting May 12, 1883, when it was designed by James T. Mullen, who was then Supreme Knight. A quick glance at the emblem indicates a shield mounted upon the Formée Cross. The shield is that associated with a medieval Knight. The Formée Cross is the representation of a traditionally artistic design of the Cross of Christ through which all graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This then represents the Catholic spirit of the Order. Mounted on the shield are three objects: a fasces standing vertically, and, crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword. The fasces from Roman days is symbolic of authority which must exist in any tightly-bonded and efficiently operating organization. The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus, patron of the Order, while the short sword or dagger was the weapon of the Knight when engaged upon an errand of mercy. Thus, the shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action, and with the letters, K. of C., it proclaims this specific form of activity. The red, white and blue in the background of the shield and the foreground of the Cross of Malta are the colors of our country. As such, red is the symbol of stout-hearted courage, of pulsing activity and a full measure of devotion. Blue is the symbol of hope, of calm tranquility under God and of confidence in the protection of our country. White is the symbol of nobility of purpose, of purity of aim and of crucible — tried ideals to be carried out. But there is another symbolism of color in red, white and blue. This is the ecclesiastical symbolism in which red becomes the reflection of the drips of Christ's redemptive blood shed upon Calvary, and of the martyr's bloodshed in defense of the faith. Red then is the symbol of Faith, of belief in Christ, in the Redemption and in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. White is the color of the Eucharistic Host, pledge of God's Eucharistic presence among the infinite love God has for man and the overwhelming affection which the God-man has for each individual. White then is the symbol of Christ-like

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FROM THE STATE DEPUTY
Kenneth B. Unterbrink

Charity. Blue is the color of Our Lady's mantle, in which she wrapped her beloved Son, through Whom came salvation to a sinful world. Blue is then the symbol of Hope.

Our members are encouraged to wear the Emblem of the Order, with only the Cross of Christ above the Emblem of the Order. The pin of the Patriotic Degree should be worn with the Patriotic (4th Degree) uniform and dark suits at Fourth Degree events.

We are all encouraged to attend our council meetings, be engaged with the council, as the council is the heart of the Order. All councils are encouraged to develop their programs as to be directed to the family and our youth.

Fraternally in Christ,
Kenneth Unterbrink
State Deputy

Thomas M. Wegener, PSD FSD

constitution changes. Made Poland a State Jurisdiction. Expanded the order to Ukraine and Lithuania. Produced the study on the Genocide of Christians leading the U.S. Government to declare that genocide is being committed by ISIS against Christians in the Middle East and our ongoing assistance to Christians in the Middle East. Many other consequential changes that are in the works but may not come to fruition for a little while, at all times advancing the Order.

On the working end I served on several board committees and I was privileged to chair two, the ProLife and Family Committee and now for the last two years the Membership Committee. I was asked to assist on two adhoc committee on membership, traveling throughout the country and into Canada, interviewing Brother Knights regarding membership recruitment and retention.

And it is the interaction with my brother knights from all over the order that I cherish the most. Joyce and I are very proud to have represented you and all the Knights of Michigan where ever we went. Michigan is very well known throughout the Order and its stature is in the same company as with the very best of jurisdictions. Joyce and I have been privileged to visit the following 12 jurisdictions as the Supreme Representative to their State Conventions: Alaska, British Columbia, Colorado, Nebraska, New Brunswick, North Carolina, North Dakota – twice, Nova Scotia, Oregon (where we visited with Archbishop Sample), Saskatchewan, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and our own Michigan four times.

The Order is blessed to have nearly 2 million men and their families, men and families of the highest caliber and who take the principles of the order seriously. Certainly the best is yet to come for our Order with these knights and families.

Being your State Deputy was an absolute awesome experience, and I lived each of those days for Michigan. Personally, and I am biased, I think we had a couple of good years. Being a Supreme Director, has that same tingle, but on an entirely different plane. A larger garden in which to toil, but the harvest is something to behold. It has been a joy, a pleasure and a privilege each and every day.

Of course I could not have devoted so much of my adult life to State Office and to the Board of Directors without the love and support of my wife and family. As we all know it is only with the love and support of our wives and families that we pursue this life as an active Knight. Joyce has been by my side as a State Officer and a member of the Board. She has traveled my road with me every step of the way. I have incurred a debt that I cannot pay, and I hope she will write this debt off the books, as she has done for me a few times before.

These nine years has also seen many changes in our personal lives. Both of our mothers past away, I battled cancer, Joyce retired, our daughter Becky married her love Steve Lantzy (grandson of Tom and Mary Lantzy of Fenton), and they gave us grandson Nick and granddaughter Kate. As we all know life doesn't wait for anyone, and it certainly doesn't care what is on your calendar.

And now my brother knights I have finished my nine years as director. I can only say thank you for the support you have given Joyce and I. I relied on you all as a state officer and I hope I repaid that reliance as I represented Michigan on the Board of Director.

Thank You and God Bless You All

State Membership Director
Ken Krause

short of the monthly goals set to turn Michigan's membership decline around.

The Columbus Day church drives across the state scheduled for either the October 7-8 or 14-15 weekends, offer an opportunity for a growth spurt. Well organized membership drives featuring positive recruiters and materials that tell about the knights in general and the council specifically will encourage men to join. Remember that Michigan is offering recruiters of new and reactivated members in August and September the special proposer pin, \$5 gift cards and a chance for ten proposers to receive \$50 through the drawing.

Unlimited opportunities lay ahead to grow membership in councils. Just remember: You can do it!

