



# MICHIGAN COLUMBIAN



“Rise Up and Answer the Call”

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From The State Deputy  
Walter K. Winkle, Jr.



Brother Knights and Families, I pray that all of you are safe and that the Covid has minimally affected your lives. As this virus continues to plague society, Remember the Leave no Neighbor Behind Program that has been in progress for a few months now. I strongly urge every council to call on their members and ask how they and their families are and is there anything you can do as a council to help them. Open the communications with your fellow Brothers and offer what you can to help. Then call on the members of your parish to ask if they are in need also. This is a perfect time to let them know who we are as Knights of Columbus.

The first two months of the year have been very good so far and I would like to thank all of those members that introduced new men and their families to their councils during the free membership in August in honor of the beatification of our founder Fr. Micheal McGivney. I would like to congratulate those councils that have already reached their quota so far as of the end of August, Council 6549 in New Boston and Council 7945 in Clark Lake and the District Deputies in District 105, Dominic Raona, 131 William Aliti and 501 Chris Stevens that are over 45%. I encourage them along with all the other councils across the state to make every attempt to continue to recruit more men and their families to help us engage in Fr. McGivney’s dream! We are just rapping up September and need to have a strong October, Keep up the great work! I would like to thank Ed and Lynn Strach for all their time and effort in putting together the Right to Life banquet that had to be cancelled due to the restrictions placed on all of us. We have spent much time working with Michigan Right to Life in putting together and excellent program to premiere on Wednesday, September 30 starting at 7:00pm. You will be able to watch online any time after that. I ask you to consider planning watch parties at your parish or Council meeting place or in the comfort of your own home. I ask that you make every effort in promoting this event to all your council members and parish community and all that support life! This is a critical time in our nations history and is most important that we stand up and protect all lives, the young, elderly, sick and mentally challenged, of every race and religion. This is our moral obligation as Catholic’s and cannot be consider a political issue that some would like you to believe. It is a question of right and wrong. With the ultrasound machines that we donate around our state and country, we show the living proof that there is a life being formed in the womb. We need to speak for those who can not and give them a chance to live, weather with their parent or though adoption. The joy of life is so precious and should never be taken granted of.

The new State website is up and running. Thank you to Russ Long and PSD, Tom Marcetti for all their hard work making this happen. Check it out, I have been receiving many good reviews and how easy it is to navigate even on your Smart Phone! The directory is available to those who log on with the K of C Google Account. If you need help getting yours working again, Give Doug Kokot a call and he will be able to help you.

The MI Dive is coming up in October, please make plans to host a drive while using common sense and safety precautions. Make sure you

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From The State Chaplain  
Rev. Paul Ballien



A couple of years ago, there was a report put out by CBS that said that Iceland has nearly eliminated Down syndrome from their country through prenatal testing and abortion. Apparently when the mother has prenatal testing done, and the test comes back positive for Down syndrome markers in the child, the mother is typically encouraged to choose abortion.

In response to that report, a woman by the name of Ellen Stumbo wrote an article of her own entitled: ‘What That CBS Report on Iceland’s Abortion Rate Failed to Say About Down Syndrome.’ And this is what she said:

“A recent CBS news report on Iceland’s abortion rates and almost extinct Down syndrome population has the Down syndrome community talking.

As the mother of a child with Down syndrome this makes me realize how little our world in general values people with disabilities. I should not have to reason with someone why my daughter deserves to be alive, but one of the most common questions I get asked is: ‘Did you know before she was born?’ To me, this question implies children with Down syndrome are not wanted. My daughter is wanted, and she was wanted when a level II ultrasound revealed several markers consistent with Down syndrome.

But let me be honest – at the time, her diagnosis felt devastating. It felt devastating because my disability attitudes were found in ignorance and pity. I only knew stereotypes about Down syndrome. I thought of disability as something tragic. I did not spend time around people with disabilities. I did not know, and media did not help as the portrayal of people with disabilities is lacking accurate representations.

When my daughter was born, she challenged what I viewed as perfect, worthy, important, and valuable in life. I had made wrongful assumptions about what her life would be like because of my negative disability attitudes, only to quickly recognize her life had the same value as someone without a disability, and her life was just as beautiful and full. The treasures I have discovered along the way because of my daughter’s diagnosis remind me our greatest contributions are not found in our strength, performance, eloquence or confidence.

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permission from authorities that you will be working with by going in and presenting a plan of how you will be safe in the distribution of the Tootsie Rolls! By using gloves, mask's and maybe a table to set the candy and jar for money, we can all stay safe while raising fund for all of our important organizations to look forward to our support. Everyone is in desperate need of our financial and moral support more than ever this year. Many of the recipients of these funds do not understand why they can not do the things that they have enjoyed over the many years. We could not have a drive in April, please make every attempt to have one now.

God Bless all of you and your families,  
Rise Up and Answer the Call!  
Walter K. Winkle, Jr.  
State Deputy

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

I won't say Down syndrome is 'easy' because parenting a child with a disability does bring extra challenges. But challenges are not what define the value of life. Because what exactly determines the value of a life? The value of a child...any child?

Should the value of a child's life be reduced to their academic performance? Then why is the life of a child with Down syndrome held to this standard? Should the value of a child's life be reduced to their medical conditions? Then why is the life of a child with Down syndrome held to this standard? Should the value of a person's life be reduced to the job they will have? Then why is the value of a person with Down syndrome held to this standard?

Down syndrome is not just a condition or a statistic, Down syndrome is a person, it is people like my child.

Expectant parents do not really know what Down syndrome is and are left with only the medical opinion of the condition. When you are pregnant and your baby has a possibility of having Down syndrome, doctors' response sadly is often not a welcoming one.... Like our pediatrician whose disability attitude was 'pity' as he confirmed the diagnosis at birth. 'I am very sorry to tell you this, but your child does have Down syndrome.'

Maybe it's time we move from being 'sorry' to offering support... When I hear an expectant mom is going to have a child with Down syndrome I say, 'Congratulations. I know it might be hard to believe it now, but you might come to love Down syndrome as part of who your child is. You will experience shades of color you never knew were possible. Ask me questions, as many as you have. I am here for you. You are not alone.'"

As Knights of Columbus, we help people know the dignity of people born with disabilities. The MI drives that we do every year isn't simply a nice thing we do, it is a vitally important thing that we do. It is vitally important because the world needs our witness as to the infinite value, worth and dignity of every human life. It is vitally important because there is a community of people who needs our help. It is vitally important because serving these very special people helps us to become more human and more humane. This is why we need to continue and grow in our efforts to support this community so that our generation and future generations may know of the blessings that God's special people are to us and our society.

Vivat Jesus,  
Fr. Paul Ballien  
State Chaplain

**Father McGivney's Beatification**

**Father McGivney's Beatification will be broadcast by EWTN, Salt + Light TV and CatholicTV** The Mass will be celebrated on Oct. 31 and broadcast live — we'll be sharing the streaming details in Knightline, on [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) and via our social media channels.



**Turn Your Clocks Back 1 Hour**

**Daylight Saving Time ends  
on Sunday  
November 1, 2020 at 2am.**

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From The State Advocate  
Charles E. Mc Cuen, III

My Brothers All,

I hope everyone has had an awesome and safe summer, I know it is not the “norm” of what we are used but then we are Knights, and everything changes on a moments notice! Before I get to the meat of my article, I would like to thank you for your vote of confidence in allowing me to take the next step and representing you as your State Advocate. I will work just as hard as I did as Warden to answer any Charter Law questions you might have as they pertain to issues that arise in your Councils. As the State Advocate and Chief Legal Officer is my duty to address the many issues that make it to my Office, wither it's a simple question on Covid, Council Meeting guidelines or a Complex Council Merger I am here help in any way I can. If you have an issue please make sure to follow the **Proper Protocol** of contacting your Council Advocate first with your concern, he will in turn contact the Grand Knight with his report, If the issue cannot be cleared up then the District Deputy should be contacted for his direction and if needed the State Deputy's Regional Representative is asked to help. If after all those avenues have been exhausted, then I will be contacted to review the issue and consult the Charter Constitutional Laws , the Supreme Officer desk reference and if needed Brother Knight Fred Boncher, State Legal Counsel to determine the actions needed to resolve this issue and possibly contact Supreme if warranted. As you can see, we are determined and prepared to tackle any legal issue that should come our way!

Well as I start to close my article let me thank our over 400 Council Advocates in the great Michigan Jurisdiction. You Sirs are our First Responders so to speak in handling and maintaining the legal integrity of your Councils. I would suggest that each of you are equipped with the tools of our trade, a currant copy of the Charter Constitutional Laws of the Order, Roberts rules of Order, the KofC .org web site to access the Officers Desk Reference and a cool head to deal with all that comes your way. I know that the job seems minimal at times remember you are an important cog in the internal workings of your council, and you should strive to be knowledgeable in its operation. Good luck my Brothers.

