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My Brother Knights & Families,
Vivat Jesus.

After three long years the Supreme Convention was in person once again in Nashville, TN. The State Board and Michigan delegates joined approximately 2,400 other Knights to attend the 140th Supreme Convention. What a remarkable couple of days.

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly delivered his first in-person annual report since he was installed in 2021. He told the story of his father and grandfather teaching him to be a Knight. He stated that “a Knight is a leader who stands in the breach”. He then focused on three principles: 1.) we preserve life; 2.) we protect the family; and 3.) we defend the faith. He then applauded the

Knights for standing in the breach to protect and defend the sanctity of life. He went on to remind everyone that the Knights were instrumental in organizing the first national March for Life in 1974 and year after year the Knights have been there to help it grow. Today, the March for Life in Washington DC has become the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. Supreme Knight Kelly announced the Knights have donated over 1,566 life-saving machines to date, and we are not done. He asked everyone to take up the cause – oppose abortion. The Knights need to rededicate themselves to

support mothers and children and move forward to a world of life. He announced that in June the Knights launched the new ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy program), which builds on the organization’s years of support for women and children. The program is modeled after the RSVP Program and supreme with match 20%. The goal is to distribute at least \$5 million to pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes and other organizations that give direct assistance to new mothers and babies. We will be focusing more on this in the State of Michigan and you will hear more in the near future.

The Supreme Knight commended the generosity of all Knights who supported Ukrainian refugees following the outbreak of war. Within 36 hours of the Russian invasion, the Knights established the Ukraine Solidarity Fund, committing \$1 million for immediate distribution to support Ukrainians. The State Deputy from the Ukraine and his wife were both in attendance at the convention and were recognized. Their stories were heart wrenching and they live in fear. We need to continue to pray for all those in Ukraine for their safety.

At the time of writing this, the State Officers Installation has not yet happened but as you read this, it will be in the rearview mirror. I would like to personally thank everyone who attended and I hope you had a good experience. A special thank you to everyone who supported the numerous fundraisers that we’ve held throughout the years to make this event possible.

I look forward to a strong 2022-2023 fraternal year.

God Bless,

Christopher A. Kolomjec

State Deputy

Family Life

My Brother Knights and Families here we are once again saying goodbye to Summer, but it is not over yet. There is still time to get in those last few Family Programs wrapped up before the chilly weather sets in. Has your Council done a Family Week set of programs for the Parish you support? Have you taken the time to produce interesting and exciting plans for your Parish community? If not, you still have time! If the Family Week Program is a little too much right now, well then do a Family Prayer Night Program, have a potluck, a bonfire and roast hot dogs, a Bar B Q or a spaghetti dinner and show a Family Friendly movie or game night which includes prayer for all to join in on. I am sure your Councils can put together a wonderful night for your friends and families. Get people engaged.

I am sure all of you are aware that there is less than four months until Christmas! Do not wait till the last minute to purchase all your supplies for the

many Keep Christ in Christmas Programs that are available. Whether it is Billboards, A Journey to the Inn, Christmas Card Sales, or the ever-popular children’s Poster Contest. Let us get planning early to make this a successful program and KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

I am aware that many of our Knights families participate in hunting and fishing for some it just a part of life. Here in Michigan, we have a great state program! The Youth Sportsmen Program, it gives your Council the opportunity to claim these character building and life skills that many of us grew up with. Please take the time to get the youth involved and get the phone out of their hands. I have found its pretty hard to fish with a phone in your hand.

With the holidays coming up let us not forget the less fortunate please join in

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From The State Chaplain Fr. Aidan Logan



Sometime between 1120 and 1136 St. Bernard of Clairvaux composed his *In Praise of the New Knighthood* for the newly founded order of crusader monks, the Knights Templar. The world of the crusaders and their heroic efforts to take back the Holy Land from Muslim control is not just removed from us by almost a thousand years. In fact, aside from our basic humanity, the only thing we have in common with them is our Catholic Faith. And yet, reading his treatise in 2022 it could have just as easily been addressed to Blessed Michael McGivney as to the founder of the Templars, Blessed Hugh of Payens.

Recall the words of Saint Paul addressed to the Ephesians about the spiritual warfare that every Christian must endure: *Our warfare is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

Eph 6:12 If this was true in Blessed Michael's day when the forces of militant anti-Catholicism threatened the faith of the men of his parish, how much more so today as we face the Culture of Death and militant secularism.

Here is just a sample of what Saint Bernard has to say:

This is, I say, a new kind of knighthood and one unknown to the ages gone by. It ceaselessly wages a twofold war both against flesh and blood and against a spiritual army of evil in the heavens. When someone strongly resists a foe in the flesh, relying solely on the strength of the flesh, I would hardly remark it, since this is common enough. And when war is waged by spiritual strength against vices or demons, this, too, is nothing remarkable, praiseworthy as it is, for the world is full of monks. But when the one sees a man powerfully girding himself with both swords and nobly marking his belt, who would not consider it worthy of all wonder, the more so since it has been hitherto unknown? He is truly a fearless knight and secure on every side, for his soul is protected by the armor of faith just as his body is protected by armor of steel. He is thus doubly armed and need fear neither demons nor men. Not that he fears death--no, he desires it. Why should he fear to live or fear to die when for him to live is Christ, and to die is gain? Gladly and faithfully he stands for Christ, but he would prefer to be dissolved and to be with Christ, by far the better thing.

Here St. Bernard affirms the manly virtues of courage and strength, uniting them with Christ is His ultimate combat with evil, sin and death. Blessed Michael McGivney also envisioned a New Knighthood and as Knights of Columbus we must challenge ourselves each day. Do I see myself as spiritual and moral warrior for Christ and his Church? Do I arm myself each day with the weapons of prayer, self-denial and works of charity? Are the sacraments the source of my strength? Do I seek to grow each day in my knowledge of the Catholic Faith so as to pass it on to my family and defend it when attacked?

The full text of Saint Bernard's *In Praise of the New Knighthood* is on line at <https://www.medievalwarfare.info/newknighthood.htm>

New and used print editions at: <https://www.amazon.com/Praise-New-Knighthood-Treatise-Jerusalem/dp/0879071206>

COMMUNITY UPDATE

It's hard to believe that it is October already. As the leaves are turning and falling, Councils should be preparing for the upcoming Community events. There are several events to engage the youth of our communities.

The first event is the State Soccer Challenge Finals which will be held Saturday, October 8, 2022 in Grand Rapids. Winners will be posted on the State website the following week.

Essay Contest should be starting now. This is open to all young Catholics in grades 8 to 12. You do not have to attend a Catholic school to participate, just be Catholic. The contest is easy. The student writes an essay of 500-750 words explaining how young Catholics can evangelize our faith to families and friends who have turned away from religion and encourage them to return to the Church and embrace the sacraments. Submission applications are available at www.kofc.org. Each council sends their winner to myself no later than January 7, 2023. Councils should award their council level winners at a school mass or perhaps a Sunday mass. What a great way to engage the youth in evangelization.

Our State Spelling Bee Championship will be held on March 11, 2023. All of the information is available on the State website. The wordlist will be the same one that was used last year. Work with your local schools (Catholic and non-Catholic) to implement this program. Rules and regulations are on the State website (www.mikofc.org) under Community Resources.

The State Free Throw Championship will be held on March 18, 2023. Councils should have already ordered their Free Throw Championship Kit and scheduled the council competition. Remember there will also be District and Diocesan level competitions that must occur before the State Championship. All young people ages 9 to 12 are eligible to compete. This competition started 50 years ago and has been an excellent way to get the young students and their parents introduced to what the Knights do!

Many councils are already involved in the Coats for Kids program. Information on the program itself can be found on the Supreme website. Some councils around the State have held special fundraisers to support this program. This program is

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From The State Advocate Vern Mirom



The great Harry Chapin believed in putting his money where his mouth was. At the height of his success, he—in his words—“played one night for himself and one night for the other guy,” literally giving half of what he earned to causes he believed in, such as trying to solve the problem of world hunger. Ten years after he was killed in a car crash, his family and friends performed a tribute concert, celebrating not merely his music, but the PERSON he was.