One member per council per month

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Ed Strach, State Council Family Life Director, 522 Berkshire, Saline, MI 48176

Families of the Month**Alpena Council 529**

Jim & Kathy Hubert
Eugene & Pam Boyak
Jim & Johnana Bowen
Dan & Diane Przelawski
Jon & Jackie Benson
Battle Creek Council 575
Neal Haack family
David Krajewski family
Khuang Uk family
Chuck Kincaid family
Mt. Clemens Council 744
Brien Hein family
Lansing Council 788
Bill & Liz Schaner
Mike & Karen Shepard
Ray Drovin family
Ed Wawiernia family
Dick & Terry McCloy, PSD, cfy
Cheboygan Council 791
Bill & Diane Schryer *cfy
Monroe Council 1266
Dan & Bonnie Bruck
Kingsford Council 1585
Nathan & Jen Raiche
Ronald & Joyce Wilinski
Jeffrey & Debbie Couper *cfy
Standish Council 2724
Ken & Patricia Adrian *cfy
Westphalia Council 2890
Charles & Sherry Thelen
Thomas & Sue Lyons
Utica Council 2950
Paul & Janet Cone
Larry & Patricia Higgins
Pinconning Council 2986
Richard & Jane Maida
Wayne & Joann Jasman
Lincoln Park Council 3078
Alexander & Margaret Parker
Steve & Marlene Perok
Juan & Dale Garcia
Auburn Council 3590
Jerome & Pat Knieper
Michael & Rachael Markes
Thomas & Cheryl Luptowski
Ruth Council 3823
Jerome & Alice Hessling
Joshua Kramer family
Joshua & Helen Mantooth
Sandusky Council 4693
Ron & Marcia Kruscynski
John & Suzanne Guttowski
Gerald & Megan Pathic
Taylor Council 4872
Terry & Ann Cauley

Ken & Brenda Lavelly
Jorge & Margarita Gonzalez
George Kekhoua family
New Baltimore Council 5981
Richard & Roz Hilla
Arvin & Pamela Stephenson
Ferdinand & Arlene De Chaves
George Kekhoua family
Michael & Sharon Elya
Roscommon Council 6593
Pat & Mary Mattingly
Kevin & Cheryl Sherman
Bill & Darlene Kopko
Bob & Pam Pardue
Ron & Nancy Mulka
Ron & Julie Peters, cfy
Posen Council 6657
Don & Sally Kuznicki
Ron & Marsha Urban
Joel & Jan Kendzorski
RJ & Paulette Bordeau
Gladstone Council 6667
Frank & Sharon Sinnaeve
Ken & Mary Chaignot
Mike & Sherry MacFarlane
Tony & Ann Mauhar
Michigan Center Council 6687
David & Valerie Prettenhofer
Swartz Creek Council 6694
Barry & Lynn Boyd
Elek & Marti Kovacs
Ralph & Mary Lou Palka
Elek & Marti Kovacs
Dewitt Council 7237
Joseph & Karen Ciaramella
Brighton Council 7304
Ray & Brenda Bonomo
Grand Ledge Council 7311
Dave & Katie Kreager
Fenton Council 7418
Robert & Debbie Nichol
Jenison Council 7487
Joseph & Helen Mantooth
Roberto & Virginia Moralez
Armada Council 7561
Ed & Son Eddie Seefried
James & Mary Raska
Freeland Council 7582
Joe & Jan Plas
Hale Council 7623
James & Sheryl Szafran
Gene & Geri Dow
Lowell Council 7719
Timothy & Elizabeth Hess
Durand Council 7955
Brice & Sue Mellow

Tim & Judy Trebtoske
Sanford Council 8043
Dick & Bonnie Pytlak
Fred & Michelle Corrian
John & Ellie Morse
Jeffrey & Debbie McGraw *cfy
St. Helen Council 8390
Brad & Cathy Taylor
Auburn Hills Council 8659
Herb & Sandy Stacer
Steve & Linda Botson
Montrose Council 8669
Bernadette Gilbert family
Thomas & Christina Bigelow
Tony & Gail Grella
Yale Council 8710
Maeshall & Elizabeth Jowett
James & Veronica Stanley
Cass City Council 8892
Chris & Dede Pawloski
Mason Council 9182
Larry & Pam Prokop
Jim & Sue Powers
Duffy & Martha Williams
Okemos Council 10006
Donald & Mary Beth Anderson
Lansing Council 11099
John & Beth Belfiglio
Eric & Bridget Cullimore
Harbor Beach Council 11432
Rodney & Stephanie Mazure
Sam & Jody Capling
Gary & Joanne Wolschleger
Bob & Sherry Swartz
Harrison Twp. Council 11658
Mike & Diane Nelson
David & Diane Lahey
Clinton Township Council 11689
Gerry & Terri Vento
Port Huron Council 11756
Wade & Janice Richards
Joe & Joanne Napolitan
Novi Council 11811
Norm & Joan Chasse
Leroy & Kathy Liston
Gaines Council 12186
Mike & Laura Gentry
Lee & Patricia Wendt
Jerry & Marge Reed
JP Lawton family
Sam & Linda Yanta
Brighton Council 12295
John & Ruth Yanok
David & Jackie Rabold
William & Jennie Ross
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Dear Brother Knights,

The last few months have been like a whirlwind and it is hard to believe summer has ended and Fall is upon us! I wanted to share some good news about a Brother Knight of yours who also is our Holy Cross Chairman of the Board, Peter Bertsch.

Almost two years ago, Holy Cross opened a Women's Behavioral Health facility in a building provided by Peter Bertsch. To honor the memory of his mother and to thank him for his generosity and dedication to Holy Cross, we renamed the facility in his mother's name and it is now called Patricia Evelyn Bertsch Holy Cross Women's Behavioral Healthcare. Staff, clients and other HCS partners were there and participated in the first annual Holy Cross Recovery Celebration lunch where clients shared awesome testimonials and the new sign was unveiled.

As always, we are grateful to all the Knights of Columbus for your years of genuine support and for you helping us with our mission to bring hope, promote change and help children, adults and families live free, healthy and productive lives. Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon R. Berkobien".