I would like to thank my wife lovely Pam and our children, Jessica, Trisha, Charles and Kayla for all they do so that I can live my dream as a State Officer! I would also like to thank my committee “We are One” for all they do and for putting up with me and my crazy ideas, you guys are the best! So lastly, I would like to thank you my Brother Knights and your families for keeping Fr. McGivney's dream alive and for keeping the Knights of Columbus a strong Catholic Family Orientated Organization! We would be nowhere without your hard work and dedication.

Vivat Jesus

Charlie E. Mc Cuen, III, State Advocate  
“Rise up and Answer the Call”

### Holy Cross Council 2739



Knights of Columbus Holy Cross Council 2739 load up a truck for their second food distribution to LA Sed, an organization located on Vernor in SW Detroit. The Councils food distribution was conducted under the direction of Tim Wallace Deputy Grand Knight. Seen in photo (center) is Robert Rodriguez VP Holy Cross Hall

Board of Directors.

State Membership Director  
Daniel Fuller

My Brother Knights and families, thank you very much for the amazing growth that Michigan has seen during this first quarter of the fraternal year. As I write this, we have added 348 new members. By October 1<sup>st</sup> this number should be well over 475 new members. This growth has been achieved during an unprecedented time in history, with limited mass attendance and a lack of hands on parish and community projects. Let's continue to invite new members to join and not let COVID-19 limit us in 2020. The Knights must be leaders and an avenue of outreach to our Catholic communities, therefore we need membership growth.

“Leave No Neighbor Behind” is a timely and unique program well suited to a pandemic. Has your council taken advantage of this program? We all need to call our Brother Knights and help them through being isolated and away from receiving communion. When the time is right, we need to invite everyone back to mass, and personal phone calls will be key to this evangelization effort. Please use the format of “Leave No Neighbor Behind” to communicate with your Brothers and Parishioners and remind them of the coming Beatification of Fr. McGivney. While you are making these phone calls, remind them of how to use online membership programs such as e-membership [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) and our virtual Exemplification. I thank you all for being caring and faithful leaders.

I pray that we all can soon return to a sense of normalcy in our meetings and programs. With that return to normalcy, we need to plan in-person events including DELTA Church drives. Regardless of whether our parishes are fully open, each council's leadership team needs to be prepared. I hope you are all holding monthly meetings and planning events that are COVID-19 safe and respectful for our catholic communities. If you need help in planning in-person recruiting events please reach out to your District Deputy, Diocesan Membership Director, your Regional State Deputy Representative, or me, your State Membership Director.

Through July and August, our Supreme Council helped us by providing virtual Exemplifications of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, and now it is our responsibility. There are many Councils and Districts performing in-person Exemplifications today following safe protocols of social distancing and utilizing face masks. I encourage every Council and District to form Exemplification Teams to provide in-person or virtual local Exemplifications. Providing a personal and local Exemplification for our newest Brothers creates a very memorable and meaningful experience for them. In addition to your local Exemplification Teams, there will be 5 Regional Teams across the State providing virtual Exemplifications. The Regional Exemplification Schedule will be published on our State website, [mikofc.org](http://mikofc.org). If you have a need for an on-demand Exemplification, go to [kofc.org/officers](http://kofc.org/officers) online for the on-demand Exemplification Invitation. With all these options, there should be no delays in bringing new Knights into our Councils.

Incentives for membership growth during the second quarter will be pumped up with an additional gift for your Chaplain. The highest growth percentage achieved within Large Councils (>201), Medium Councils (101-200) and Small Councils (<100) will receive a Chasuble & Stole Set for their Chaplain. In addition to this award, those Councils will receive dinner and a visit from our State Deputy at their month membership meeting.

I hope you are all very excited that Fr. McGivney will be beatified on October 31<sup>st</sup>. It is amazing to me that our Founder is well on his path to Sainthood. We should be proud to be Knights and part of Fr. McGivney's legacy. Please use this in your conversations with potential Knights and shares Fr. McGivney's vision that every catholic gentleman should be given the opportunity to be a Knight of Columbus.

**Let's all rise up and answer the call.**

### From The State Program Director Paul Palka

We are on our way to fall in Michigan. Summer is leaving us, and the first quarter of the Fraternal year is over. Are your councils working hard on instituting Faith in Action Programs? In the Michigan Columbian you will find articles from each of the Four State Directors in Faith, Community, Life and Family. These directors are working hard on getting information to the councils in support of these programs.

Supreme has supplied us with all the tools and resources to institute these programs. While we are given detailed instructions on how to institute these programs there is some room in the execution of these programs. With a few exceptions we do not need to follow all the steps by the letter unless notated. Please reach out to the Supreme website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) and click on the Magic Red Button that says FOR MEMBERS in the upper right-hand corner of the screen. This is jumping point to all you need to access. This is not a protected area; it is there to help you find what you need to aide you in your duties at the council.

Here are a few examples of what our Knight's are doing To Rise Up and Answer the Call for Programs in this time of pandemic. Saline Council #6674 organized two food drives to support Saline Area Social Service clients. They also recently held a car wash for several beneficiaries. Council 13950 St. Mary of the Hills in Rochester Hills hosted a drive-in Eucharist Adoration, a phone campaign to call each Knight to see if they needed any help and the Knights were cooking meals to go to shelters to feed the hungry. Council #3042 Leo XIII Knights picked up food from a distribution location in Dearborn. Food that was then delivered and distributed from St. Veronica's food pantry. This allowed the food pantry to stay open at a time when replenishing supplies through normal means was disrupted. My home Council St. Therese of Lisieux 11957 in Sterling Heights has worked the parish grounds trimming shrubs, laying mulch, taking trees out, and repairing Msgr. Kasza's home. With the parish budget being tight, helping the parish save on expenses was a big help! Msgr Kasza was very grateful for our assistance.

Hopefully these stories will inspire you to Rise Up and Answer the Call! Please reach out to your Diocesan Program Director or me if you need any help.

Paul J Palka

State Program Director

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### Ladies Corner

What a unique way to start the year for officers in the Knights of Columbus. No summer meeting to prepare for, no Washington DC Supreme Convention but instead our own version of Supreme convention on Mackinaw Island. Our delegates were wonderful and adjusted to all the changes set before them. At least the State camp out went as planned. What a great event. Thank you to our camp host, Allen and Ramona Baldrige. We enjoyed the new venue and all the campers that were joined together. What a great Rosary on the banks of the river by Father Paul Ballien. What a nice mass in the common area, campfire and friendship with gorgeous weather. Thank you to Ethan for cooking our burgers and dogs. We really enjoyed ourselves and cannot wait until next year.

This pandemic surely has changed our gathering as Knights of Columbus family. But we will continue to forge through.

The installation of officers will take place the weekend of August 29 and will be on a much smaller scale than passed years. It is sure to be a success as the new board will be recognized into their official offices.

The winter meeting plans are next on the agenda. We will still be collecting for Holy Cross. Collegiate (sp) sweatshirts, gift card and bath baskets will be collected. Baskets can be purchased at the Dollar store throughout Michigan and filled with bath items. Please contact your councils District Deputies for the details. We hope to celebrate our meeting at the Lexington in Lansing first weekend in December. If this event is cancelled due to the pandemic, we will still collect and find a way to get our gifts to Holy Cross.

Continue to pray for all the sick, lonely, under privileged and depressed people of our communities. Please pray for end to this pandemic. God peace to all.

Karen, Julie, Mandy, Pam, Amy, Marybeth

### Father John M. Lynch Council #4188



The Knights of Columbus is making an impact in Detroit. With a generous donation to the *Judith Caplan Phillips Pet Pantry Program of the Michigan Humane Society*, Father John M. Lynch Council #4188 of Clawson is helping individuals and families care for their most beloved family members: their dogs and cats. With the pandemic closing animal shelters, preventing not only adoptions but veterinary care and assistance for needy animals, *Pet Pantry* provides assistance to thousands of those struggling to obtain food for their four-legged family members. Open three days a week, MHS Pet Pantry has adapted to the pandemic restrictions by offering clients the opportunity to utilize curb-side service. It is heartwarming to see, on any given day, even before the warehouse officially opens, vehicles lined up for blocks down the road. The drivers patiently wait to have their trunks loaded with bags of food, all for the care of their lovable pets. Pictured, are Grand Knight, Terry Clayton and Recorder, Keith Parke of #4188, assisting outside the Pet Pantry Warehouse, 6175 Trumbull, Detroit, which is located near Henry Ford Hospital's main campus on West Grand Boulevard. To donate or receive assistance, go to: <https://www.michiganhumane.org/pet-pantry-program/>

**When the members of the  
Knights of Columbus unite,  
they help change the world.**

## Sacred Heart Major Seminary

**Vivat Jesus!**

Brother Knights, I write this article to express the deepest gratitude on the part of Sacred Heart Major Seminary for the continuous support demonstrated by the Knights of Columbus. At our most recent Archbishop's Gala on June 26th, which was virtual this year, the Knights presented a check to the seminary for \$150,000. That check is another step toward fulfilling the pledge of \$1,000,000 for the Seminarian Scholarship Endowment Fund. The Michigan Knights should be deeply proud of this year's effort, but not only that, the many preceding years and the years to come. This is an effort of the whole State of Michigan, and so it's a real 'team effort'.