As Bruce Springsteen said during the concert, Harry knew it would take more than love to change the world. It would take “a strong sense of purpose, of duty, and a clear eye on the dirty ways of the world.” Does that not sum us up as Knights of Columbus, both at our founding and now? Fr.

Michael McGivney had a clear eye on the ways of

the world and knew that he and the men of his parish needed to do something to keep families together. They had a sense of duty and purpose. And today we Knights carry on that mission by keeping our eyes on the dirty ways of the world—abortion, poverty, broken families, the loss of faith—and maintaining our sense of duty and of purpose.

Our Church teaches us all to use our time, talent, and treasure serving others. But do we? Do we honestly ask ourselves at the end of the day, “What did I do today? How did I use the time, talent, and treasure given to me by God to serve others?” Did I *do something*?” Are we remembering to maintain a strong sense of purpose, of duty, and a clear eye on the ways of the world?

In the end, we take none of these three gifts—time, talent, and treasure—with us. And so I believe that God intends us to spend all of the good gifts he gives us during our time here on earth. The gifts of time, talent, and treasure are meaningless unless we give them away to others. We have resources available to teach us how to do our jobs in relation to our councils. Supreme is developing catechesis resources for our order, but in the meantime there are many excellent resources already available to us at Ascension Press, Dynamic Catholic, and others.

We need Knights to take the first step. We need you to take the initiative so that we all continue to “do something” to spread the Good News and help bring more men and their families to the Faith.

I am grateful for the opportunity to use my time, talent, and treasure as a state officer for our order. As state advocate, I am here to serve YOU, the members of our order, and to serve the Church. Please let me know if I can help you in any way. What did you do today?

COMMUNITY UPDATE

a chance for your council to directly support Fr. McGivney’s vision of caring for widows and orphans. Make sure that you complete the distribution phase of your program by Thanksgiving. Once again, there will be major distribution centers set up around the State. These centers are being solidified as I am writing this article. Information on the distribution sites and timeframes will be posted on the State website as well as on the weekly Constant Contact mailing.

We have received another shipment of Casey Bears. Order forms are on the State website under State Resources – Community. Giving a Casey Bear to someone in need of a hug or consoling is one of the best things we can do.

It seems early, but on behalf of my wife, Elizabeth, and I we wish you a Blessed Thanksgiving, Merry and Holy Christmas and Blessed New Year.

John Hundiak

State Community Director

From The State Membership Director James Escott

Well, the first quarter of the new year is over and I’ve seen many good things and some not-so-good things occur.

On the positive side, we’ve started out the year doing better than last year (as a State). This has been fun to watch and participate in. It’s very rewarding to watch many councils take membership seriously and schedule a lot of really great recruiting events. Parish picnics brought in many of the new members from July through September. People showed up with their families to have a good time. They saw the Knights in action helping the parish and, when asked and invited, they responded positively and said “yes”.

On the “not quite so positive” side, less than half of the councils have recruited new members this year. I’m trying to figure out why.

Some of these councils just took the summer off. Well, summer is over so... it’s time to get down to business.

Some of these councils just don’t prioritize council growth. It’s a bit scary because most of these councils are doing great programs but, as time passes, the current Knights die off and/or get burned out with no one coming in to pick up the torch and continue the good works.

Some are afraid to recruit. It’s a bit like a teenage boy afraid to ask a girl out on a date. If you don’t ask, they can’t say yes. I understand you’ll hear no often, but, you’ll also hear yes and your council will grow and thrive.

I have lots of people willing to help you regardless of your reasons for not recruiting. District Deputies, Diocesan Membership Directors, Diocesan Program Directors, SDRRs and me are all available to assist. Just reach out and ask for help. We’ll help you grow your council and share in doing the work.

In conclusion, you are all in my prayers. Thanks for all the great work done so far. Thanks for helping your parishes and making a significant contribution to your communities. I’m hear to help as needed. Just let me know.

First in the Order – Charity

Charity is a duty. Charity is voluntary. Charity to organizations that uphold the teaching of the Catholic Church is our call as brother knights.

Our council Financial Secretaries will soon be sending out the annual council dues notices along with the charities requested along with their council dues. Financial Secretaries have been noted to include the Ten for Charity (\$10.00) request for State Council charities.

The Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowed Scholarship Fund is a commitment the state board has with the Sacred Heart Major Seminary for one million dollars. Each member is asked to charity of \$6.00 each year for the Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowed Scholarship Fund.

We have heard of the shortness of priest for our parishes. We as knights have a duty to support our seminarians and seminaries, which includes the SHMS. A letter from the rector of SHMS in 2018 wrote: ‘Also, in accord with the teaching of the Church, Sacred Heart Major Seminary does not admit to the seminary or to holy orders those who practice homosexuality, present deep-seated homosexual tendencies, or support the so-called gay culture.’

Our councils and state council are accountable to contribute to organizations that in accord with the teaching of the Catholic Church. There is a saying of Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin. We are not expected to provide charity to the sin or the organization that supports the sin. In our society today there are many good organizations that have taken to support abortion, drug abuse, homosexuality (which includes same-sex adoption). Please do due diligence when your councils donate.

The Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowed Scholarship Fund contributions are accepted by individuals or companies. Please donate to the

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**From The State Program Director
Paul Palka**

**Being a Knight means a life of faith in action,
a life of boldness in brotherhood, a life worth living.**

As we invite members of our family and community to join us in becoming a Knight.... what do we offer them? We offer them through our faith in action programs an opportunity to build their own family and their communities on solid ground. How do we put our faith in action? As we enter the 2nd quarter of the fraternal year our faith drives all 4 of the faith in action categories, Faith, Life, Family and Community. This time of the year is perfect time to rekindle our faith and invite others to do the same by creating exciting, needed, and well-planned programs



FAITH

Faith: There are several key dates we can celebrate and build our faith during the 2nd quarter. On October 31st we celebrate the 3rd anniversary of our Blessed Fr. Michael J McGivney. It is a perfect opportunity for your council to share the story of our founder and what we are all about with your parish. What is your council's plan to celebrate? The St. Joseph Icon Program is finishing at the end of the year. Has your council hosted the icon yet? During the 2nd quarter in addition to several days of Holy Obligation (Nov. 1st solemnity of All Saints, Dec. 8th the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and Dec. 25th the solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ) we also celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. As we know Our Lady of Guadalupe first introduced herself as the Mother of God and the mother of all humanity when she appeared on the hill of Tepeyac in Mexico in 1531. If your council does not celebrate this important Feast Day, you could partner with a council that does. The advent season marks the ushering in of the liturgical year which is observed as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the nativity of Christ. Each Sunday before Christmas we celebrate the virtues brought by Christ hope, love, joy, and peace. What is your council doing to live your faith in action during the 2nd quarter?



LIFE

Life: As Knights we vigorously defend the dignity of each human at every stage of life. From the moment of conception to that of natural death. How do we do that at the council level. We continue to support the Ultrasound Machine Initiative, lead Novenas for Life, and provide relief to persecuted and at-risk Christians facing genocide all over the world. Is your council helping with any of the Fall or Winter Special Olympics games? Hosting a Mass for Special Needs Individuals? Participating in the MI Drive during Columbus Day Weekend? One new initiative this year is the program called ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy). This initiative is so important to make sure that those who choose life have the support they need after Pregnancy to be great parents. Have you partnered with your local Pregnancy Center or a home in your diocese like Gianna House located in the Detroit diocese? This program provides a \$100 match for every \$500 a council contributes to a local pregnancy center. Lastly, as we continue to fight for the rights of the unborn make sure that your councils are encouraging others to choose life!



FAMILY

Family: As we slowly watch summer fade away, we welcome Fall with busy back to school schedules, football games, Thanksgiving and Christmas our Family life continues to grow. How our councils support the Family is especially important to growing solid faith filled people, young and the young at heart. To combat the busy back to school schedule your council could sponsor a Friday Family Game Knight where you could offer dinner, prayer, and family games. A wonderful opportunity to award Family of the Month. Do not forget the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest. Your council could provide food for families for the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Why not collaborate with your Pastor to invite your parish family to welcome the New Year with the Consecration of the Holy Family. You would be able to handout the prayer card during Christmas Masses. The possibilities are endless on how to promote supporting all the families in our communities.