Sharon Berkobien
CEO

If you would like to get a 2017 calendar, it's not too late! For more information and/or to purchase, please contact Karen Rupley at krupley@hccsnet.org or at 517-423-7556.

Calendar Fundraiser Winners

Below is a list of recent awardees

July: Vincent Cabras, John Decker, Russell Hesch, Elaine Beasley, Phillip Wesley, June Marheineke, Rita Polizzi, Edward Cousino, Stanley Weber, Rosemarie Trojanowski, Daniel Jaworski, Kathleen Bohm, Frederic Bora, John Ricco, Linda Howe, LeRoy & Marcia Westrick, John Davidek, Carl Carlton, Patricia Pigott, Gary Sampson, Paul McNamara, Kurt Thelen, Thomas & Donna Olinzock, Allen Spitzley, Thomas O'Dea, John Weisenberger, Donald Kortas, Sharon Elya, Kenneth Gifford, Douglas Kuras, Vince LaFramboise, **\$500 WINNER** – Dennis Koenigsknecht

August: Michael O'Neill, Gary Chouinard, Thomas & Liz Dewey, Alison Lacey, Joseph Sorovetz, Leslie Salemi, Donald Schneider, Adam & Jenette Smith, James Kondor, Donald Anderson, Paul Lane, Kelly Bockheim, Paul Ritter, Richard Smith, Vincent McDermott, Herman Braffish, David Yonkers, Frank Farina,

Lester Myers, James Gabourie, Joseph Petkus, Kailey Schutt, John Thelen, George Durak, Gregory & Suzanne Brunson, Robert VanEenoo, Joe Kirk, Steve Kwast, Kenneth & Deborah Verkest, Harry Crile, William Baird, **\$500 WINNER** – Brian & Kristin Krieger

September: Tim & Kim Wahmhoff, Leon Barker, Donallyn Ward, Francis Vallier, Geoff Wright, Donald Rezmer, Brian Thelen, Lawrence Schwab, Tom & Kara Thelen, Edwin & Judith Kuberski, Robert Fluture, Susie Hammontre, Harry Goerge, Thomas Kent, George LaMarche, Sandra Coviello, Jill Higgins, Robert Staelgraeve, John Hufnagel, Patrick Spice, Lee Smith, Donald & Patricia Chieski, Ronald Carrozza, Brent Moeggenborg, Steve Zacker, John Black, Fred Ruppel, Jr., John Vecchioni, Jason Hafner Family, Brian King, **\$500 WINNER** – John Grant

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

www.HolyCrossServices.org



An Honor Remembered

This August 23rd marked the first annual Holy Cross Recovery Celebration Luncheon, and surprise unveiling of the Patricia Evelyn Bertsch Holy Cross Women's Behavior Healthcare facility sign.



Crazy Olympics 2017

We had another successful Holy Cross Children's Services' Crazy Olympics this year for all of the children we serve across Michigan! Crazy Olympics is a great day full of skits, games, team-building, pride and just plain fun. Here are just a few pictures from the August 11th summer event.



Knights of the Month

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Lawrence Stopczynski, State Council Activities Director, 885 E. Dawson Rd., Milford, MI 48381

Alpena Council 529

Larry Weise, Paul Przewozniak
Kenneth Yachick, Ron Donaskowski

Battle Creek Council 575

Mark Berry, Chuck Kincaid
Neil Haack

Mt. Clemens Council 744

Andrew Smith, Ronald Chuhuran
Carlo Franz

Lansing Council 788

Don Schmitz, Ken Morrison
Fred Rocheleau

Monroe Council 1266

Rev. Louis Lapeyre, James Reaume
Jay Jondro

Kingsford Council 1585

Robert Degrave, Timothy Chartier

Wyandotte Council 1802

Christopher Pozdol
Richard Malechuk

Portland Council 2168

Michael Pugh, Pat Russman
Michael Steffes, Jr.

Hart Council 2199

Gordon Merten, Hector Rosalez
Geraldo Morales

Standish Council 2724

Justin Sharp, Raymond Gehlmann
Ron Hoppe, Ronald LaLonde *cky
Rev. David Parsch *cky