Why is the Seminarian Scholarship Endowment Fund critical as we move forward? One of the challenges that is increasing among young people is educational debt. Our goal through the Seminarians Scholarship Endowment Fund is to reduce the financial burden on each seminarian and also upon their diocese. If we can keep those costs down, we can also keep student educational debt down, which is a significant problem for young people today. The work of the Knights on this project assists not only the seminarian individually, but by helping to reduce some of the educational costs, also helps the sponsoring dioceses. The strength of an endowment fund is that it lasts for decades, and your work today will continue to assist us for years to come.

Over the years, the Knights have stepped up on visionary projects. For example, we formed a strong collaboration when the Knights fulfilled a \$1.25 million dollar pledge to establish the Fr. Michael J. McGivney Chair in Life Ethics. That initiative allowed us to be a leader in the United States for the education of seminarians in matters related to Pro-Life, and we are proud to know that it will be the 'Blessed McGivney Chair' soon!!

The Knights have also supported annually our Desert Meal program, which helps seminarians explore the richness of Sacred Scripture so that they can be more effective preachers and teachers of the Word of God. In so many ways, the Knights walk side by side with the seminary and our goal to form courageous, holy, compassionate, and devout servants who are ready to lay down their lives and sacrifice for the people entrusted to their care.

Thank you again for the most recent gift at the Archbishop's Gala, and I look forward to working closely with all of you to complete the Seminarian Scholarship Endowment Fund pledge to secure a stable future for seminarians and your future priests throughout the State of Michigan!

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Forming Hearts and Minds. Proclaiming Jesus Christ

**“SEPTEMBER WAS LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS MONTH”****Raising Awareness about Life Insurance**

September was Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's the one month each year that the life insurance industry coordinates a campaign aimed at educating folks about the importance of life insurance and helping them get the coverage they need. I don't want to bore you with lots of statistics, but a recent survey from LIMRA (Life Insurance Marketing Research Association) found that only 59% of Americans own life insurance and about half of those are underinsured. (Although this report didn't say it, I've got to think these percentages are pretty much the same in Canada.) So that means that 70% of the population either has no life insurance or has too little life insurance.

So what does that have to do with the Knights? The historian, Christopher Kauffman, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book that he wrote on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founding. That book, *Faith and Fraternalism*, notes on page 13, "...he [Fr. McGivney] was deeply interested in pursuing the topic of a Catholic fraternal insurance society among groups of Catholic laymen of New Haven." Then on page 35 Mr. Kauffman goes on, "...he [Fr. McGivney again] spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature...his emphasis on business was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family."

Fr. McGivney lived both the social and the financial insecurity of a desperate family, with the breadwinner suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings. He didn't want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament. That, and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order. Everyone who joined in those first years was insured; that was part and parcel of being in the organization. Now every member has a choice and every member should know

what we do, and how we do it. Here's the process I use when I meet with families:

- 1. Discover – Identify & prioritize your financial goals**
- 2. Gather Data – Collect facts & figures based on your current situation**
- 3. Analyze – Input data, run calculations, identify shortfalls**
- 4. Recommend – Propose a financial strategy designed to satisfy your goals**
- 5. Implement – Choose a financial strategy and implement**
- 6. Periodic Review – Review regularly, measure success, make adjustments**

As you can tell, this is a painless process. But it can help any family, at any age, determine if they have blind spots in their coverage. It can help you avoid the pain of being underinsured. With a variety of life insurance products we offer we can help just about any person within any budget.

I don't know about you, but I don't want to buy life insurance...I want to buy what life insurance provides: no change in lifestyle for the survivors...in the house where they want to be. It'll pay for a daughter's wedding, a child's college education and much more. What does life insurance provide? Peace of mind, security, freedom from anxiety, a safeguard from the unknown. That's where we can help.

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# WE ARE NOT GIVING UP ON LIFE

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS &  
RIGHT TO LIFE OF MICHIGAN FOR A VIRTUAL EVENT!

September 30, 2020 | 7:00 - 7:40 PM

State Deputy Walter Winkle Jr., and Archbishop Allen Vigneron invite you to register for "We Are Not Giving up on Life," a historic statewide virtual event. Join our keynote speaker, **Sarah Huckabee Sanders**, along with our host and musical guest **Matthew West** for a fundraising event like we've never seen before! Visit [RTL.org/RespectLife](https://RTL.org/RespectLife) to register and learn more about this historic virtual event. Can't join us on September 30? After the premiere, this virtual event will be available 24/7 until November 3rd. Please e-mail [info@rtl.org](mailto:info@rtl.org) about opportunities for additional showings.

## Culture of Life Mission



Fellow Brother Knights and Families,  
Let me begin with a brief introduction as your Life Director for the jurisdiction of Michigan. It is an honor for Lynn and I to serve as your Pro-Life Couple for the upcoming fraternal year. We have been married for 42 years and have four daughters. Christine (Jesse Feldpausch) two children, Jennifer (Scott Senior) three children, Kelli (David Coleman) foster

parents, and Alexandria. Our home parish is St. Andrew in Saline (member of Saline Council #6674).

Below is a outline of our Culture of Life mission and pathways to support this mission. For this edition of the Michigan Columbian it will provide detail supporting a Mass for People with Special Needs, an important role under the Prayer (for life) pathway.

Our Culture of Life Mission is – **Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, engage and involve our Knights of Columbus families to continue building a culture of life from conception to natural death.** The pathways for us to fulfill this mission is through the following pathways to engage and involve our Knights of Columbus families for Life include:

- Prayer
- Taking Action
- Standing Up
- Giving

Below is a quick overview of those initiatives and how they align with our pathways of engagement.

### Prayer

- Novena for Life

- [Mass for People with Special Needs](#)

### Taking Action for Life

- Ultrasound Program (featured Supreme program)
- Pregnancy Center Support (featured Supreme program)
- Baby Bottle Program
- Support of Local / County Right to Life Organizations
- Adoption & Fostering of Children

### Standing Up for Life

- March for Life (featured Supreme program)
- 40 Days for Life
- Support Christian Refugee Relief Fund
- Organ Donor Registry
- Giving of Blood

Celebrating a Mass for People with Special Needs can be the first of many steps toward integrating the disabled into regular weekly or even daily Mass – and more deeply into all of the sacraments and other aspects of parish life. Below are resources from Supreme which we recommend you review to ensure a Mass for People with Special Needs is done in a respectful and thorough manner.

### **SUPREME RESOURCES**

#### **MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

LinkLink: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/mass-for-people-with-special-needs.html>

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#10687 News Release - Fillable

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# 2020: THE CATHOLIC VOTE MICHIGAN

DID YOU KNOW? IN MICHIGAN...

# 36%

OF ACTIVE CATHOLICS  
DIDN'T VOTE IN 2016

— WHAT WE'RE DOING ABOUT IT —

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CatholicVote Civic Action is inspired and organized by faithful Catholic laity. For this reason, we do not claim to speak for any individual bishop or the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. We represent the voices of millions of Catholics across America who seek to renew our country and our culture, in full communion with and 100% faithful to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.

### Our challenge for the 2020/21 Calendar Year



Our challenge for the 2020/21 calendar year was born from one man's dream to help boost donations to our seminarian fund. As you know this fund was created so that no seminarian would have to forgo his calling due to lack of monies which happens to be one of the main issues for men to leave the seminary. We all have lots of cans at home and probably know of many in our parishes that also have cans. This challenge has been designed to function similar to the horse race, with three divisions based on council membership. The first part is a council competition which starts on July 1 and runs to September 24<sup>th</sup>. The object is for councils to collect those cans and turn them in for cash then build their donation fund to be turned in to the State Faith Director to be tracked in their division. The winner of each division will have their councils **First** and **Second** delegates to the state convention staying at the Grand Hotel.