Ladies Corner

Dear Ladies,

What a remarkable first two months Chris and I have experienced. In June Chris and I travelled to New Haven, CT to the Supreme Offices where he was "officially" installed as the new State Deputy for the State of Michigan.

Then came the Summer Leadership meeting which was held June 30-July 2, 2022. It was my first Ladies Program as the wife of the State Deputy. The ladies painted canvas bags and we introduced our new "Kids Corner" which you will see at all the leadership meetings these next two years. At this particular meeting the kids built bird houses and painted them. We have some real talent in our children!

Chris and I, along with the State Board members and the Michigan delegates travelled to Nashville, TN August 2-4, 2022 to attend the 140th Supreme Convention. This is the first convention held in person in three years due to COVID. What a memorable experience. The State Deputy and his wife from Ukraine, along with one of their priests, spent time in the Michigan hospitality room including during the "Taste of Michigan" special event. Their stories were so heart-wrenching. The State Deputy owns his own company and they live in fear on a daily basis. His wife goes to church and she prays for the Russians who are doing this to the people of the Ukraine and she prays that they stop destroying their country. Please keep the people of Ukraine in your daily prayers.

At the Ladies Program I had the privilege of sitting at a table with the Supreme Knight's daughters and their grandmother. These three well behaved, beautiful young girls grinned ear to ear when their mother was called to the podium to speak.

The Masses and music throughout the convention were absolutely beautiful and the focus was on the Eucharist. The Supreme Knight announced that the Supreme Council had developed Eucharistic procession training materials in consultation with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Knights have also pledged \$1 million in support of the multiyear event. At the closing Mass there was a Eucharistic procession, along with adoration after Mass. We are blessed to be part of the Knights.

The States Dinner was held on Tuesday, August 2nd. Our son, Christopher Jr., who lives and works in Nashville, joined the Michigan gang for this fun event.

Ladies, the Winter Leadership Meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 9th-10th in Grand Rapids. Kid's Corner will be back once again. One of the programs that the Knights run is the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. This falls under the Family category. We will be providing the kids with things to make a poster and then they will be part of the judging for the best poster at the State level. On Saturday morning, we will be hosting a birthday party for Jesus for the ladies and kids while the men are in their meetings. We will be asking the ladies to bring onesies and sleepers but watch for more details in the near future. These will be collected and then distributed among all the SDRR's and they along with their District Deputies will deliver the collected items to their area pregnancy centers.

The ladies of the Board look forward to seeing everyone in the near future.

God Bless,

Julie, Mandy, Pam, Christy and Kara

From The State Program Director Paul Palka



COMMUNITY

Community: Assisting our community is another way we help keep our faith in action. The 2nd quarter of the year brings many activities in the Community category. Now is the time to execute our well-planned programs for our youth at the council level including Soccer Challenges, Spelling Bees, Hockey Challenges, and the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. One of the biggest community events we hold during the year is Coats for Kids. We will have distributions scheduled in all Dioceses this year. We need your help not just with donations to purchase but also with distribution. I know that many councils not only help with Coats, but many provide boots, gloves, and scarves. Please invite your wives, potential new members, and their wives to help with the distribution of coats. If you have not helped, please take the time and plan to attend. For more information, please see John Hundiak, State Community Director's article.

As you continue to plan and execute programs in your council, parish, and community please make sure you document on the 10784 all the remarkable things you are doing. Please share pictures and stories with Ken Warzybok (k.warzybok@mikofc.org) and myself Paul Palka (p.palka@mikofc.org) of your council putting faith in action. We would love to share your stories and pictures on Facebook and the weekly Constant Contact. If you need any assistance or have questions please contact your District Deputy, Diocesan Program Director, State Director, or me. We are here for you!

Wishing you IMMENSE success in your programs and a faith filled 2nd Quarter!

Paul Palka

State Program Director

HOW ARE THE EXEMPLIFICATION GOING SO FAR?

We have done three Traveling Team Exemplifications as of September 1. We have three more scheduled in the near future. The first three have been very successful. We have had classes of 5, 7 and 11. I have been very happy with these exempts. Only one was done by a council exempt team. The other two were done by Traveling Teams.

I am very happy with the progress we have made so far since July. It is only two months and we have done well. I have around eight teams in the progress and I am still looking for a couple of more teams.

We know that some councils are still doing very good Exemplification Degrees, and that is just great. However, for those that are struggling we will come to help you. These Traveling Teams that will go to any council, district or diocese to conduct the Exemplification Degree for you. There will be no cost to you, you just need to go to the mikofc.org, under Exemplification Degree on the right side to find a Request form for an Exemplification Team. You fill that form out and e-mail it back to me. I will assign a team to come to your location and do the Exemplification Degree for you.

The Traveling Team Members will be required to have the parts memorized and will have to be certified by me to become one of the Traveling Teams. Once you are certified, the State Office will get you all the equipment you need. The team will be given 5 blazers to wear doing these exempts.

The candidates that go thru the Exemplification Degree by a Traveling Team will receive a Michigan Memorable Coin during a special presentation. This Memorable Coins can be purchased by any member for \$7 from me.

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

Gene Murawski

State Ceremonial Director

St. Louis Center

Baseball and Rosaries

The generosity of the Knights of Columbus doesn't stop when the Tootsie Roll Drive ends. These hard working faith-filled men hold fish fries, chicken broils, golf outings, raffles and more. All so that they can continue to support worthy causes. One of those worthy causes is St. Louis Center.

The residents of St. Louis Center all know who the Knights of Columbus are not only because of the Tootsie Roll Drive, but because the KofC members make a real effort to know them in return. Several area Councils serve picnic dinners for the residents, plan Christmas parties and the Knights even send them out to enjoy the great American pastime: baseball. Every year the Knights not only invite the residents to come enjoy Vocation Night at Jackson Stadium, but they send tickets for 25 residents and staff to get in the game, a bus to transport them from Chelsea and a voucher for dinner from the concession stand.

This year the game was on Friday, August 5th. The Dean Transportation bus arrived at St. Louis Center in plenty of time to get the group to Lansing well before the game began. They were dropped off right in front of the stadium and the staff guided the excited residents into the ball park. As the group made their way to their seats, they were greeted by the familiar faces of the Knights of Columbus members.



It was a perfect evening for a ball game. The sun was shining, the hotdogs were delicious, and the Lugnuts played a great game. When it was time to leave, the Knights of Columbus made sure that each resident got a rosary to take home. In a special way throughout the month of October we honor Our Lady of the Rosary. The same residents will be ready to participate in this powerful prayer due to the generosity of the Knights of Columbus.

October is also the month that the Servants of Charity, the congregation that oversees St. Louis Center, celebrate the feast of their founder St. Louis Guanella. This saint who, like Blessed Michael McGivney, had a profound desire to serve the poor and downtrodden continues to intercede for persons suffering from brain injuries. In late August 2020, Henry Pernet fell and hit his head leading to bleeding on the brain and multiple organ failure. His wife, Laura Grillo, found the story of St. Guanella's miraculous intercession in the case of William Glisson in a medical journal published by the NIH (National Institute of Health). She immediately began to pray for St. Guanella's intercession and asked a priest friend to do the same. The results were almost instantaneous and Henry has made a complete recovery. In September 2021 the couple made a pilgrimage to the birthplace of St. Guanella.

On July 21, 2022 a 20-year-old man named Christian Radcliffe was critically injured and left in a coma with a traumatic brain injury. A family friend reached out to St. Louis Center staff after reading a similar

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“TEN FOR CHARITY”

My Brother Knights,

I am pleased to make this annual report of the “TEN FOR CHARITY” program for the 2021-2022 fraternal year. This was a **most successful** year considering the lingering effects of COVID. Council contributions amounted to a grand total of **\$151,505.51.00**. With members responding to the call given to them by the message on the yellow slips in their dues notices by sending in donations to your councils, and with your Financial Secretaries forwarding these donations to the State Secretary, you, my Brother Knights, are participating in this program which allows our State Office to make contributions to worthwhile charities in amounts that are generally too large for our individual councils to make themselves. I and the State Officers thank you for exercising our Order’s First Principle of Charity.