Essexville Council 2740

Walt Reames, John Johnson
Roger Ziegelmann

Gaylord Council 2781

Darrell Burkhardt, Dominic Puroll

Utica Council 2950

Scott Morgan, Donald Keydens
Robert Murawski, Donald Heydens
Fr. Robert Slaton

Grand Haven Council 2975

Clint Draeger

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Caro Council 3224

Austin Hessling, Robert DeLorenzo

Auburn Council 3590

David Leonard, Leslie Luptowski

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Kenneth Emming

Saginaw Council 4232

Charles Morse, Jim Malott

Manchester Council 4354

Bill Punches

Farmington Council 4401

Joe Hejka, Gary Mallia

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Deacon Dave Lawrence

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Daniel Irrer

Armada Council 7561

William Metzger, Ralph Roy

Freeland Council 7582

Jerry Keel, Jerry Keel

Onaway Council 7688

Walter Gotz

Rockford Council 7761

Larry Denhof

Remus Council 7869

Charles Stadtfeld

Sanford Council 8043

Bill Carey, Gerald Cuik

Jack Stong

Wilfred Carey *cky

Ada Council 8117

Dave Fedewa

Howell Council 8169

Bob Lachajewski, Robert Moore

St. Helen Council 8390

Joseph Izvorski, Randall Madison

Lake City Council 8556

David Hose

Fowlerville Council 8605

Jeff Winiarski

Auburn Hills Council 8659

Ken Schack, Jayson Graves

Montrose Council 8669

Donald Fyock, Jim Hall

Yale Council 8710

Ray LaMarra

Cass City Council 8892

Dave Barrios, Marco Esstrella

Rob Piaskowski

Mason Council 9182

Larry Prokop, Gene Murawski
Don Kill

Okemos Council 10006

Michael Horvath, Stephen Zayko

Lansing Council 10542

Tony Fuller, Steven Cook

Ann Arbor Council 10963

Gary Sopoliga, Matthew Wierzgac

Robert Palazzolo

Lansing Council 11099

Kenneth Corrigan

Battle Creek Council 11114

Eric Stewart

Harbor Beach Council 11432

Len Emming

Clinton Twp. Council 11658

Joseph Marheincke, James Lepere

Al Beliveau

Clinton Twp. Council 11689

Phillip Bonnette, Joseph Marheineke

Rev. Joseph Hund

Port Huron Council 11756

Aaron Bedford, David Kelley II

Novi Council 11811

Dave Stulock, Mark Tobias

Laingsburg Council 12044

Mel Comeau

Sterling Heights Council 12102

Pat Little

Knights of the Month

Gaines Council 12186

Mike Gentry, Lee Wendt
JP Lawton, Jerry Reed
Sam Yanta

Brighton Council 12295

Bob Putnam, Donald Powell
Randy Knockeart, Steven Potrykus

Vicksburg Council 13305

Thomas Kelley, Donald Koole
Gary Gauthier, Daniel Marshall
Karl Kerchief *cky

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Erdrick Swincicki-Mural

Farmington Council 13673

Frank Geriepy

Clio Council 13703

Bob Walthers

Sterling Hgts. Council 13799

Bill Fend, Mike Sandelich
Brad Nevedal

Baldwin Council 13865

Mike Kibbe, Raymond Gries, Jr.

White Cloud Council 13939

Dale Korson

Traverse City Council 13958

Francis DeMarsh, Fr. Rexroat
Fred Sczzepanski
Gary Vanraalte, Dave Sliwinski
Ray Pleva, Greg Matyas
Captains of Mi Drive

Ken Brzozowski,cky

Shelby Township Council 13983

Mark Kicinski, John Wahl

Southfield Council 14928

Ernest Gargaro

Grand Rapids Council 15495

C.Ss.R, Tuan Nguyen, John Kotwick
Ray Novakoski

Comstock Park Council 15548

Greg Grzegorski

Clarkston Council 15967

John Greaves, Adam Smith

Families of the Month

Vicksburg Council 13305

Randall & Janine Hughey
John & Jeanette Lagowski
Gary & Patty Monroe
Byron & Bonnie Moser

Traverse City Council 13958

Dave & Linda Sliwinski * cfy

Scott & Michell Swan

Eric & Beth Denyor
Kris Liebel family
Wayne & Joni Stenberg
Dave & Julie Rapson
Russell & Ann McNamara
Francis & Julie DeMarsh

Rich & Chris Kras

Greg Harrand family
Food Pantry Committee
Southfield Council 14928
Larry Cadotte family

Your Council Action Plan

All councils are required to implement Domestic Church activities into their annual action plan. To do this, work with your pastor in organizing those best suited to your parish and her families. There are four categories of Domestic Church activities for councils to choose from, including Member Activities, Family Activities, Parish Activities and Community Activities. Any council that organizes at least two Domestic Church activities from each of the four categories will receive a commemorative Holy Family icon.* For a checklist t of Domestic Church activities and further details, please see the July 2017 issue of Knightline, available at kofc.org/knightline.



On June 6, 2017 **Bishop Allen J. Babcock Council 7341** in Caledonia, MI hosted the annual Grand Rapids Diocesan Knights of Columbus Priests and Clergy appreciation dinner. Began nearly 50 years ago the annual tradition is designed to honor our Clergy and support vocations. Knights from councils around the diocese gather with the Priests, Sisters, Deacons and Seminarians serving the Diocese which are the guests for the dinner. To show the Knights support for vocations, \$10,000 was raised through donations of local businesses and supporters in the diocese. Seen in the photo the check was presented to the Bishop of the Grand Rapids Diocese David Walkowiak and Fr. Ron Hutchinson the Diocesan Director of Priestly Vocations.



One member per council per month

AROUND THE STATE



Members of **Msgr. Russell E. Kohler Council 15204** Westland and family members gather in St. Hedwig Cemetery. The Knights and their helpers cleaned more than 30 graves — memorials to the loved ones of parish members who can no longer take care of the gravesites themselves. The council was glad to step in with this service.

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

Traverse City St. Francis Council 13958 conducted a Golf-A-Thon. Golfers sought sponsors and each played 100 holes to help raise funds for the Grand Traverse Area Right to Life and the Pregnancy Care Center of Traverse City. Over \$3,600 was collected for these worthy causes.

George J. McCarthy Council 2975 in **Grand Haven** contributed to the festivities of St. Mary Catholic Church as it celebrated its 50th anniversary and dedicated its new education center on Pentecost Sunday. Knights served as color corps and assisted with a luncheon.

Holy Cross Assembly in **Detroit** provided hot dogs and refreshments for attendees of a Memorial Day gathering at Pvt. John Lyskawa VFW Post. The lunch followed a Mass celebrated by the Franciscans of St. Bonaventure at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

Anchor Bay Council held a public rosary June 11, 2017 before the 9 am Mass. Led by their Chaplain Fr. Charles White IV, over 70 members and parishioners prayed the Rosary together.

After, Fr. Charles thanked the Knights of Columbus for taking the lead in this service. He also mentioned that this ties directly in with Archbishop Vigneron's Pastor Letter recently published.



St. Mary's Catholic Church - Spring Lake MI, celebrated the 50th Anniversary of their church building, and also had a dedication of the Education Center on Pentecost Sunday June 4, 2017.

Celebrant for the Mass and Dedication Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak - Bishop of the Grand Rapids Diocese. Con-celebrants: Reverend Father David Gross Pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church also Chaplin for Council 2975, and former pastors and other priests of the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Council 2975, Color Corp Members participated in both events. This was followed by luncheon in the Community Center, which also had several brother knights assisting. This is the first new school building build in West Michigan in over 20 years

Councils across the **Diocese of Lansing** united to be a "gold sponsor" of the second annual FaithFest event, held at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. The Knights contributed \$5,000 to the Christian music festival, which drew some 8,000 people of all ages for a day of prayer, activities and music. The Knights also contributed an honor guard to Mass at the festival.

