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PRESS RELEASE – AWARD WINNER

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Local KofC Council Receives International Recognition

Knights of Columbus Council #13703 of Clio, Michigan is the recipient of; the Columbian Award, the Father McGivney Award, the Founders Award and the prestigious; Supreme Five Star Council Award, for the 2015-2016 fraternal year. The requirement for achieving those awards is difficult, and to receive “Five Stars” is an extraordinary achievement.

The announcement was made by the Knights of Columbus International Headquarters located in New Haven, Connecticut on July 1, 2016. Don Faxlanger (District Deputy and Membership Director of record for Clio Council’s 2015-2016 fraternal year) presented the awards to Past Grand Knight Denny Wasmund and other members of the Clio chapter, during a special ceremony on January 11, 2017. When Denny first saw the awards, he justifiably became a little emotional as he recalled the hard work, and the number of charitable programs he and his group performed to help the less fortunate of our community. As the council leader, Denny had worked very closely with Don, and other members of his council, helping to organize and tackle that year’s early determined goals. Denny persevered in his leadership responsibilities to finish strong. Along with attaining five hundred percent of membership quota, one hundred percent of insurance quota and by averaging about ten events in each of the lay Ministry’s six charitable program categories, the council was able to generate the “Five Star Council Award”. Denny humbly expressed to Don that “We couldn’t have done it without you”, but reality is that it also took determination from all 86 members of the group to help staff and promote the many programs that the Knights performed throughout that year.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, President of the international organization, in recognizing the local winners said, “Please accept my sincere congratulations on attaining this prestigious award. The dedication to the Order shown by your council is seen in the high standard of excellence you have achieved. At the same time, I encourage you to carry forward this enthusiasm to meet the challenges that will face the Knights of Columbus in the years ahead. May this award be a reminder and an inspiration to the members of the Clio Council to continue promoting the ideals of Columbianism, for the good of the Church, your community, and the Order.”

The Knights of Columbus is the world’s largest Catholic lay organization. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities, families, and young people. With more than 1.8 million members in more than 14,000 councils around the world, The Knights of Columbus annually donates over 167 million dollars and 70 million hours of service to charitable causes. Information about the Knights of Columbus Contact; Don Faxlanger phone 810.610.1773 email d.faxlanger@mikofc.org END