While this is a sizable amount, it is still much less than our maximum potential. We were able to reach this amount without any remittances at all from 222 councils. This indicates that this year just less than half, or 49.43%, of councils remitted funds. I believe that if the opportunity to contribute Take 10 had been properly presented to all the membership in all the councils, that at least one member in all councils would have donated.

It is incumbent upon every financial secretary to include the donation information and request (the yellow slip) with their annual billing notice, thus giving every member the privilege and opportunity to make a donation.

A sincere thank you to all to those members who made their contributions to their councils and to the council officers who made this past year so successful. A sincere thank you as well to those Financial Secretaries who promoted this state program by inserting the yellow slips in their council’s dues notices. By your acts of Charity, Michigan Knights are able to come to the aid of many more charities and continue our service to our neighbor. Thank you in advance for your continued contributions in this fraternal year.

Below is a list of the councils that we received contributions during the 2021-2022 fraternal year. My Brother Knights, if you made a contribution to your council through your dues payment or as a standalone donation and you don’t find your council number listed below, please contact your council financial secretary immediately and find out why.

Fraternally Yours,
Thomas M. Wegener, PSD, FSD
State Director Michigan Charities

Archdiocese of Detroit - \$ 67,600.00

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Michigan - \$ 151,505.51

St. Louis Center	Family Life
<p>account of William Glisson. Upon opening the email, Center staff forwarded the message to Servants of Charity around the globe. Since Christian was in a Catholic hospital in Pennsylvania, Fr. Dennis Weber, SdC, was able to get connected with the family. Prayers were unleashed and thanks be to God on August 4, 2022 just 30 minutes before a scheduled procedure Christian woke up, greeted his brother and asked to be removed from his restraints. The medical team on staff said this miraculous turn around in his condition could only be an intervention from God!</p> <p>God continues to work miracles among us and through us. With faith and fortitude, you will also be first hand witnesses of His goodness. Thank you so much for your continued support of the St. Louis Center. Be assured that the residents keep you all in their prayers. To learn more about the Knights of Columbus impact at St. Louis Center, visit: https://stlouiscenter.org/give-here/meet-our-supporters/knights-of-columbus/</p>	<p>the Food for Families Program. There are many ways to help do this, consider a food drive for your local pantry. I know my home Council for a few years did a Thanksgiving Day meal for the community we always invited the Police and the Fire Department to the event it was a fantastic way to have the community get to know each other. As with all our programs please get permission and input from Father. One other thing I would like to mention is have FUN! Get people excited and enjoy yourselves. Yes, there is some planning and some work but if you are having Fun, it is not a burden or something to be endured. It is a feeling that no amount of money can buy it is a feeling of Charity without the thought of anything in return.</p> <p>Your Brother in Christ Garret A. Kelenske State Family Director</p>

District #101 Enjoys Baseball Game Outing



Members of District #101, family and friends attended a baseball game Friday, July 15 at Jimmy John's Field in Utica, Michigan. In addition to posing for the photograph the group participated in displaying the United States flag in centerfield as the National Anthem was performed prior to the

Faith

Brothers Knights

In my last article for the *Michigan Colombian* I talked a bit about the **'Spiritual Reflection'** program and how important it is for us to pray together. In this article I want to stay with 'praying together as brother knights' as a focus. Since I am now starting my third year as your Faith Director and have made lots of council visits – from Iron Mountain to Erie. One thing that I have observed is most councils do not pray the rosary before meetings – MANY DO however it is fair to say that **most** DO NOT. The last two councils I visited DID pray the rosary before their council meetings (Councils 3830 in Berkley, and Council 1802 in Wyandotte) so I thought it would be appropriate at this time for an article encouraging ALL councils to begin to pray the rosary together before starting your meetings. I can tell you that in my own council (10501 in Memphis) we started praying the rosary before meetings instead of having a cold beer and attendance at meetings went way up, and has stayed up. When we all took our First Degree, we were given a Rosary and told to carry with us always and to pray it as often as we can. Let's make good on that by praying the Rosary as part of our council meeting time together.

Another prayer you might consider adding after the Rosary is to recite the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** – it is short yet a very powerful prayer.



In a vision to Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska in 1935, the Lord revealed a powerful prayer that He wanted everyone to say – the Chaplet of Divine Mercy – and He promised extraordinary graces to those who would recite it:

Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. ...I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy ... (Diary of Saint Faustina, 687)

Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you. ... When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My

Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Savior ... (Diary of Saint Faustina, 1541)

Through the chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will (Diary of Saint Faustina, 1731)

Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, the chaplet is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist. It may be said at any time, but our Lord specifically requested that it be used as a novena on the nine days before the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday (the first Sunday after Easter).

With regards to other Faith programs, I would be remis if I did not remind you to continue to be involve with as many of these, if not all, programs as possible. Everything we do as Knights of Columbus revolve around **"Faith In Action"** in some form or another.

- ✠ **Sacramental Gifts**
- ✠ **Rosary Program**
- ✠ **Holy Hour**
- ✠ **Building the Domestic Church Kiosk**
- ✠ **Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)**
- ✠ **Into the Breach**
- ✠ **Pilgrim ICON Program**



Don't forget to complete a form **10784** with ANY *Faith In Action* Program – even if there is no checkbox for it. Send your 10784 to fraternalmission@kofc.org

Greg Brunson
State Faith Director

Programs = New Members

Vista Maria Advocates For Vulnerable Youth and Human Trafficking Survivors

Vista Maria has always been a place for vulnerable youth to heal and transform.

“God has already met them. The divine is already in them,” says Sr. Janice Rushman, RGS, who works with the youth and resides on Vista Maria’s campus. “They are immersed in the divine, even though they don’t know it. Our work is to help them discover that, to become aware of it, and, hopefully, accept it, choose it, and allow it to expand within them. That can bring a level of healing that they will not lose.”

What began 139 years ago as a home for girls and women in need, has evolved to encompass foster care and adoption, secure care for survivors of human trafficking, mental health services, a focus on education, independent living, and advocacy for the welfare of children.

Mercy and Compassion

Founded by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Vista Maria offers residential and community-based care and support for youth who have experienced severe trauma and their families.

The legacy of Vista Maria’s foundress, Sr. Mary Euphrasia, and her fearless heart, provides the foundation for the agency’s mission today. That untiring zeal can be seen in the variety of programs offered:

- **Human Trafficking:** Through survivor-focused healing and advocacy, Vista Maria is on the forefront of full-continuum healing and advocacy for young survivors.
- **Cognitively Impaired:** This licensed, structured residential specialty program provides treatment for severe behavioral and emotional problems in adolescents with mild to moderate cognitive impairment.
- **Foster Care and Adoption:** With deep belief in the power of families, Vista Maria brings love and security so that every child knows their worth.
- **Mental Health Residential Treatment Programs:** Highly individualized continuum of care in a residential setting allows young adults to heal from trauma and begin to see a future of possibilities.
- **Journey to Success:** Through comprehensive extracurricular programs, Vista Maria provides a healthy, constructive, and safe space for youth to receive the education, skills, and support needed to obtain higher education and/or employment.
- **Transitional and Independent Living:** Vista Maria provides residential care and space to grow for youth who have aged out of foster care or are otherwise homeless, helping them successfully reintegrate into community independence.

The young people Vista Maria serves have experienced loss and sometimes significant physical, emotional, or sexual abuse. Vista Maria is often their first access to consistent health care and amenities many people take for granted.

“Every year through our Holiday Wish List Program, the community wraps around our youth to make their wishes come true and I consistently hear youth say it was the best Christmas they’ve ever had. For a child to say that while they are in residential placement is a very powerful thing,” says Jessica Marcetti, senior manager of community engagement. “Whether through donations, our mentor program, or volunteering on campus, our supporters say ‘yes’ when everyone else has said ‘no.’ They share their strength and love, so that one day our youth can do the same for others.”

A focus on community, restorative relationships, and family is crucial to Vista Maria’s continued success in providing the highest quality care for vulnerable children.

“By working with families whenever possible, we are able to empower our young people to forge restorative and lasting relationships, which in turn helps them realize a life beyond trauma and ignite a life of possibility,” says President and CEO Angela Aufdemberge. “Because every person, no matter the role or circumstance, is worth the world.”