A Marian grotto, renovated by **Albert Doerr Council 7869** in **Remus** was dedicated at a special Mass. Winter weather had eroded much of the grotto's grout, so the council power washed the stones, helped replace the grout, repaired the votive stand and beautified the fountain in ways that will help protect it from further weather damage.

John Cardinal Deaden Council 744, in Mt. Clemens, provided support for the Macomb County Rotating Emergency Team (MCREST) by providing two hot breakfasts for nearly 50 homeless people during their one-week stay in St. Peter Parish facilities. MCREST has been serving Macomb County for 24 years starting with 12 congregations and currently 90 congregations participate. Overnight shelter for homeless men, women and children is provided in addition to meals, transportation and shower facilities in a warm, safe environment.



Traverse City St Francis Council 13958 and Assembly 0499 held a mass for the Unborn Child at Oakwood Cemetery on July 15 at 9 am. We had about 35 people in attendance, Father Ben Rexroat presided over the mass. I have include some photos for this event, please let me know if you need any other information. The council is planning on doing this again next year so hopefully we can get even more people involved. This was the 7th year that we held the mass.

St. Nicholas Council 7011 in Sterling Heights, MI recently held a clergy appreciation dinner to recognize some of our local clergy and their achievements. Forty people attended this important event, including two priests, two deacons and two seminarians. Also attending this event were many Knights and their wives. Our Grand Knight and our Chancellor discussed our long-standing support, including our prayers and financial support, for all of our clergy and our seminarians. The priests and deacons expressed their gratitude for our support.

In accordance with our Council's long standing tradition each of our two seminarians was presented with a \$500 stipend to help them to defray their seminary education costs. The seminarians expressed their appreciation of this support, both in financial terms and in prayers. It should be noted that both seminarians are already members of the Knights of Columbus.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AWARDS

International Service Program awards recognize outstanding council programs in six key areas of outreach - Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family and Youth - during the preceding fraternal year. Whether ongoing or one-time initiatives, these programs embody the spirit of the Order and serve as an example and inspiration for all Knights of Columbus.

Youth Activities 2016-2017

**Second Place – Father J. Leo McCann Council 7304 Brighton, Michigan
Catholic College Night**

Realizing the importance of a Catholic college education and addressing issues facing college-age youth, such as the trend to get further away from a faith foundation, Fr McCann Council brought students and families together with twenty-one Catholic colleges to discuss benefits and educational assistance available.

The Catholic College Night, which was organized by the council and held at Cleary University, came from the strong belief of council members that “the transition to a Catholic college is the most difficult. It is here that the pressures are at their extreme to attack or ridicule our faith.”

By first contacting local teachers and counselors, the council verified that the idea was well-supported by them and that next steps of contacting Catholic colleges and universities within 300-miles radius would be the plan of action. The deans of admissions who were contacted all agreed that it was a new and very positive program that they wanted to be a part of. Council members reached out to all area diocesan youth directors who then promoted the event through direct mail campaigns, Ave Maria Radio, articles in the parish newspapers and mailing to public and private high schools.

Various booths were set-up in a fair-like setting, with representatives from colleges such as University of Notre Dame, Franciscan University of Steubenville and Ave Maria University, who distributed literature and spoke with prospective high school students and parents. All agreed that the event saved time, travel and expense in their decision process by not having to visit several schools during months and years leading up to the application deadlines. It also offered valuable insight and awareness into making that important decision of attending the right university that will allow students to continue their higher education



GK Barney Young and the Brother Knights of **St. Louise de Marillac Council #8186/Warren, MI** setting up the display of Crosses for the Unborn in front of St. Louise de Marillac parish.

Council 13475



Sacred Heart Council 13475 in Grosse Ile gathered with the religious education students of Sacred Heart Parish for an end-of-year Mass and the K of C Religious Education Awards Celebration. The council works with the parish youth throughout the year, offering activities such as the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition; several poster and essay contests; and the K of C Lenten Fish dinner “ground crew,” through which students can sign up to help the Knights host 500 guests at each dinner. More than 220 students and parents gathered for the celebration, awards and delicious desserts.

Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536



Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536 held a family picnic this past summer. Special guests were the Livonia City Police and Fire Departments and Seminarian Derik Petermen from Our Lady Cause of Our Joy church.

5000 lb. Food Truck – St. Mary’s Church – Spring Lake MI



St. Mary’s Parish - Spring Lake MI, hosted a 5,000 lb. Feeding America Mobile Pantry Truck in the church parking lot on Friday, August 11. Members of Council 2975 and the Ladies Auxilliary, St. Mary’s Youth Group,

and other volunteers helped with the food distribution to over 50 families. Many food products were distributed to families including, bags of potatoes, whole watermelons, frozen squash, pop tarts, and juice.

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St. Louis Center Update: St. Guanella Village Progress



St. Louis Guanella Village at St. Louis Center in Chelsea, MI is the new intentional community being built for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities; with a planned opening in 2018 for its four new Children's Homes. The Village will eventually be adding family homes, new direct care homes for adults, and townhouses for independent living.

With a ten year \$250,000 commitment of support from the Michigan State Council of the Knights of Columbus, the concept for this new community is drawing rave reviews and interest from all over the country. Each of the four children's homes will contain five bedrooms, a sensory room, a community living room, a kitchen/dining area, and a staff work station; and they will be licensed by the State of Michigan for occupancy and direct care services.

House #1 is nearly complete, as most finish work has been done on the exterior. The electrical, plumbing, and drywall has been completed on the inside. Photographs show different stages of completion, as houses 2, 3 and 4 are all progressing from the pattern that was created from house #1. Windows have been installed in each of the homes, along with the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC).