The second challenge is a District wide winner takes all competition with a great incentive prize to remain a secret to the end. I can guarantee it will be awesome! This will run from October 1 to June 15<sup>th</sup>. Let's show our seminarians we have their back and start collecting those cans, we have a mission to fulfill.

For more information contact Charles McCuen, III State Advocate at [c.mccuen@mikofc.org](mailto:c.mccuen@mikofc.org)

Programs = New Members

## St. Louis Center Reaches Out for Help in Age of COVID19

When St. Louis Guanella (1842-1915), the Founder of the Servants of Charity, reached out to his friends in the community to help him through the tough times he faced in trying to care for his “Good Children,” he always relied on Divine Providence and would say, “God will provide.” Soon out of nowhere, someone would knock at the door at just the right time when things were at their darkest to offer Fr. Guanella a charitable donation to get him through his next crisis. And God DID provide.

Today, as a result of the COVID19 pandemic, St. Louis Center has had a challenging year financially, with every planned fundraiser during the first half of the year cancelled or postponed, and the first fundraiser not taking place until Saturday July 18, 2020 as a “Virtual” Memorial Golf Outing. While we were successful at raising \$18,000 during this event, what we can’t replace is the loss of revenue from the absence of this year’s Palm Sunday MI Drives throughout the State of Michigan by the Michigan Knights of Columbus. Typically, there are 75-80 local councils throughout the year that contribute to St. Louis Center in support of the residents who are intellectually and developmentally disabled, but this year’s support has slowed to a trickle as a result of most of the Palm Sunday MI Drives having been cancelled.

And now we pray that “God will provide,” and that many councils will pick up the torch this fall on Columbus Day weekend for an MI Drive to help St. Louis Center and many other deserving non-profit organizations in need. This is of course, dependent on whether or not

a drive can even take place this fall if the pandemic is still hanging over our heads.

Many thanks to State Deputy Walter Winkle and the State Council for participating as a Gold Sponsor during our Golf and Glory Outing at UM Golf Course on Monday September 14<sup>th</sup>. Combined with this event, St. Louis Center will also be producing a “virtual” fundraiser for our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Thursday October 22, 2020 featuring former University of Michigan Basketball Coach John Beilein as a special guest, and there will also be a “virtual” Fall Auction on Saturday November 7, 2020 featuring a one week stay at a home in Italy as the top item. (Visit [www.stlouiscenter.org](http://www.stlouiscenter.org) for additional information).

Finally, good news was reported in the last issue of the *MI Columbian*, as we talked about the five new buildings opening up in St. Louis Guanella Village this fall; including two adult homes, one residential home, one two-family duplex, and an administration building. Once we obtain occupancy permits, we should be able to move our folks in.

St. Louis Center is a residential care facility for 70 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Chelsea, MI and is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. Please visit [www.stlouiscenter.org](http://www.stlouiscenter.org) for more information or to make a donation, and God bless you for your continued support.

Fr. Enzo Addari, SdC., CEO,

## Community

As we’re all aware, 2020 has been a tragic and challenging year for everyone. We’ve all been effected by the pandemic to some degree, whether it be our health, our finances or just the way we go about our everyday lives. Our Supreme Council has initiated a new program that focuses on councils helping those in need during this time. The Leave No Neighbor Behind program is a great way to harness council resources towards extending hands to those we can help. Please visit our Supreme Council’s website at [KofC.org](http://KofC.org) for full details, but in general councils can earn up to two credits towards the Columbian Award by engaging in 5 categories. Supporting our brother knights, supporting our parish, supporting our community, feeding the hungry and participating in blood drives are 5 activities that all councils can execute. So be sure to consult the resources on our website and step into the breach, like all K of C members are called to do.

Another great program that Knights across the order have performed over the last decade is our Coats for Kids initiative. As you may be aware, coats are available from our Supreme Council’s website for councils to purchase. Like in previous years, councils are able to conduct their own coat giveaway to local children that may be in need. Alternatively, our State Council will be sponsoring a number of Coats for Kids events at different locations in Michigan. Councils can participate by donating money to the State Council which allows more coats to be distributed at these events. It’s a great way for

councils that don’t have the resources or the ability to distribute locally to help fund the state events. And of course earn a credit towards the Columbian award.

A fine youth program that is overlooked by many councils is the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Over the last several years young Catholics in Michigan have produced some excellent essays, but a relatively small number of councils conduct the program. This contest, open to Catholic students in grades 8-12, has a great theme this year: how trusting in God during a difficult time has helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it. The contest is relatively easy to run, just get the word out to local young Catholics and get the materials and guidelines into their hands. Follow up with judging and send in the winners to the state by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Remember, even a contest with small participation can be very impactful to the families that enter. Why not make 2020 a year to try this out?

Speaking of impacting families, a great way to make an impression is with our Casey the Teddy Bear stuffed animals. Be sure to order a case or two to have on hand for your council’s use!

These are just some of the Community Programs that councils can participate in to make this fraternal year meaningful and rewarding.

Michael Haughey  
State Community Director  
[m.haughey@mikofc.org](mailto:m.haughey@mikofc.org)

## “SEPTEMBER WAS LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS MONTH”

\*Receive a complete *Family Needs Analysis* at my expense.

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## Donations for Residents at Holy Cross Services

### Sweatshirt - Gift Card Programs

**Sweatshirts that we are asking for**  
Any College Logoed or Professional Sport Teams  
Adult Sizes needed L, XL, XXL, XXXL



PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS MAY BE THE ONLY GIFT THEY RECEIVE!

**Acceptable Boxes For Sweatshirts**  
(Robe boxes from a Dollar Store work great)



Please Mark Size on the Back of the box

**Please No Plain Sweatshirts!**



**Acceptable Gift Cards**  
\$5.00, \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00, \$25.00


or

or


(PLEASE MARK ON THE GIFT CARD HOW MUCH IT IS WORTH)

Over the Labor Day weekend you received a phone call from our State Deputy's wife Karen Winkle, we are looking for the Knights to Rise Up for Holy Cross Services!

We are asking for your help in preparing Christmas for the residents at Holy Cross Services. There are **several choices of donations**. **Councils are also asked to participate in this program and collect these items and give them to their District Deputy so he can deliver them to the Winter Leadership Meeting on December 4th.**

**You may choose to participate in all or any of the program(s).**

1. The **SWEATSHIRT** program. It has been a successful program over the years. The residents appreciate great-looking sweatshirts or hoodies with sports or college logos. **Adult sizes only, please: Large, XL, XXL, XXXL, and XXXXL.** Quality is more important than quantity! Remember that your gift may be the only one they receive.

Place your shirt in a pre-decorated gift box and the only thing on the box needs to be the size of the sweatshirt, and if it is definitely a female shirt or a male shirt, please mark it accordingly in large, easy-to-read lettering. If you have many shirts of the same size, please place all of the boxes in a large box, mark the size on the large box, and save our volunteers some work.

2. We normally hand out empty **BATH BASKETS** at the Summer Meeting to the State Leadership wives in July. This year we ask you to purchase the bath baskets from Dollar Tree, (Order information for bath baskets: <https://www.dollartree.com/colorful-oval-carry-totes/842364>) All items from the list must be purchased from Dollar Tree. Please return them filled with 10 different items on the list. Put them in a plastic bag, and place them in boxes ready to load on the truck.

3. **HATS, SCARVES AND MITTENS** continue to be popular whether they are hand-made or store-bought, with love.

4. You may choose to give **GIFT CARDS**. The three stores are: Meijer, Target, or Walmart. Please make dollar amounts of \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20 or \$25 only.

5. **TWIN BED SHEETS** are a popular gift. These are given to the young men and women who are graduating from programs and venturing out to live on their own..

6. **HOTEL SAMPLES** of shampoo, conditioner, and soaps will also be collected. . These items are donated to a facility for women trying to escape an abusive relationship.

### Bath Baskets

Giving gifts of bath baskets filled with personal hygiene items was started in 2006 by Joyce Wegener, wife of Former Supreme Director Tom Wegener, in order to give the girls at Holy Cross their very own personal items, and a way to take these items with them to their showers.

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Please follow these simple directions:

- Purchase items for a dollar at a local store
- If you wish, coordinate products by color or scent
- Return the filled basket(s) to the Winter Meeting
- Please choose **ONLY** one of each item per basket from the list below

Please **NO SCISSORS, HAIRSPRAY, NAIL CLIPPERS, BRUSHES, PENCILS, SHARP OBJECTS OR AEROSOL CANS** (pump sprays are OK)

All baskets must be similar in order to avoid rivalry!