Individual Worth

In 1883, five Sisters of the Good Shepherd established their first home at the Ward Mansion in downtown Detroit. Their goal was to care for the young girls and women society left behind, those living and working in desperate conditions. By the turn of the century, 33 Sisters were caring for more than 200 girls and young women.

It was not long before the House of the Good Shepherd and the needs of those it served outgrew the facilities. As World War II raged, leaving even more people in need, the Sisters began construction of a new campus on land deeded to them by the Ford family.

On December 8, 1942, the House of the Good Shepherd officially reopened with the new name, Vista Maria. The compassion, kindness, and strength those pioneer nuns showed years ago serve as the foundation for what has grown into Vista Maria.

Zeal: Love and Kindness in Action

Vista Maria has always been a place of healing and restorative relationships for youth and families in need. In recent years, as awareness and rescue efforts around human trafficking have grown, this has increasingly come to include some of the thousands of young women each year who suffer the horrors of being sexually exploited.

With the help of new facilities and highly trained staff, Vista Maria provides a full continuum of care to address the unique needs of adolescent survivors of human trafficking — from residential services to health and wellness, and foster care when appropriate.

In 2014, the 16-bedroom DeRoy Hall opened specifically to address these needs. Since then, facilities have expanded to include new stabilization housing, an Emergency Intake Wing, which centers on the girl’s safety and care by bringing law enforcement, medical, legal, and protective services professionals to her in secure and familiar surroundings.

Vista Maria’s statewide leadership in the treatment of human trafficking continues to grow. The agency advocates and builds awareness to help people identify potential trafficking victims by providing training and education to organizations such as medical providers, teachers, faith-based groups, and community organizations.



Vista Maria residents celebrate graduation outside the chapel. Thanks to the support and opportunities to learn and grow, residents look forward to bright, productive futures.

To further strengthen their efforts, Vista Maria has partnered with the Michigan Abolitionist Project (MAP). Together, they are now stronger in the fight against trafficking and are better positioned to improve awareness, advocacy, and services to combat human trafficking.

Though Vista Maria’s mission has evolved over the years, one thing has never wavered, the dedication and drive embodied by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd

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to help girls, youth, and their families realize a life beyond trauma.



Sister Janice joined our 2022 graduating seniors at their annual Senior Rock Ceremony to talk about choosing a "vibration of gratitude" in their next phase of life.

"I always had a level of compassion, particularly for other girls who struggled and didn't have the kind of support that I did," Sr. Rushman says. "I had been blessed by God in so many ways, and it just seemed to me that the best way to thank God was to commit my life in service to God and to God's people. In particular, I just had a feeling for young people, hurting people."

How You Can Help

Donate

Visit www.vistamaria.org/donate to:

- Become a monthly donor
- Shop our Amazon & Target wish lists
- Host a fundraising event
- Include Vista Maria in your planned giving

Volunteer

Contact Jessica Marcetti at: jmarcetti@vistamaria.org to:

- Adopt a child's Holiday Wish List
- Become a mentor
- Request a speaker
- Volunteer with Vista Maria

Advocate

Find out more about Vista Maria's expanding services and advocacy at

www.michiganabolitionistproject.org

Help spread the word by following Vista Maria on Facebook, Twitter, and

Instagram: @VistaMariaOrg

First in the Order – Charity

Michigan Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. and in the memo line: SHMS Endowed Scholarship Fund. The Michigan Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. is a tax deductible 501(c)(3).

Charity is a duty. Prayer and good works are charity. We are expected to uphold the teaching of the Catholic Church. May God bless you in your charity.

Kenneth Unterbrink,
PSD & SHMS Director

Programs = New Members

Memorial Mass Detroit Archdiocesan Vocations League

Each year the Knights of Columbus with the Detroit Archdiocesan Vocations League sponsor a Memorial Mass held at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. It is a very moving event and the name of every Brother who is being memorialized on a plaque is read aloud and also printed in the program. The Mass is attended by the State Officers, Fourth Degree Color Corps and all brother Knights and their families who wish to attend. This is followed by a brunch where we get to meet some of the current seminarians and future priests.



This year's Mass is going to be held on Sunday November 6, 2022

Time: 10 am, please be seated by 9:45

Location: Sacred Heart Seminary 2701 Chicago Blvd. Detroit, 48206

Enter on Linwood south of Chicago.

If you wish to memorialize a Knight from your family or Council fill out the plaque application that can be found on the State Website

<https://mikofc.org/resources/council-materials>

or contact Mike Cousins: m.cousins@mikofc.org 586-610-6497

Special Olympics Unified Cup Soccer Tournament



The first week of August, 24 teams from throughout the world gathered in Detroit to compete in the Special Olympics Unified Cup Soccer Tournament. On Friday, August 5th, temperatures climbed into the 90s and thunderstorms fortunately passed us by as the teams battled it out on the pitch.

It was even hotter on the sideline as 17 volunteers from 6 councils in the

Michigan jurisdiction gathered around 2 large grills to prepare and serve over 750 meals to the teams and coaches. The team prepared bagged meals that included a choice of chicken sandwiches, hamburgers and veggie burgers. The volunteers worked efficiently to serve all of the meals in only a couple of hours. Everyone was satisfied at the end of the event

knowing that we had done our best to serve the Special Olympics community.



From Our President & CEO

Fall is an important time for us at Holy Cross.

We love the leaves, the back to school buzz, the children in costumes, and the hot apple cider. But with the cooler weather comes a new wind. Fall is when the most children enter the child welfare system statewide, as teachers see the bruises kids have suffered undetected all summer. It's when youth overwhelmed by the stressors of the new school year are more likely to hurt themselves or relapse into addiction. It's when a beautiful crisp night turns bitter cold for folks on the street, and our homeless shelter surges above capacity to keep our neighbors warm. For all of fall's beauty, at Holy Cross, fall is gritty season.

As we brace ourselves for the difficult season ahead, we are steadied knowing how much you care. Your contributions, your prayers, and your encouragement fuel our mission. Thanks to you, even in gritty season, our arms remain open and our hearts remain full. Thank you sincerely for your partnership.

Susan Rosas

How You Can Help

Fall Season is here and we are planning a little fun for our participants. We will be hosting a trunk or treat for our families on Thursday, October 27th. We are in need of 250 pumpkins to decorate, 250 bags for Trick or Treating, 75 bags of Trick or Treat candy, 30 gallons of cider, 25 dozen donuts, corn stalks and hay bales to decorate, Halloween masks or costume items sizes 3 months- Large adult. You can also come and decorate your trunk and pass out candy.

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

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

We are especially in need of new pillows for our residents.

Please reach out to Wendee Rex, Donor Engagement Officer at 248 980-4830 or wrex@hccsnet.org if you would like more information.

CONTACT US

855-38-HEART

info@hccsnet.org

www.holycrossservices.org



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

KRAZY OLYMPICS

For the past 32 years, Krazy Olympics has been a long awaited event at our St. Vincent's Home. This event exemplifies the true sense of hard work, determination and team work. As we continue to change and evolve, it is always nice to take a break and get a bit crazy!

This years theme was "It Takes A Village". Each unit chose a team theme and decorated their doors to show their spirit. There was a talent show, group skit, and poetry slam before lunch. After a great BBQ picnic, the Krazy Olympic events began. The youth participated in a Tug of War, Raft Race in the pool, and Slip and Slide Kick Ball to name a few. This was a fun day for all involved while promoting self esteem and positive attitudes.



Monthly Poetry & Art Contest

HCS has kicked off a monthly art & poetry collection for our participants and staff members. Each month, in keeping with the agency's new Vision and Values, a theme is selected and staff votes for the winning entries. The original works are then printed on a T-shirt and other HCS merchandise and available through our store on Bonfire. You may visit our winning entries and purchase you own Holy Cross items by visiting <https://www.bonfire.com/store/holy-cross-services/>

Raffle Calendar Winners

Winners announced monthly on our Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/HolyCrossServices1/>

JULY

Week 1 Larry Kohagen
 Week 2 Mike Huhn
 Week 3 Jeff & Patti Thelen
 Week 4 Susan Blanton
 Month End Jennifer Hufnagel

AUGUST

Week 1 David O'Mara
 Week 2 Tyrone Medley
 Week 3 Larry Demonaco
 Week 4 Kevin & Marce Vermeesch
 Week 5 Scott Heim
 Month End Mike Churchill

SEPTEMBER

Week 1 Bernard Konkle
 Week 2 Ken Sheperd
 Week 3 Fr James Eisele
 Week 4 Annette Thelen
 Month End Ron Dressel



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- Blankets include Knights of Columbus logo with the *Created in the Image of God* inscription
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- Parish baptism gift
- Donate to your local hospital (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit—NICU)
- Great gift idea for family and friends



Click below for the order form and mail your order in today!