According to Fr. Enzo Addari, SdC., "We are grateful to the Knights of Columbus in Michigan for all of their support, and looking forward to providing modern day facilities for all of our residents." There are currently 56 residents living at St. Louis Center made up of boys, men and women with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Since 2011, the money raised in the current capital campaign has provided the Family Welcome Center, a Special Needs Playground, and an Assisted Living facility at Fr. Guanella Hall. For more information, visit www.stlouiscenter.org, or find SLC on Facebook.

Edmund Battersby Council 7586



The Kensington Valley Chamber of Commerce recognized Father Edmund Battersby Council 7586 as the "Organization of the Year" at their 2017 Community Awards Luncheon at Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon, Michigan on Thursday, May 18, 2017.

The council was recognized for their charitable acts throughout the South Lyon community. Grand Knight Phil Weipert and Deputy Grand Knight John O'Dowd accepted the award on behalf of the council from Sue White the Chamber of Commerce representative. This is the second time Father Edmund Battersby Council 7586 has received this award in their 37 years of service to the community.

Tireless volunteer donates time to collect food and stuffed animals

By Vicki Cessna



What started out as a casual conversation with a bagel shop owner transformed into a mission for Gene Roberts. Once the St.

Augustine Cathedral parishioner and Knights of Columbus discovered that the shop was throwing away bagels each day he knew he had to do something. He offered to pick up the bagels a few times a week and personally deliver them to food banks around the Kalamazoo area.

Today he logs a few hundred miles a month making stops at various grocery stores and other shops and distributes the different baked goods to those agencies that help those in need. And his work is helping local Knights' Council as well. Roberts logs the amount of food he donates and works with Jeff Cypher, Membership Director for the Knights, who submits his work to the Supreme Council. In return seven Councils have received \$500 from the Supreme Council to use towards programs and charity work.

Roberts doesn't stop with just collecting bagels. Volunteering is in his DNA. He retired in 1995 after working for the same company for 46 years and has a long list of agencies and volunteer work he's done from counting money at the parish to Tootsie Roll drives and ushering. Along the way he's also the proud father of eight children and finds time for daily workouts at the Borgess Fitness Center. Roberts, who recently celebrated his 62nd wedding anniversary with his wife Cecelia, is also known for his work collecting stuffed animals from St. Vincent DePaul and working with his long-time friend, Alice Kelly, who carefully and expertly restores them until they are like brand-new. He then delivers them to different places such as local hospitals and schools as well as Caring Network who gives them away to clients at its annual Teddy Bear picnic (see page 8 for related story). Roberts estimates that he's collected and distributed more than 30,000 stuffed animals and he's still going strong.

MICHIGAN COLUMBIAN

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Degree	Admission	"Formation"	"Knighthood"	Degree	Number		Phone No.
	Degree	Degree	Degree				
10/1/17	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Lincoln Park	3078	James Pease	313-779-2979
10/5/17	None	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Kalamazoo	15439	Robert Smith	517-887-2368
10/6/17	None	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Lake Linden	2713	Ed Glowacki	906-231-6004
10/8/17	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Imlay City	4556	Walter Sierakowski	810-797-5190
10/14/17	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Clinton Twp	11689	Gary Kopp	586-873-6906
10/14/17	None	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Gladstone	6667	Gary Chouinard	906-428-3515
10/14/17	9:00 AM	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	Lansing	11099	Gaylend Meeks	517-896-8327
10/14/17	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Traverse City	13958	Philip Parker	248-225-8444
10/14/17	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Comstock Park	15548	Alan Baldrige	616-329-0781
10/15/17	11:00 AM	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Portland	2168	William Vallier	517-526-2956
10/18/17	Patriotic	Degree		Paw Paw		David Buick	517-927-8044
10/21/17	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Sterling Heights	12102	Brian Dux	248-219-8254
10/21/17	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Essexville	2740	Mark Hebert	989-450-8065
10/21/17	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Milford	7444	Larry Paffi	248-701-4950
10/21/17	None	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Ironwood	1396	Bill Perkis	906-932-4556
10/22/17	None	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	Fremont	3111	Dale Korson	231-519-4799
10/28/17	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	White Lake	13319	Robert Brines	248-842-8943
10/28/17	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Harrison Township	11658	Erni Boulos	856-419-2255
11/4/17	Patriotic	Degree		Mount Pleasant		Barry Borsenik	989-295-1266
11/4/17	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	Grand Rapids	16199	Douglas Graves	616-363-7904
11/11/17	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Memphis	10501	Greg Brunson	810-824-9533
12/9/17	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Trenton	3615	George Honer	734-675-3055
1/13/18	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Yale	8710	Greg Brunson	810-824-9533
2/10/18	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Ortonville	6824	Joseph Brenner	773-631-8497
2/17/18	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Utica	2950	Jason Meyer	586-383-0285
2/25/18	State	Deputy	Tribute	Dinner		De-Carlos Banquet	Center, Warren
3/3/18	Patriotic	Degree		Warren		John Hundiak	248-652-3433
3/10/18	None	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Muskegon	9802	Garret Kelenske	231-744-8126
3/17/18	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Erie	7413	Kenneth Dressel	734-888-1192
3/21/18	None	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Dewitt	7237	Jim Kraus	517-230-2153
4/21/18	Patriotic	Degree		TBD		David Buick	517-927-8044
6/9/18	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Ann Arbor	13360	Dan Gibbons	734-355-2362

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PROUD TO BE A 3RD DEGREE KNIGHT

BY
 GENE MURAWSKI STATE CEREMONIAL DIRECTOR

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

My council, Mason Council #9182 Knights of Columbus has a long history of many great projects that we have done. This council has supported Seminarians every year since 1985 when our Council was Chartered. We have done many projects for the church to include: landscaping, painting, sound proofing in Cave Hall, vestments for Fr. Kusi, tables, stainless steel racks, pews and chairs, rising crucifix, and many others.