The total cost should be no more than \$10.00

1. Shampoo
2. Conditioner
3. Body wash, scrub or gel
4. Toothpaste & Brush
5. Chap stick
6. Hair gel or mousse
7. Body lotion or hand lotion
8. Deodorant
9. Bath puff/loofa
10. Emery boards

Fill the basket and place it in a plastic bag. If you have several baskets, place them in a sturdy box ready to go on the truck headed for Holy Cross Services

On behalf of all the young adults and children, we thank you for being so generous!

### Former Staff Captain Ed Stop 1925 - 2020



Edward Peter Skop, Former Staff Captain, Former District Deputy, Past Grand Knight, passed away peacefully on August 30, 2020, surrounded by his family. He was 94 years old. Son of the late Peter and Victoria Skop, Ed is survived by his wife of 69 years, Edna Skop; children, Janice (Dave) Weber, Gary (Karen) Skop, Jerome "Jerry" Stop; 7 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; also many nieces and nephews, extended family and dear friends.

Joined the Knights of Columbus on July 1, 1959

Grand Knight 1964 - 1968

District Deputy 1970 - 1974

Man of the Year 2014

Staff Captain for many years

May his soul and all the soul's of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.



### Dear Brother Knights,

I hope you and your families are well as we continue to be patient throughout these ever-changing and stressful times we currently live in.

October is a time of year when we see the changes of our fall colors. Holy Cross Services is a place that also makes changes – not in nature but in the lives of our youth, adults and families. Over the last 72 years, we have added many programs and services in order to serve the needs of our clients today. One thing remains the same, our **Mission** is to bring hope, promote change and help people live free, healthy, and productive lives.

We are successful because of the continued dedication of all of you and many other caring individuals that want to provide hope, opportunity and a brighter future for those less fortunate.

On the following page is a brief history of “Who is Holy Cross Services” and our partnership with the Knights of Columbus.

I hope you all enjoy the Fall months, and as always, thank you for your continued support of Holy Cross Services. We are forever grateful for all that you do to help Michigan kids, adults and families.

With Gratitude and humility,

Sharon Berkobien  
CEO

#### HOLY CROSS SERVICES JULY CALENDAR WINNERS

Steven Dolunt, Charles Bolda, Mary Pettinato, Beverly Lake, Allison Rathe, Brad Hartel, Clement & Doris Kraemer, Kaitlyn Chappa, Sr. Sharon Hektor, Lori Gilbert, Tim Altermatt, Alexander Novak, William Steed, Derald Harder, Bernard Plotzke, Henry DeCaluwe, Mary Maddalena, Ely Gianopoulos, Rene Reinelt, Donald Koenigsknecht, David Warchuck, Stacey Steffes, Theodore & Suzanne Monfette, Larry Pfeifer, Francis Spitzley, Donald & Cynthia LaMarche, Anthony & Paula Bliss, Stephen Vitale, Justin Horst, Glenn Muncie, Robert Surma,

**\$500 WINNER - Ronald & Carol Elwart**

#### HOLY CROSS SERVICES AUGUST CALENDAR WINNERS

Neill Perrine, Bryan & Lisa Wischmeyer, David Currie, William Wittman, Charlie Vallier, Robert Fluture, Alphonse Thelen, Gerald Thelen, Donald Antosiewicz, Les Luptowski, Norbert Giczewski, David Deradoorian, Margaret Bogataj, Marjory Arning, Gerald Wesaw, Timothy Steffes, John & Katherine Pruse, Janet Rutkowski, Kathleen Bohm, Mark Brickman, Kenneth & Deborah Verkest, Joseph & Susan Martino, Vasilie Croitori, Kurt & Marirose Movinski, Kevin Swider, Lisa Arbanas-Jackson, Larry Kohagen, Lindsay Blamer, J. Thomas Hutton, Joseph Ariganello, Henry Murawski,

**\$500 WINNER - Theodore & Suzanne Monfette**

#### HOLY CROSS SERVICES SEPTEMBER CALENDAR WINNERS

Judith Weisenberger, Patricia Snyder, Reverend Donald Klingler, Betty Maher, Gerald Lott, Garry Schoenherr, Martial Viens, Dan & Lauren Vokal, Eric Huhn, Dallas Ostrander, Regina Feldpausch, Colleen Cockerhan, Norbert & Judith Burt, Richard Wyllie, Ellen Davis, John & Judy Farrell, Stan & Sue Ciemerych, Robert Swales, Harry Goerge, Dianne Havican, Edmund Shaheen, Jack Champagne, Michael Swillum, Robert Kuch, Lance Butler, Sr., Riverview Council #13980, James Dixon, Dianne Birkam, Robert Hoffman, Ann Hornick,

**\$500 WINNER - Jerome Teed**

**“Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.” – Proverbs 13:12**

### How Does Holy Cross Change Lives? Client Testimonial

“I am part of the Foster Care Program at Holy Cross. During my time here, I have gotten a lot of support from the staff who have always been open to help me with anything. I have really grown as a person and received a lot of encouragement to set goals and work for them. The biggest misconception people have of foster kids is that they think that we need all this extra help and can't look out for ourselves, but we have goals and we're here to better ourselves too. But we all have very different experiences, and everyone is unique. I've gotten to meet people at Holy Cross from many different races, cultures, and backgrounds, and I am just thankful for my group of friends that I've met here. There's more to us than just being foster kids.”

**The 2021 Holy Cross Services Giving Calendars will be available at your local Knights of Columbus Council in October or you can contact Karen Rupley at [krupley@hccsnet.org](mailto:krupley@hccsnet.org) or 517-657-8455 to order yours today. These calendars make great gifts for birthdays, anniversaries and help bring hope and opportunity to our kids – it's a WIN/WIN!!**



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

[HolyCrossServices.org](http://HolyCrossServices.org)

## WHO IS HOLY CROSS SERVICES OF MICHIGAN?

### HOLY CROSS WOULD NOT BE WHO, OR WHERE WE ARE, WITHOUT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

Holy Cross Services has had a long-standing relationship with the Michigan Knights of Columbus as the Knights were part of our very foundation when the agency was formed in 1948 under our original name, Boysville of Michigan. It was Edward Cardinal Mooney's vision to create a place for boys (hence the name Boysville) to develop self-esteem and self-reliance, learn academics and develop spiritual values. These goals remain in place today at Holy Cross.

His determination and diligence were key factors in making Boysville of Michigan a reality. Cardinal Mooney invited the other four Michigan bishops and the Michigan Knights of Columbus to join him in his quest to care for young men who were experiencing family challenges, identified by local pastors.

In 1947, Ed Barrett, State Deputy for the Michigan Knights of Columbus, asked the delegates at their state convention to consider accepting Cardinal Mooney's invitation to make Boysville their principle charitable responsibility. This request was compatible with the mission of your founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney- to care for widows and orphans. A unanimous decision was reached and the road to Boysville was soon to be paved, lives were restarted and hope instilled!

Eventually, Boysville extended its services to help girls in need as well and in turn, the agency name changed. In 1981, Edmund Cardinal Szoka had been appointed by the Pope to assume responsibility as Chairman of the Boysville Trustees. During Cardinal Szoka's term, Bishop Kenneth Untener of the Diocese of Saginaw asked for Boysville to assume administrative responsibilities for St. Vincent Home, which became the agency's first official center for young women.

We are eternally grateful for our continued partnership we have with the Knights of Columbus and all its members. Just as the Knights' Mission focuses on helping young people, families, and communities in service to the Catholic Church, since the day Holy Cross opened and true to this day, our Mission continues to and will always emulate Catholic values. That is also reflected in our core oversight, as we are also proud to say that the Knights of Columbus (as well as the Brothers of Holy Cross) have always had seats on our Board of Directors and the majority membership of our Board will always be comprised of persons of the Catholic faith.

Truly, our services are very in line with your Mission. Holy Cross Services helps the less fortunate, the most traumatized across Michigan.... abused, neglected, and abandoned children; homeless adults, children, and veterans; plus, youth and adults who suffer from addiction and mental health issues.

From day one, Holy Cross has served disadvantaged children and that will always be the heart and soul that drives us to serve communities all across our state.

One thing Holy Cross is very good at, is filling gaps in missing services to those in serious need. Over the years, we have been presented with opportunities to help even more hurting people. We added addiction and mental health services, since we know that many of the children we take in and care for, come from broken homes with these disorders. Our goal is to make every child better and healthy, to help get them on their best path for their best life. We look to treat the whole family, the whole situation. We also acquired a Lansing facility that provides comprehensive homeless services and shelter that serves over 6,000 homeless veterans, adults, and children every year.

#### **We could not do any of this without you!**

It is our mission, it is at our core, to bring hope, promote change, and help ALL people live free, healthy, and productive lives.

We are so grateful that you have been with us, and continue to support us every day, along this journey! We cannot emphasize enough how valued the Knights are to our Agency, you have helped change, for the better, hundreds of thousands of lives over the years.