Thank you for your order and support of Life. If you have any questions please contact us at (734) 476-6296 or e.strach@mikofc.org

Ed & Lynn Strach
State Pro-Life Chair Couple

2023 State Raffle

With summer winding down and the beginning of football season it's time to plan for the 2023 State Raffle.

Once again we've lined up a Great List of CASH Prizes and Vacations to Awesome Michigan Destinations to go with the Top Four Prizes.

This joint charity fundraiser of Local Knights of Columbus Councils and the Michigan State Council, returns monies raised directly to Local Councils and Communities. Twenty percent of all GROSS SALES is sent directly to participating local councils. What was the size of your council's raffle check this year? Can you do better this year? We're asking each council to take a look at the check you earned, directly from the participation of your members and challenge yourselves to do better this year. Sell more tickets as a council and earn more money for your local charitable needs in your community.

This year we introduce our EARLY BIRD incentive, giving the chance to directly reward those who sell and/or purchase their book(s) of raffle tickets. Our Early Bird Drawings will take place several times throughout the sales time of the drawing. Each book of tickets will have an EARLY BIRD cover ticket to be filled out and turned in with your complete Sold book of tickets. Each sold book of tickets affords you one chance at every \$250.00 Early Bird Drawing. The more books you sell the more chances you have to win. We still have our traditional seller incentives, 1st – 4th Individual Top Sellers, Council Sellers, etc...

There are Forty chances to win. With a little luck of the Irish, one winner just might be you. However, you've gotta buy a ticket to win!

Look for details with your raffle tickets mailed to you in mid November.

Kevin Rowley
(586) 596-8649

k.rowley@mikofc.org

Mike Haughey

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UP Honor Flight XIX

UP Honor Flight XIX for local Veterans with Escanaba Assembly 503, on September 7th 2022





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- Provide a soft baby blanket for a newly born baby
- Parish baptism gift
- Donate to your local hospital (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit—NICU)
- Great gift idea for family and friends

Thank you! Faith & Family First For Life

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Order Qty: _____ Total Order (Qty * \$10) \$ _____

Orders of Five or Less Blankets add \$8.00 for Shipping \$ _____

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Pro-Life Chair Couple

522 Berkshire Dr.

Saline, MI 48176

Jan 2022



TOO CONFUSING

It's a mess of confusing wording and legalese, but it's not by accident: the sponsors want to confuse voters to hide how extreme their proposal is. Behind innocent-sounding words lies a radical proposal that would wipe out 50 years of laws and regulations about abortion and replace them with one new rule: **ANYTHING GOES.**

- Any kind of abortion...including partial birth abortion
- Any time during the pregnancy, including up until the moment before birth.
- Any woman at any age, even teenagers getting an abortion without their parents knowing.

TOO EXTREME

All the laws that protect unborn children –and even those protecting women getting an abortion – would be wiped out, including:

- The ban on taxpayers funding of abortions
- The laws requiring parental consent and informed consent
- The law requiring abortion clinics to pass health and safety inspections
- Even the law saying only doctors can perform abortions would be repealed
- And on top of all that, this proposal would permanently put 60 mistakes into our state constitution. Currently our constitution has ZERO typos, grammatical errors, or other glitches. It's a good idea to keep it that way, which means you have 60 more reasons to VOTE NO.



NOTE: FOR GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCIL PR CHAIRMAN

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

Families of the Month

Lansing Council 788
Matt & Betsy Crippen *cfy
Chris & Noelle Wegener
Dr. Brian & Cindy Killian
Fr. Bob Bacik family
Fr. Mark Martin family
Monroe Council 1266
John & Chris Amtonelli
Dean & Lynn Fedewa
Portland Council 2168
Mike & Jessica Bozung
Herb & Eileen Schrauben
St. Clair Council 2251
Thomas & Susan Schweihofer
Gaylord Council 2781
Andrew & Rebecca Lafountain
Gary & Laura Snoeck
Westphalia Council 2890
Kevin & Marsha Smith
Jeremy & Sara Miller
Pinconning Council 2896
Ryan & Brooke Kleinhans
John & Maureen Duley
Walter & Sandra Gromaski
Chesaning Council 2943
Tyler & Adrianna McGeehan
George & Sharon Gewirtz

Pinconning Council 2986
George & Maureen Augstyniak
Raymond & Sharon Skrabut
Lincoln Park Council 3078
Jim & Rosalinda Salliette, *cfy
James & Jackie Thompson
Stu & Debbie Baron
Jim & Jan Bomia
Dennis & Pat Palm
Southgate Council 3956
Steven & Kathy Pochini
Melinda “Mindy” Randal family
Gladwin Council 5280
David & Rhonda Graves
Robert & Dee Battista
Waterford Council 5436
Daniel & Kara Fuller, SW
Rochester Council 5452
Stan Wondolowski, family
New Baltimore Council 5981
Ken & Darlene Krause
Dale & Donna Valliere
Dan & Mary Chisholm
Joseph & Brenda Kozlowski
Eaton Rapids Council 6534
Rock Fournier , family

Roscommon Council 6593
Zachary & Danielle Gerdes
Jimmy & Melody Jadan
Thomas & Jane Kozlowski
Posen Council 6657
Clarence & Angie Yarch
Mike & Mary Smith
Tom & Ann Hein
Swartz Creek Council 6694
Lance & Jennifer Wildman *cfy
Robert & Marchell Weld
Holland Council 7115
John & Carol Martin
Ken & Barbara Puzycki
Rick & Debbie Kraus
Birch Run Council 7233
Bob & Mary Frank
John& Wendy Pullis
Caledonia Council 7341
Brad & kim Buelher
Howell Council 8169
Rodger & Sue Epp
Joe & Debi Kirk
Raymond & Cathy Rayl
Flushing Council 8489
Dakota & Sarah Stapleton
Reed & Megan Erikson

Auburn Hills Council 8659
Barry & Cheryl Doherty
Temperance Council 8902
Howie & Jenn Scally, *cfy
Jan Grodi family
Mason Council 9182
Dr. Ronald & Teresa Bates
Paul & Terry Miller
Frank & Tammy March
Ira Township Council 10724
Chris & Whitney Swanson
Ann Arbor Council 10963
Ginny Kolander & Linda Wilson
John & Erika Tuttle
Lansing Council 11099
William & Joyce Richardson
Joel & Mary Stanewich
Bill & Cindi Currie
Daniel & Lou Ann Dowsett
Reed City Council 12668
Dave & Karen MacKellar
White Cloud Council 13939
Steve & Mary Bleiler
Bill & Jackie Koch

Now is the Time for Action to Defend Life

The Life message in this edition of the Michigan Columbian will be direct and to the point. Your leadership in and support of defeating the abortion ballot proposal 3 is imperative. There has been much debate, litigation, and political posturing since the overturning of Roe v. Wade in many states, and Michigan is not exempt from that.

Now is the time for our action. The abortion ballot proposal that could amend the Michigan Constitution will allow the following:

- Late-term and partial birth abortion
- Parental consent for abortion would be invalid
- Quality, safety, and inspections in abortion clinics would be repealed
- The law that only doctors can perform abortions would be wiped off the books
- The language that applies to abortion would also apply to other actions like sterilization and gender change.

The Michigan State Council is a primary member of the Citizens to Support MI Women and Children. This is a coalition of seventeen other organizations with a main purpose of defeating this abortion ballot proposal. The Michigan State

Council is working directly with Right to Life Michigan and Michigan Catholic Conference to ensure consistency and our full support in this effort.