Mason Council has also donated thousands of dollars to various projects like: the Right to life, Rainbow Homes, DSA, Keep Christ in Christmas, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, R.O.C.K. and little R.O.C.K., Mason Athletic Boosters, stuff a crib, plus others.

Yes, we should be very proud to belong to a group of fine Catholic Men, who have done projects for St. James Catholic Church and our Mason Community, or for any of your Councils. So my question to you is why not go through the 2nd and 3rd Degree to learn the other lessons of what the Knights of Columbus is all about. Sure, some of you have been members for years and do not see the reason for finishing your journey, but tell me why not? If you think that once you are a 3rd Degree member or your full Knighthood, you will have to become an officer, that is all wrong. You really are not a full Knights of Columbus until you complete the 3rd Degree. Please take time to think and pray about the journey and consider finishing your walk when you are asked the next time to complete your journey.

I have been asked at the Diocesan Meetings to give some stats on Major Degrees for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year. Michigan did 71 Major Degrees for a total of 1064 for an average of 14.98 per degree. The breakdown by days is as follows:

Sunday	20 degrees	331 candidates	average per degree was	16.55
Monday	1	20		20.00
Tuesday	2	35		17.50
Wednesday	4	44		11.00
Thursday	5	70		14.00
Friday	1	6		6.00
Saturday	38	558		14.68

Let's work to beat these numbers this next fiscal year.

Heading to School? Don't Forget the Coats!

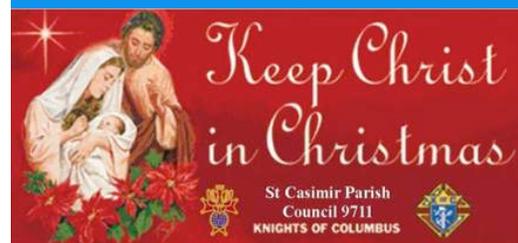
As the calendar turns and kids head back to school, you should begin placing your Coats for Kids orders. By acting now, you'll be sure to have coats available when the weather turns cold. For information on shipping and costs, visit kofc.org/coats or knightsgear.com.

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CLASSIC CAR SHOW

On August 6, 2017, Mason Council #9182 sponsored a Classic Car Show at Darrell's Super Market. The show consisted of over 70 different cars and trucks of various makes. The show featured some of the council officers who volunteered to be in the dunk tank. Oh yes, they were dunked. A local band from Mason volunteered their time and music during the show. Various trophies were awarded to some of the Classic Car owners. The show made \$3877 which will be used to expand the kitchen at St. James Catholic Church to make the cooking easier for Lenten Fish Fries.

Keep Christ in Christmas



Keep Christ in Christmas is a program for Knights, for Family and for Community. This Christmas season we will again have an opportunity to advance the true message that 'Christ is Christmas'. As Catholics we understand this, as Citizens we share this and as Knights we support this. Our message is plain and our mission is before us. This is a battle that must be won. If not by us, then by whom..??

Last year over 109 Councils and Assemblies participated, and we wish to build on that. We encourage all Councils to participate in this program. **Sell Christmas cards with a religious theme at your Parish and enjoy a Great fundraiser with a Great message.** Sponsor a Billboard or put up a Banner and share the message with your community. Hand out Pins, Ornaments and Christmas Seals after Mass. Make it your councils business to draw the line and get the message out: Let us all **Keep Christ in Christmas !!**



New Uniform for the Fourth Degree.



Earlier this month, the Knights of Columbus board of directors unanimously voted to adopt a new uniform for the Fourth Degree. The decision was made with the good of the entire Order in mind. While we understand that some members may prefer the old regalia, the supreme master and vice supreme masters urge all Fourth Degree members to put the good of the Order before any personal preference.

The board decided to make this move based on the following factors:

- The aging of our Fourth Degree membership
- The slow growth of the Fourth Degree (fewer than percent of Knights are Fourth Degree members, and only a fraction of that number even serve as honor guards)
- consistent reports that the old regalia presented a barrier to Fourth Degree membership, especially among younger men

Father Vincent Capodanno

Assembly in Waterford donated \$1,000 to the Michigan Freedom Center at Detroit Metropolitan Airport's McNamara Terminal. The center, also known as the Michigan Armed Services Hospitality Center, welcomes all traveling active military and their families, as well as U.S. military veterans and members of the military from allied nations. This center, along with another at North Terminal, is operated by volunteers 365 days a year.



St. Michael Knights of Columbus Council 7311 [Grand Ledge, Michigan] presented two checks totaling \$3,434.40 to the Grand Ledge Public Schools Special Education Fund. Accepting on behalf of GLPS were April Smith from the Middle School and Tracey Smith from the High School. Presenting were Grand Knight Andy Brege and Past Grand Knights Ron Pioch [far left] and Dave Zerbe [far right].

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Knights of Columbus from the Lansing Diocese



From left to right: District Deputy Gaylend Meeks - Michigan District 2 Senior Marshal Bill Currie, Michigan District 2 Master David Buick, St. Francis Retreat Center Director Father David Rosenberg and District Deputy Jim Kraus)

On June 24, 2017 - the Knights of Columbus from the Lansing Diocese (Michigan) with the support of Michigan's State Deputy Kenneth Unterbrink were proud to be a gold-sponsor of the 2nd Annual FaithFest event held at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, Michigan.

FathFest is a one-day contemporary Christian Music Festival attended by approx. 8000 people for a faith-filled day of activities for the entire family with world class musical artists performing during the outdoor event.

The highlight of the event is the Twilight vigil Mass with Bishop Earl Boyea celebrating along with over 30 brother Priests and Deacons co-celebrating. The evening ends at dusk with fireworks sponsored for the second year by the Knights of Columbus.