You have been a huge part of our Agency's success in helping us to continue to do what we do, so THANK YOU! We look forward to even more activities and engagements between our groups in the years to come.



## Our Lady of the Woods Shrine



Our Lady of the Woods Shrine in Mid. Michigan

Built as a symbol of their faith; restored as a symbol of ours: The Our Lady of the Woods Shrine (The Shrine) celebrates its 65th anniversary in 2020.

The Shrine came as a dream-like vision to Father Rakowski while he prayed for guidance as the newly appointed pastor of the St. Mary Congregation of Mio. In July of 1953 with permission of Bishop Stephen Woznicki and two borrowed shovels but not a penny to spend, the faith-filled community of Oscoda County, Michigan broke ground on the shrine. Using stone donated by Onaway Stone Quarry, most of the work was done by hand with the help of a huge scaffold, a homemade elevator, shovels and wheelbarrows. Catholics and non-Catholics worked together to erect this mountainous limestone structure honeycombed with grottoes and niches to explore. Resting on footings that are 8 feet deep and 4 feet wide, it is estimated that 25,000 tons of native Onaway stone and an equal amount of cement were used to construct the Shrine.

On Sunday, September 4, 1955, more than 2 years after construction



had begun, Bishop Stephen Woznicki officiated the dedication ceremony. The ceremony was attended by 30 members of the clergy and over 4,000 people, both Catholic and non-Catholic. It is estimated that more than 20,000 people visited The Shrine that day.

Natural beauty of northern Michigan surrounds this Marian Shrine which has 32 Carrara marble statues and is filled with spiritual and natural symbolism. A statue of Christ the King welcomes you. Five Marian apparitions are depicted around The Shrine:

Lourdes, Fatima, La Salette, Mt. Carmel, and Guadalupe, as well as, the Assumption of Mary. The front grotto contains a beautiful Pieta statue. The grotto in the back honors the Holy Family and contains first class relics of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, and St. Anne. A third grotto on the south side has a mosaic of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Three niches and a water feature on the front contain elements representing God's magnificent creation of and blessings on the state of Michigan. Words can not describe the spiritual peace and splendor one experiences while visiting the Our Lady of the Woods Shrine.

In recent years, the Our Lady of the Woods Shrine has been undergoing restoration so that the Shrine will be retained for future generations. The first phases involved restoration of some statues, as well as, roof water-proofing and the removal and replacement of damaged stone on the back side of the Shrine. With restoration of the back of the Shrine complete, the next phases will include restoring the top and front portions, eventually moving to the store walk approach in the front, as funds become available.

Events planned for 2020 to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the dedication of the Our Lady of the Woods Shrine will be rescheduled in 2021. Plans to continue outdoor lawn-chair Masses at 6:00 pm followed by socials are set for the first Saturday of June, July, August, and September 2021 pending allowance under social distancing guidelines. Labor Day weekend will begin with the 66th anniversary dinner on Friday, September 3rd. Saturday, September 4th, is the last outdoor lawn chair Mass at the Shrine and social of the year, and Sunday, September 5th, is the Seven Sorrows of Mary Chaplet before Mass.

Visit the [www.olwshrine.org](http://www.olwshrine.org) website for more information about the Our Lady of the Woods Shrine or to support the restoration project.



[MIKOFC.ORG/JOINUS](http://MIKOFC.ORG/JOINUS)

## May They Rest In Peace

**Standish Council 2724**

Richard Laur, Mitchell Pula

**Westphalia Council 2890**

Ronald Thelen,  
Gary Hengesbach  
Kevin Fedewa

**Utica Council 2950**

Fred Sleeman FD1M

**Dearborn Hgts. Council 3312**

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Former Staff Captain

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Gary Nault

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Steven Webber

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Gary Carpenter,

Harold Letinski

**Watervliet Council 4055**

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**Prudenville Council 6548**

Theodore Nielson

**Roscommon Council 6593**

Andre Janisse, Sr.

**Posen Council 6657**

Art Peters, Terry Sullivan

**Freeleand Council 7582**

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Russell Clarey, FDD

**Sanford Council 8043**

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Ruggles

**Klackung Creek Council 8948**

Ralph Schnauzt,  
James O'Connor

**Williamsburg Council 9979**

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**Harrison Twp. Council 11658**

Cy Minnella, John Socia

**Port Huron Council 11756**

Harry O'Shanick

**Shelby Twp. Council 11957**

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**Southfield Council 14928**

Arthur Buczkowski

Anthony Philip Progar, Jr.

**Cedar Springs Council 15889**

Reuben Hoxie

YES I wish to enroll in the Guild and to receive the newsletter. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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 MONTHLY MASS FOR GUILD MEMBERS

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE**  
**MEN WHO LEAD**  
**MEN WHO SERVE**  
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### Casey Teddy Bear Order Form

Council No. \_\_\_\_\_ Council Name \_\_\_\_\_

Order Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ Total Order (Number of Bears x \$10) \_\_\_\_\_

Ship To: Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Checks Payable to: Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus Memo: Casey Teddy Bears

Send to: **Michael Haughey**  
**State Community Director**  
**15045 Veronica**  
**Eastpointe, MI 48021**

### Promote Programs to Enhance the Domestic Church

Worthy Brother Knights and Families, as the State Family Director it is my privilege to promote programs to enhance the domestic church. I am asking you to consider a change, do something different, get out of your comfort zone. The Supreme Council and the State of Michigan Knights of Columbus offer many programs that will give you an opportunity to grow spiritually and to become closer as a Family. I personally know that change can be hard and that many times it doesn't happen overnight. I would like you to consider some of these programs. The Family Fully Alive program is a great way to start, you can either download the booklet or you can have your Council order it for you or for a group. The Family Fully Alive offers monthly themes, meditations, reflections, and group projects. What a great way to become closer to your family and our heavenly Father.

Perhaps you are already doing this program another opportunity for change is the Family Prayer Night. This program asks us to share our domestic church with others a once a month get together with other Council members and their families or even other Parishioners. Enjoying an evening of prayer, dinner and fellowship is a great way to broaden our horizons. In these times it may be difficult to do these

programs with others but try and think out of the box and have a can-do attitude. All of us are doing Zoom meetings or other meeting forms, and this may be a way to get together and still be apart.

I am sure that many of you know what is coming next. Please take time to do the Family of the Month program, pick a family fill out the current form and send it in. The month of July had only 8.31% of the Councils in the State participating. I can see no reason why you wouldn't want to recognize a family in your Council or your parish that is deserving of this honor. When you do this program please do the Knight of the Month also, these are sent to our State Community Director.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this article if you have any questions about Family Programs feel free to contact me, I am in the Directory.

Your Brother in Christ  
 Garret A. Kelenske  
 State Family Director  
 "Aut viam inveniam aut faciam"

### Knights Send Aid in Aftermath of Beirut Explosion Stability in Lebanon seen as key to religious pluralism in Middle East



The Knights of Columbus has sent \$250,000 for disaster relief to Lebanon in the wake of the devastating Beirut explosion.

"This is a great tragedy that merits the prayers and full attention of the world," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "The calamity in Lebanon is

a threat to the vital Christian community there and threatens the

existence of Christianity throughout the Middle East. This desperate situation must be addressed."

The Knights' gift was conveyed through Bishop Gregory Mansour, who leads the Maronite Eparchy (diocese) of St. Maron of Brooklyn, NY. It will include: \$125,000 for Caritas Lebanon; \$50,000 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society; \$50,000 for Telelumiere/Noursat Christian Television in the Middle East; and \$25,000 for Sesobel, which serves special needs children and their families.

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**NOTE: FOR GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCIL PR CHAIRMAN**

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

**Families of the Month****Lansing Council 788**

Dennis & Terri Becht, \*cfy  
Josh & Justina Lyman  
Corder family  
Killian family

**Portland Council 2168**

Donald & Carol Gunderman  
Michael & Beth Theis  
Troy & Courtney Smith  
Fr. Michael Alber family

**Standish Council 2724**

Mike & Beverly Gwisdala

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**Knights Give \$150,000 for Hurricane Relief**

The Order's donation will go to the Catholic Diocese of Lake Charles, La., in the wake of Hurricane Laura, that caused widespread destruction.



8/28/2020

The Knights of Columbus announced it will donate \$150,000 to the Catholic Diocese of Lake Charles, Louisiana, in the wake of Hurricane Laura, a Category 4 storm that caused widespread destruction across the state on Aug. 26.

Supreme Knight Carl

Anderson said, "Our prayers are with the people of the Diocese of Lake Charles and with everyone impacted by this destructive storm. This donation is only the first step in our efforts to help with recovery."