The actions the Michigan State Council is taking to defeat this abortion ballot proposal focuses on Prayer, Education, and Engagement. We are counting on your support and action to claim victory for Life this November.

Prayer – *Whatever you ask for in prayer, Believe. Mark 11:24*

Lead a Novena for Life. Attend Adoration with the specific intent to pray for Life. Lead a holy hour. Include the sanctity of Life in your daily prayer.

Educate – *Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31*

Know the ballot proposal thoroughly. Stay informed through Right to Life Michigan, Michigan Catholic Conference, and Citizens to Support MI Women and Children. Look for additional resources at the Michigan State Council website.

Engage – *The Lord is on my side, I will not be afraid. Psalm 118:6*

Get the message out about how important it is to vote against this ballot proposal. Join Citizens to Support MI Women Children action group. Lead parish activities to defeat the abortion ballot proposal. Support your local pregnancy center by participating in the new Supreme “Aid and Support After Pregnancy”

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NOTE: FOR GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCIL PR CHAIRMAN

In each issue of the Michigan Columbian we print the Current Knights of the Month as designated by the local councils in the State. These men deserve State wide recognition. We appreciate your help in keeping this information current. A copy of the names of the Knight of the Month need to be sent direct to: John Hundiak, FDM, State Council Community Director, 2439 Westwood Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48306 *cky - council knight of year , send a copy of the names to the Michigan Columbian.

Knight of the Month

Bay City Council 414 Charlie Bauer	Eric Condic	Sanford Council 8043 Dennis Taylor, Aaron Skrok	Clinton Twp. Council 11689 Kurt Greschak, Mike Greschak
Lansing Council 788 Tony Kolp *cky, Lou Grabarino	New Baltimore Council 5981 Michael Ricard, Louis Carducei, Sr.	Howell Council 8169 Eric Ross, William Metz	Michael Greschak
Dave Schertzing	Jeffrey Kay, Brian Yacks	Chris Sucher	Novi Council 11811 Steve Page, Wally Wronka
Richard Bierwagen	Brooklyn Council 6223 Kirk Falk	Canton Council 8284 Rick St. Peter, Jamie Bernacik	Flint Council 12090 Christopher Jones
Algonac Council 856 Scott Brickner	Eaton Rapids Council 6534 Fr. Peter Ludwig	Jackson Council 8392 George Cujar, Tim Debolt	Clinton Twp. Council 12403 Jason McMullen
Monroe Council 1266 Fred Fedorowicz, Michael Cochran	Roscommon Council 6593 Jose Valdez, Stephen Crist	Flushing Council 8489 Jim Richards, Bill Winchester	Reed City Council 12668 Richard Karns
Frank Handler	Patrick Mattingly, Jr.	Auburn Hills Council 8659 Bill Doral, Mike Zelinski	Vicksberg Council 13305 Chad Hessling
Portland Council 2168 Troy Smith, Dave Chislea	Posen Council 6657 Wayne Purdy, Type to enter text	Montrose Council 8669 Logan Dowell, Thomas Bigelow	Waterford Council 13485 Allen Bray
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Clare Council 3029 Msgr. Francis Koper	Bob Pawlik *cky	Dr. Larry Prokop	Lake Odessa Council 14404 Scott Nurenberg
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Now is the Time for Action to Defend Life

(ASAP) program. Continue your financial support with Right to Life Michigan and its affiliates. Identify the need for an Ultrasound at a local pro-life pregnancy center.

In Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly’s address at the 2022 Supreme Convention, he stated the following: “Repeal of Roe won’t be the end of abortion in America, but it might be the beginning of the end”. In conveying a message of leadership, he stated, “The decisions you make – and the actions you take – will have an enormous impact. So, it is essential that you lead with courage and conviction”.

Let’s take every effort to defeat this abortion ballot proposal. The actions you take or don’t take will affect generations to come

Ed & Lynn Strach
Pro-Life Chair Couple



AROUND THE STATE

DADS FOR LIFE

Knights of Fr. Thomas R. Carey Council 4764 held a family photograph session following Father's Day Masses at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church to promote fatherhood. Financial aid donations were accepted for students attending St. Joseph's Catholic school, and new members were recruited. Free digital pics of fathers and their families were emailed to all participants. The project received extensive publicity in church bulletins, enhancing KC image.



DGK Tom Tiffany and PGK Ron Hines registered participants



Typical family picture

Roscommon Council 6593



On Wednesday, 7/20/22, Brother Knights gathered for the Men's Breakfast & More. They gathered for the Rosary in the morning followed by breakfast and a service project. They were able to haul two trailers of brush to the Village of Roscommon compost site in an effort to clean up church grounds. The Men's Breakfast & More group meets on the third Wednesday of each month and is a great opportunity for fellowship and service! (Pictured left to right: PGK Tom O'Brien, PGK Don Croff, and PGK Mark Mack).

St Francis of Assisi Council 4401 Honors Seminarians



St Francis of Assisi Council 4401, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Farmington MI held its annual

Corn Roast and 2nd Annual Seminarian Support prayer and meal with 3 Seminarians and 2 Priests.

Sunday August 7th, the council held its Corn Roast with about 60 Knights, Candidates and the honored guests – Seminarians Karl Finkbeiner, Matthew Kurt & Anthony Riley. James Musgrave and Michael Selvaraj, were not able to attend. Rev. Very Canon Ptak and Rev. James Livingstone also attended. Council Faith Director Stephen English led the group in a very special prayers for Seminarians and Priests. Each of the Seminarians were given \$500 each to help with their expenses at Sacred Heart major Seminary. The council also celebrated their Knight of the Year – SK George Curran, as well as their Family of the Year – the Dan & Kristin Wolocko Family. A great time was held by all.

St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon.



A parishioner kneels to pray before the Icon placed at the St. Joseph altar after the Knights of Columbus Council #640 prayed the rosary in a prayer service held at St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parish in Escanaba.

Msgr. Victor Gallagher Council 12668

Following Mass on the last Sunday of each month, parish members who have a birthday or anniversary along with all attending the Mass will be served ice cream and cake by our council. Weather permitting; this will be done at the entrance of the church. When it gets colder the refreshments and treats will be served in the Parish Room.

Revitalization Project



The Au Lac Council 10724 held an Outdoor Nights event in March which raised over \$20,000 for improvements to the parish school. The first project was completed in June and involved replacing the ceiling tiles and overhead lights in the school hallways and art room. Twenty-two members and one volunteer worked approximately 8 hours each day over a period of nine days to complete the work. The next project is being planned for sometime this winter.

Vocations Baseball Outing



The Catholic Community of Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian was awarded a \$500 check payable to a Lansing Diocese Postulate or Seminarian for selling the most Lansing Lugnuts tickets to the Vocations Baseball Outing on August 5th. Tickets sales were sponsored by Fr. Gerald F. Chapman Council and Mason Council. Congratulations to all involved.

FAMILY PORTRAITS

Father Thomas R. Carey Council 4764 in Lake Orion, Mich., sponsored a free family portrait session following Father's Day Masses at Christ the Redeemer Parish. In addition to honoring fathers, the event was an opportunity to collect donations for the council's scholarship fund and recruit new members.



Programs = New Members

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Prince of Peace Council #6593

On September 6th, Prince of Peace Council #6593 held the exemplification of charity, unity, and fraternity to welcome our newest member, Robert Zielinski. A big thanks goes out to Gaylord Diocesan Membership Director Joel Kendzorski, District Deputy Bill Monahan, and brother knights that helped to make the evening a success.



Pictured (L to R): District Deputy Bill Monahan, Treasurer Keith Kleinert, Grand Knight Joseph Moore, Robert Zielinski, Kevin Sherman PGK, Tom O'Brien PGK, Gaylord Diocesan Membership Director Joel Kendzorski, and Duane Pinkelman PDD & PGK.

Father Peter Robertson Council 7582 Scrap Drive



Father Peter Robertson Council 7582 in Freeland held a scrap drive on May 7th, 2022 and received \$1,259.79 for the value of the scrap collected. \$630 of that money will be given to Life Clinic in Saginaw to help mothers in crisis pregnancies the other half of the money will be used to fund the many St. Agnes parish activities supported by the council.