A testimonial from one of the attendees - "The Mass celebration was very moving, especially the inclusion of the Knights in full regalia and the Bishop's Homily was very inspiring"

The St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt is situated on 95 acres of gently rolling hills and pine groves a short distance from Lansing, Michigan. The Center is the host of many retreats, functions and events every year. The St. Francis Assembly #2982 is based at the Retreat Center.

State Deputy's Tribute Banquet

Sunday, February 25, 2018
DeCarlo's Banquet & Convention Center
6015 East 10 Mile Road
Warren, MI 48091

Social Hour: Starts at 4pm.
Dinner: Dinner at 5:15pm with program to follow
Donation: \$30.00 per person

Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis
A check or money order must accompany all reservation requests.

Make check payable to Michigan State council
Memo Line : Tribute Banquet Tickets.

Checks are to be mailed to
Michigan State Council Office
6025 Wall Street
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

State Deputy Honored by St. Louis Center at Special



State Deputy Ken Unterbrink (far right) with Dr. David Blaha, Tom Nowatzke, & special guest George Blaha, play-by-play broadcaster for the Detroit Pistons.

State Deputy Kenneth Unterbrink of Chelsea was recently honored by St. Louis Center at the annual Paesano’s Dinner in Ann Arbor on Sunday June 25, 2017 that preceded the well known SLC Golf and Glory Outing at UM Golf Course. Mike and Bridget Roddy, owners of Paesano’s Restaurant in Ann Arbor, have been hosting this special fund-raising dinner for St. Louis Center for the past 12 years. This year’s dinner honored the State Deputy and featured a German theme. Six of his friends came forward to talk about him and his accomplishments, and to thank him for his work on behalf of St. Louis Center during the course of the meal. They included former NFL great Tom Nowatzke, Chelsea Citizen of the Year Art Finger, Chelsea #3092 Grand Knight Ken Klovski, Sentinel Campaign Chair Norm Neuman, State Special Olympics Director Tom Turek, and State Warden Chris Kolomjec. State Deputy Unterbrink expressed his gratitude for everyone who came, and asked for their continued support of St. Louis Center. SLC is located in Western Washtenaw County, run by the Servants of Charity Congregation of priests, and cares for 56 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For more information, visit www.stlouiscenter.org.

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**Daylight Saving Time Ends
On
Sunday November 5, 2017
at 2am
Turn your clock back 1 hour**



**Father all-powerful, Your gifts
of love are countless
and Your goodness infinite.**

**On Thanksgiving Day we come before
You with gratitude for Your kindness:
Open our hearts to
concern for our fellow men and women,
so that we may share Your gifts in loving
service.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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State Deputy**

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**Christopher & Julie Kolomjec
State Warden**

**Robert & Sandra Fox
Immediate Past State Deputy**

2018 Joint Fundraiser For Council And State Charities



Brother Knights:

Welcome to this year's Joint Council and State Charities Raffle. We have put together these top 4 prizes that we consider memorable trips.

These tickets are easy to sell at \$5.00 each for the most respected fraternal organization in the world "The Knights of Columbus". The sale of these tickets have a big impact on our charities which help people that do not have it easy.

We thank you in advance for selling or buying these tickets.

This is one PROGRAM that helps councils fund their charities.

1st Charity Prize - 8 day Western Mediterranean Cruise for 2, Overnight in Rome W/Vatican Tour (Civitavecchia) Italy, Monte Carlo (Cannes), France, Ajaccio, Corsica, Palma De Mallorca, Spain, Sardinia (Cagliari), Italy. Includes roundtrip flights, ocean view balcony room, transfers, cruise, taxes & port charges . Plus \$50 on board credit and \$5,000 cash.

2nd Unity Prize - 9 Night Canada/New England Cruise for 2, Cape Liberty, Bayonne, Boston, Massachusetts, Portland, Maine, Bar Harbor, Maine, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Saint John, New Brunswick (Bay of Fundy). Includes roundtrip flights transfers, cruise, taxes & port charges. Plus \$50 on board credit and \$3,000 cash.

3rd Fraternity Prize—7 Night Western Caribbean Cruise for 2, Ocho Rios, Jamaica, Grand Cayman, Cozumel, day at sea, Miami. Includes ocean view room, roundtrip flights transfers, cruise, taxes & port charges and \$1,000 cash.

4th Patriotic Prize - Philadelphia for 2, tour pass with 27 stops hop-on hop-off sightseeing tour. Includes roundtrip flights, 3 nights at the Marriott Hotel Downtown, and a 3 day tour pass and \$500 cash.

**5th & 6th Prize \$1,000 each 7th - 10th Prize \$500 each
11th - 20th Prize \$250 each 21st - 30th Prize \$150 each**

**“ALL FLIGHTS DEPART DETROIT METRO AIRPORT”
“Trips are transferable to another trip or person.”**

**Grand prize Drawing held at DeCarlo's Banquet Center
6015 East Ten Mile, Warren, MI 48091
Grand Prize Drawing on April 14, 2018, 2:30pm**

Kenneth B. Unterbrink—State Deputy

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**THE CHARITIES WE SUPPORT
ARE THE BIGGEST WINNERS**

**1st Charity Prize
Western Mediterranean Cruise**



ROME W/VATICAN TOUR

**2nd Unity Prize
Canada/New England Cruise**



**3rd Fraternity Prize
Western Caribbean Cruise**



**4th Patriot Prize
Philadelphia For 2**



Angela Hospice, Bishop Baraga Association, Capuchin Community Center, Catholic Radio, Dioceses of Michigan, Guest House, Madonna University, Most Holy Trinity Church, Right to Life programs, Holy Cross Children Services, Special Days Cancer Camp, St. Francis Cabrini Clinic, St. Vincent Catholic Charities, Vocations Programs, Catholic High School Sports Program (Prep Bowl, Catholic Cross Country Meet, Catholic Track Meet), Catholic Publications (Michigan Catholic, U.P. Catholic)