Along with providing donations, Knights are often the first and last on the ground after disaster strikes. Louisiana Knights began recovery efforts immediately by assessing damage, determining pressing needs and identifying staging areas to receive critical supplies. The Knights

of Columbus Supreme Council is procuring and shipping requested supplies, including gift cards, tools, roofing nails, tarps, bottled water, ready-made food and cleaning supplies.

Offers to assist are pouring in from Knights of Columbus members in other states and countries. Supreme Knight Anderson said this is a typical reaction from fellow Knights. "It is fraternal charity and fraternal unity that distinguished the Knights of Columbus from other relief organizations. We stand shoulder to shoulder, supporting one another in faith and service across the world."

Bishop Glen John Provost of the Diocese of Lake Charles thanked the Knights for the assistance. He said, "We deeply appreciate the generosity of the Knights because the devastation in Lake Charles is enormous. The task ahead for us is most challenging but we know as in the past the Knights have always been there for us. God bless them!"

Last year, Knights of Columbus Charities Inc. and Knights of Columbus Canada Charities Inc. gave more than \$1.3 million to disaster relief with an additional \$3.5 million donated by local Knights councils and assemblies.

**NOTE: FOR GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCIL PR CHAIRMAN**

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

Michael Haughey, State Council Community Director, 15045 Veronica., Eastpointe, MI 48021 \*cky - Council Knight of the Year

Send a copy of the names to the Michigan Columbian.

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**Grand Haven Council 2975**

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Bukala \*cky  
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# AROUND THE STATE

## Resume Face to Face Meetings



For the July meeting of the Knights of Columbus, Council 2900 has resumed face to face meetings. The Council met in the Coldwater Township hall and practiced social distancing. All members wore face masks following recommended protocols. The council had been meeting regularly on Zoom.

At the meeting, the council heard a presentation by Deacon Don Bouchard on the works and needs of the Catholic Charities of Kalamazoo. Deacon Bouchard was introduced by Deacon Al Sosinski. Deacon Bouchard spoke about the charitable works of Catholic charities, its developing outreach, and services to all areas of the Diocese and the needs of the program including volunteer help. It was an informative presentation. Council 12668 Reed City

## Council 12668 Reed City



One of the projects this Council has been working on is 2 Pro-Life benches to be placed at St Ann and Mt. Olivet

Cemetery's locally. The Knights belong to St Philip Neri' parish in Reed City. The dedication and Blessing was held on Sunday July 5, 2020.

## Split Wood For Life

Three years ago, under the direction of Culture of Life Director Jim Hall, and with the support of Pastor Rev. Gordon Reigle, Good Shepherd Council 8669 in Montrose launched a "Split Wood for Life" project to support Pro-Life causes.

Potential firewood sites are made available by donors in the community. Jim Hall and his crews of volunteer Brother Knights then fell the timber and split it into campfire size pieces and package it into bundles or sell by the cord. Sales are by word of mouth to parishioners and the community.

Many productive hours are spent by Brother Knight's making use of the donated timber and clearing the sites.

To-date, Council 8669 has raised \$5461.00 for Pro-Life organizations from the proceeds of the Split Wood for Life project. Recipients of these funds are Flint Area Right to Life, The Answer Center for Women, Heartbeat of Greater Flint, and Heavenly Ministries' Impact Crisis Pregnancy Center.

The Split Wood for Life project continues, with all proceeds earmarked to support the Culture of Life.

## 'Returns' for Vocations



On Saturday July 11th the Knights of Columbus MSGR Esper Council #3027 held their 15th annual 'Returns' for Vocations fundraiser. The council represents Most Holy Trinity Parish of Fowler, MI. The group raised \$15,300 to aid those pursuing vocations by collecting returnable bottles and cans (135,000+) and monetary donations from the community. The event was a way for the community to 'Return' support to those from the local area discerning vocations. It was truly a community effort with over 100 people donating more than 300 hours of service. The fundraiser was such a success that the planning has already started for next year.

## Catholic Campus Ministry Fund Raiser



Over the past few weeks Deacon Terry Verville rode his bike for 75 miles to raise money for the Catholic Campus Ministry at Northern Michigan University. He took 9 days to complete the ride, with his wife Renee riding

her bike with him, the ride was mostly completed in the evenings.

Because of very generous donors he was able to raise \$680 to help Father Dustin Larson and the Campus Ministry Students to reach their goal of \$10,000.

Deacon Terry is hoping to make this an annual event and to hopefully be able to have other riders joining him in this fundraiser in the future.

Permanent Deacon Terry is a member of the Iron River Knights of Columbus Council 2300, serving as its Financial Secretary and Assembly 501, serving as Outside Sentinel and Honor Guard. He serves as Deacon for Iron River St. Agnes, Caspian St. Cecilia and Watersmeet Immaculate Conception Parishes, serving Pastor Fr. Gregory Veneklas.

## Annual Golf Outing For Vocations

Each year the Mason Council Knights of Columbus, Council #9182 of Michigan, sponsors a Golf Outing to support Seminarians who are studying to become a Priest in the Catholic Faith. This year with the Corona Virus, we had to cancel the events. However, even with the Pandemic, we were able to still donate \$8500 to 17 different young men. Mason Council #9182 has been part of this program for over 35 years and have donated well over \$150000 toward Seminarians.

These are the 17 young men we supported this year, Mason Abbott, Resurrection; Brandon Amburn, Resurrection; Brian Armbrustmacher, Holy Trinity; Joshua Bauer, St. Elizabeth; Jon Bokuniewicz, St. Augustine; Miquel Colunga; Thomas Crowley, Resurrection; Adam Grand, St. Mary; Randy Koenigsknecht, Holy Trinity; Joshua Luttig, Holy Trinity; Kevin Schafer, St. Mary; Andrew Schneider, St. Mary, Dominic Schoenie, Christ the King; Justin Stanley, ST. Thomas Aquinas; Christian Stiles, St. Mary; Thomas Watza, St. Patrick and Jack Jobst, Christ the King. We wish them all of the best in their studies.

## REPURPOSING FISH

St. Therese of Lisieux Council 11957 in Shelby Township, Mich., delivered frozen fish purchased for its canceled fish fry fundraisers to Vets Returning Home, a nonprofit home and resource center in Roseville. The donation will supply approximately 200 meals to veterans residing at the home.



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**LASTING REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DEPARTED**

Memorial Plaque:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Culture of Life Mission**



Supreme Brochure Example #10690

As your councils develop their plans for the upcoming fraternal year, please consider continuing to build a culture of life from conception

Prayer to share with our parish families.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. We wish you a successful fraternal year!

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Greg Brunson  
State Faith/Vocations Director

### Brother Knights

Please take a few moments to read and reflect on the words of Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life - in an Open Letter to the Pastors of the United States.

It is a powerful letter and a clear call for Pastors across America to step 'Into the Breach' to defend Religious liberties which have been trampled upon for years.

We as Knights of Columbus are called also to step "Into the Breach" and be men of action, defending our families, our communities and our nation against the evil one and all his false promises.

Dear Pastors,

I write to you as a fellow preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This Gospel makes clear moral demands on individuals and on governments alike. The duty of preaching the Gospel involves not only the urgent exhortation to personal holiness and salvation, but the equally urgent exhortation to govern justly. Those responsible for the common good are obliged to protect the fundamental rights of the citizens and their freedom to live out their Faith in the way that they – and not the government – see fit.

Anyone who has been paying attention over the last six decades has seen an organized and persistent effort to limit the Gospel to the private arena of our hearts and within the four walls of our Churches.

Prayer and Bible reading have been banished from our schools. People of faith have had to fight in court to display religious symbols in public and to conduct their businesses and ministries in accordance with their moral convictions. The right to even talk about our faith has been attacked on campuses and in the media.

And as the courts have increasingly upheld religious freedom, haters of religion have now taken to the streets to show their contempt for our beliefs by destroying its symbols.

Moreover, the legal protection afforded to our most fundamental good, life itself, and to God's creation of marriage and the family, has been obliterated by amoral legislators and activist judges. Some 62 million children have been killed in the name of "freedom."

Yet our Founding Fathers, anticipating the extent to which human nature can fall into error and sin, have provided for us a system of self-governance that can overcome and correct even these drastic departures from the laws of nature and of nature's God.

Our nation is preparing to engage in two months of voting from September 4<sup>th</sup>, when the first absentee balloting begins, through Election Day, November 3. In this time, some 100,000 electoral races will be decided at every level of state and federal government.

We therefore have a choice.

And the choice we have is as relevant to what kind of church we will be as it is to what kind of nation we will be.

On the one hand, we can adopt a mentality that says that we have neither the duty nor the possibility of changing the course of public policy in our nation. This mindset takes various forms and utilizes various excuses.