The council worked with Rifkin Scrap in Saginaw and had a drop box delivered to the St. Agnes parish which was to be the collection point. Steve Harrand, Jim and Kay LaMay, Joe Plas, Harvey Kuehne, Jim Oskvarek, Jack Ferchau, Al Sumption, Dick Kaczor, Paul Vinson and Frank Tomsich all helped with the scrap drive. Bill LaFramboise loaned his trailer so the team could go to people who had scrap but couldn't deliver it to St. Agnes. The scrap drive started at 8am and was finished by 4pm. The team worked hard and had a lot of fun together.

Council awards scholarships to four students

The Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Council #5492 of the Knights of Columbus awarded college scholarships in August to four students.

This marked the 14th consecutive year that the Council has awarded children of active or deceased Council members with scholarships. During that time, the Council has presented more than \$88,000 in scholarships to 52 students.

The scholarships are in honor of the late Richard M. Stanisz, a Knight who played a leading role in relocating the Council in 2002 to its new home at St. Colette Church in Livonia, Mich.



This year's scholarship recipients are (left to right in photo): Anthony Lamacchia, a Council member himself and son of Council member Tom Lamacchia; Claire Zahra, daughter of Council member Brian Zahra; Andrew Kasper, a Council member himself and son of Council member Tim Kasper; and Grace Liotino, granddaughter of the late Council member Michael Lehane.

Programs = New Members

LASTING REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DEPARTED

Knights of Columbus Memorial Plaque Application 2022

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 for a tax-deductible gift of \$25 a line – maximum of four lines per plaque (\$100).

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL OCTOBER 15, 2022



K of C Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Major Seminary –

Sunday November 6, 2022 @ 10:00 am

Families of these brother Knights and friends are invited to attend the Memorial Mass

Those enrolled will share in the daily Masses, prayers, and good works of the Priests and Seminarians of Sacred Heart.

Proceeds from this ongoing fundraiser go to aid students studying for religious vocations that are in need of help.

In Memory of _____ Date of death _____

Gift of \$ _____ Requested By _____

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City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DAVL

MAIL TO: Michael Cousins
Davl Memorial Mass Chairman
30001 Camden Circle
Chesterfield, MI 48051

Applicants will be contacted for multiple line engraving information

Knights of Columbus use only: Rec'd \$ _____ Date _____

Applications available at: [MikofC.org/resources/manuals and documentation/Council Materials](http://MikofC.org/resources/manuals%20and%20documentation/Council%20Materials)

In the Michigan Columbian or

Contact: Mike Cousins at m.cousins@mikofc.org 586-610-6497

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TOO CONFUSING

TOO EXTREME



CAMP NEWSLETTER

Summer Happenings...

EVERY YEAR AT THIS TIME SOMEONE ALWAYS ASK ME "HOW DID CAMP GO ?" TRUTH BE TOLD I HAVE NO ANSWER. YOU SEE AS AN ADMINISTRATOR I AM NOT AT CAMP WHILE IT IS IN SESSION. HOWEVER I HEARD THAT KATHY & BOB BIELINSKI, FROM ST. JANE FRANCIS DE CHANTAL COUNCIL HAS A DAUGHTER, ANGELA, WHO WENT TO CAMP. WHEN IT WAS TIME TO PICK HER UP TO GO HOME SHE SAID AND I QUOTE "I DON'T WANT TO GO HOME I WANT TO STAY HERE"! SO I GUESS THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION "HOW DID CAMP GO?" - **GO ASK ANGELA!**

Russ Smith

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS OUR CAMPERS!

Liaison Director

FALL 2022

www.saintfranciscamp.org

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Bring forth the true meaning of Christmas in a powerful way and advance the very reason for the Christmas Season. As Knights of Columbus we share the message with our Parish and involve them in the Keep Christ in Christmas movement by making Christ based Christmas Cards, Yard Signs and other Religious items available after weekend Mass, in the weeks leading up to Christmas. A small inventory will put your Council in the Keep Christ in Christmas program, and even generate a profit for your Council. Additional products can be ordered individually as often as needed.

Join Us in this Most Worthy Program

More information at: <https://kciemichigan.org>



The Dignity Program



"No power on this earth can destroy the thirst for human dignity" – Nelson Mandela

The sun was shining when a trailer pulled up to Notre Dame Hall Council #3021 in Wayne, Michigan in late August. Council members quickly loaded over 500 suitcases that had been donated to the Council through their Dignity Campaign.

What started as a simple discussion between the Grand Knight and a member of Holy Cross Services blossomed into a tremendous campaign that will make a difference in children's lives for years to

come.

Holy Cross Services is a non-profit agency in Michigan, that helps children who are abused, neglected, and suffer from substance abuse. Until now, when a child entered the program, they were allowed to bring some clothing and possessions that were quickly thrown into a garbage bag. Imagine being rescued from a horrible situation and having to take your things out like the trash. Now each child will have a suitcase of their own to hold their possessions in a dignified manner. "The power of community and fraternity never ceases to amaze me. Together, we can change the world, one act of kindness at a time", said Grand Knight. Paul Sposite.

Programs = New Members

May They Rest In Peace

Westphalia Council 2890

Raymond Kissinger, Eugene Pohl

Chesaning Council 2943

Marcus Sutter, Daniel Yule

Wayne Council 3021

Isidro Liendo

Lincoln Park Council 3078

David Kernick, James Szummy

David Cybulski, Ray Allen

Andrew Provenzano, Paul Ross

Steven Bainbridge, Frank Sall

Richard Guentner, Billy Looney

Francisco Saez, Frank Rucinski

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Allen Park Council 3774

Frank Zremski, Fred Molner

John Kruse, Frank Raidl

Fred Voran

Lansing Council 11099

Frank Couter

Shelby Twp. Council 11957

Deacon Jerry Campernel

Grosse Pointe Farms Council 12121

Ted Roney, Former State Director

Waterford Council 13600

Dennis Dopke, FDD

Southfield Council 14928

Tedege Negattu

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



Michigan Knights of Columbus

2022- 2023 State Raffle

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GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT
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HAYVIEW ROOM
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PLUS \$3,000.00 Cash



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PICTURED ROCKS
GRAND MARAIS, MI
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Includes Pictured Rocks Tour
PLUS \$1,000.00 Cash



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SAUGUTUCK, MI
4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms
PLUS \$2,000.00 Cash

5th - 10th Prizes = \$400.00

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11th - 20th Prizes = \$200.00

31st - 40th Prizes = \$100.00

Drawing: Thursday, April 13, 2023 Doors Open @ 5:00 pm Drawing @ 8:00 pm
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 additional charitable causes addressed by the Michigan State Council.

New This Year

Early Bird Raffle Drawings

This year you have **FOUR (4)** chances to win \$250.00 for a total of \$1,000.00. This is an additional incentive program for **ALL Raffle Ticket Sellers**. Each book of tickets includes a separate **EARLY BIRD RAFFLE TICKET** for sellers. Simply fill-out and return this ticket with your check and **SOLD** book of tickets. The Earlier you return your sold tickets, the more chances you have to win.

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You're Invited!

Brother Knights, Family and Friends, are ALL invited to join the Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus State Officers for the Charity Raffle drawing **Tailgate Party**. Doors open at 5:00 pm Drawing at 8:00 pm. Sold tickets may be returned until 7:00pm the day of the raffle. A light dinner featuring "Tailgate Party Food" and cash bar will be provided by St. John Neumann Council #16169

Grand Prize Drawing held at St. John Neumann Parish
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THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023

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3rd Degree Fraternity Bonus - \$200.00	4th Degree Patriotic Bonus - \$100.00

Top Council Incentive

Ticket Sales % of Membership		Ticket Sales
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3rd Degree Fraternity Bonus -	\$200.00	\$200.00
4th Degree Patriotic Bonus -	\$100.00	\$100.00

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2nd Degree Unity Bonus -	\$100.00	\$200.00
3 rd Degree Unity Bonus -	\$50.00	\$100.00
4th Degree Patriotic Bonus -	\$25.00	\$50.00

Early Bird Drawing Incentives

1 st Early Bird Drawing : December 28, 2022	Seller Price	\$250.00
2 nd Early Bird Drawing – January 28, 2023	Seller Price	\$250.00
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