Some maintain we cannot really know the difference between what's good for the nation and what isn't, or that morality is up to each church or individual to decide.

Some maintain that churches and pastors are to stay far away from any engagement in politics or public policy, and simply preach a Gospel that pertains only to individual, interior spiritual life.

On the other hand, we have the choice to engage the battle, taking on the same mindset that led pastors to preach the large body of political sermons of our nation's Founding Era, giving spiritual and moral energy and guidance to the very creation of our country.

We can commit ourselves to the same spiritual imperative that led believers to fight slavery and that led their descendants to move from the Churches into the streets to battle segregation.

We can be convinced of the words Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. preached on the night before he was assassinated:

"I'm always happy to see a relevant ministry. It's alright to talk about 'long white robes over yonder,' in all of its symbolism. But ultimately people want some suits and dresses and shoes to wear down here. It's alright to talk about 'streets flowing with milk and honey,' but God has commanded us to be concerned about the slums down here, and his children who can't eat three square meals a day. It's alright to talk about the new Jerusalem, but one day, God's preacher must talk about the new New York, the new Atlanta, the new Philadelphia, the new Los Angeles, the new Memphis, Tennessee. This is what we have to do."

We can understand that equipping the People of God to elect the right candidates is not a political task but a pastoral task, because we are enabling them to carry out the Great Commission, teaching all nations to carry out everything our Lord has commanded.

This is our choice, as we enter Elections 2020.

Our Lord told us we need to be attentive to the signs of the times. The problem is not that the Church is becoming too political, but that our politics have become too pagan.

The political divide in our nation is no longer between two major parties that "have the same goals but different ideas of how to get there." That was once true, but is no longer.

They have **different** goals, different views of America, totally divergent views of morality, and completely incompatible views of religion and the Church.

The Democrat Party platform has not only departed from the Republican Party platform in matters of policy. The differences are matters of **principle**. The Democrat Party platform has abandoned the principle of the God-given right to life and the liberty our Founders embraced to practice their Faith in their public life. Moreover, they have made their intentions clear to write into the laws and into the Courts a worldview completely devoid of those principles.

This is not the kind of divide we can "rise above," nor the kind of battle from which we can exempt ourselves or our congregations.

This is a test for us. Either we recognize this problem, and like good shepherds, warn our people, or we retreat into a 'neutrality' so absolute that it no longer allows us to see, much less neutralize, threats to the very survival of our nation and our ministries.

When a political party embraces the destruction of innocent life and the suppression of the freedom of the Church, it can no longer be treated in a neutral way by the Church. That Party becomes an existential threat to the nation to which we pledge our allegiance and to the Kingdom to which we have pledged our souls.

We are, moreover, at a moment when our President, Donald Trump, his Administration, and the Republican Party at every level, have achieved record-breaking accomplishments to protect our religious freedom from oppressive mandates at home and persecution abroad. The President has defended our freedom to preach in the pulpits, and the freedom of our children to pray in school and speak up on their campus for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The over 200 federal judges he has put in place, moreover, are men and women likewise committed to religious freedom.

Dear pastors, at the founding of our nation, Pastor **John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg** declared in his sermon on January 21, 1776,

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**Greg Brunson**  
State Faith/Vocations Director

"In the language of the Holy Writ, there is a time for all things. There is a time to preach and a time to fight. And now is the time to fight." He then threw off his clerical robes to reveal the uniform of an officer in the Continental Army. As one account relates, "Drums began to roll, men kissed their wives, and they walked down the aisle to enlist. The next day, **Pastor Muhlenberg** led 300 men of his church and surrounding churches to join General Washington's Continental Army."

Nearly two centuries later, Catholic Bishop **Clemens von Galen** (d. 1946), preached fearlessly against the Nazi regime and its oppression of human life and religious freedom. He was not afraid to name and fight the political threat that was right before his eyes. It is not that these men abandoned their pastoral mission in order to become political. It is, rather, that they saw the demands that their pastoral mission placed on them in the circumstances of their time, and courageously rose to the occasion.

That is the choice, and the opportunity, you and I have before us right now.

The choice for our nation is not simply about which political party will have power, but about which kind of America we will be – one marked by moral chaos, the Culture of Death, socialism and religious oppression, or one based on the freedom and principles our Founders made clear.

And the choice for our churches is whether we will retreat in silence and cowardice out of fear of being 'too political,' and hence become irrelevant to the world around us, or respond clearly and courageously to this moment of unprecedented conflict, and lead the People of God to protect their rights, their freedom, their Church and their beloved country.

Sincerely,  
*Fr. Frank Pavone*

Fr. Frank Pavone  
National Director, Priests for Life



**2020 NEWSLETTER**

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2019 capped off a long 10 year plan starting with the building of a 35 bed Montana style log cabin dormitory, now called Knights of Columbus Hall (thanks to the financial support from the entire state). Since then we have added many new and challenging activities including a wheel chair swing, tire swing, old fashion water slip & slide, an outpost camping site and a horizontal climbing wall to name a few. Most recently we updated our beach front to allow uninhibited access for non-ambulatory campers which includes a 250 foot boardwalk and 20x20 platform deck. With all of these new updates our campers have been enlightened to a level beyond their wildest expectation providing them with the ultimate personal camp experience. The latest addition of activities was completed in the spring of 2019, a 300 X 200 foot ADA compliant PLAYSCAPE, thanks in part with financial support from the Knights of Columbus. However the best part of this was the community involvement with hands on build which included many Knights of Columbus members.

Our 2020 pre-season meetings were highlighted with excitement of the new season. Then came covid-19 and the world stopped, including St. Francis Camp. The situation is NOT bleak and there is hope. The real concern is if we can't open for the 2020 season the bills still need to get paid. We do realize that our staunch supporters may be in the same boat if not the same storm. As we scramble to stay financially above water, we hope and pray that this virus will not keep us down. We know that council funds are at an all time minimum. With your continued support, together we can provide campers with developmental disabilities these opportunities they so richly deserve.

May God bless you and God bless our campers.

Stay safe and wash your hands!

**Russ Smith**  
Marketing Director  
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**Knights Send Aid in Aftermath of Beirut Explosion**  
Stability in Lebanon seen as key to religious pluralism in Middle East

Bishop Mansour said the donations "mark the special charism of the Knights: to serve the poor, to lift up our special needs children, to communicate the saving message of Christ, and to remind the small and tireless Church now in Lebanon... that men of good will are near to them in their time of need."

The Knights' gift follows a donation by Pope Francis of 250,000 euros (\$295,488) in aid as an expression "of his fatherly closeness to people in serious difficulty," a Vatican press release stated.

At least 178 people were killed and 6,000 were injured in a blast near Beirut's port on Aug. 4. The explosion caused extensive damage to the city and flattened buildings near the port. Some 300,000 people were left temporarily homeless.

Since 2014, the Knights of Columbus has spent more than \$25 million on behalf of persecuted Christians and other religious minorities targeted for elimination in the Middle East. The support has funded rebuilding – and saving – the town of Karamles, Iraq, after its liberation from ISIS; fed tens of thousands of displaced people; provided short-term and long-term housing for the displaced; and supported educational, medical and other programs for those targeted by ISIS.



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# Knights of Columbus 2021 State Raffle



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State Chaplain

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### CHARITY - 1st DEGREE PRIZE



**GRAND HOTEL, MACKINAC ISLAND**  
4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms \*Includes Breakfast and Dinner \*\* Excludes Holiday Weekends  
**PLUS \$12,500.00 CASH**



### UNITY - 2<sup>nd</sup> DEGREE PRIZE



**GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT**  
BAYVIEW ROOM – 4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms  
**PLUS \$3,500.00 CASH**



### FRATERNITY - 3<sup>rd</sup> DEGREE PRIZE



**BAVARIAN INN, FRANKENMOUTH / LITTLE BAVARIA** – 4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms & 4 Waterpark Wristbands  
**PLUS \$2,500.00 CASH**



### PATRIOTIC - 4<sup>th</sup> DEGREE



**DEARBORN INN** 4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms \* Includes Breakfast, Guest Passes to Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village Or The Rouge Plant  
**PLUS \$1,500.00 CASH**

5<sup>TH</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Prizes = \$300.00  
21<sup>st</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> Prizes = \$120.00

11<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Prizes = \$180.00  
31<sup>st</sup> – 40<sup>th</sup> Prizes = \$60.00

Drawing: Thursday, April 15, 2021 Doors Open @ 5:30 pm Drawing @ 8:00 pm  
DeCarlo’s Banquet Center, 6015 E. 10 Mile Rd., Warren MI 48091 (586) 759-6500