



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

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January, February, March 2022

Grand Knight's Report

Romans 15:13

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in your faith, so that in the power of the Holy Spirit you may be rich in hope.”

Brother Knights,

I want to wish each you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Advent, and Happy New Year. I hope that this joyful season finds you all in good spirits. May we continue in the unwavering truth of God. We live in a time when it is easy to falter and fall away from God's Grace. May this Advent season and Christmas help you to come back.

With this newsletter, I have two things to ask each of you Brother Knights. The first, that you please come back to church with us. In order to keep our mother, the church, strong, we need to return to Mass. So, I ask all my brother Knights to return safely to Mass. **Let us give Father Mike a most amazing Christmas gift, a packed church for Christmas Eve Mass.** The second, to **encourage the men of our church that are not Brother Knights to join our ranks.** If you know of any good, Catholic gentleman that would be an excellent addition to our council, Supreme has initiated a new Exemplification that is 30 – 35 minutes long. Families are welcome to attend these ceremonies so that you can, as a family, learn what it takes to be a Brother Knight. It is one program for all three degrees. I encourage all our members who are First or Second Degree members to complete their journey to full Knighthood. If you have any questions about becoming a Knight, or would like more information about being a Knight, please contact me at GK2168@mikofc.org or 517-648-3003. If you interested in joining, please contact me and I will provide with any necessary information. We need 22 new members to reach our quota for 2021-22, can you help?

Once again, our Council will be collecting for PSIC at the January 22nd/23rd masses. Items such as diapers, blankets, formula, cart seats, clothing for infants and small children are needed. They especially need size 5 & 6 diapers and baby wipes. There will be Knights at a table in the back of the Church at each Mass.

The State Bowling Tournament will be February 12th and 13th at Astro Lanes in Madison Heights, MI. You should have received K of C State Raffle tickets, please purchase or sell them, a percentage of the money from tickets sold comes back to our Council.

Included with this newsletter are everyone's Dues Notices. Please join us at "Dues Night" on January, 3rd at 7:00 PM for our Business Meeting and refreshments.

Vivat Jesus,
Jacob Lowe

Message from Our Insurance Agent

WONDERFUL CATHOLIC TRADITIONS

What special celebrations we have in the month of December! Our Lady's feast, the feast of the Immaculate Conception when we honor Mary as having been conceived without original sin. What an honor, too, for her mother, St. Anne, and father, St. Joachim, to have that blessing, literally the grandparents of our Lord! Then we celebrate Christmas and the Word made flesh who dwelled among us. "For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." (Isa 9:5)

I'm sure your family, like mine, has its traditions at Christmas. There is decorating a tree and the house both inside and out, shopping for that perfect gift, and the preparation of the special meal. Maybe you start the real celebration by attending Midnight Mass. And perhaps this year it will mean a return to a houseful of relatives around your Christmas dinner table. I hope and pray that you and your family find peace and joy during this season!

As we approach the end of the year I want to thank each of you for the trust you've placed in me. I have been able to help so many brother Knights and their families with the services and products that the Order has available to protect Catholic families. I consider it an honor to be able to serve you as your agent. One way I may be able to serve you better is to make sure you respond to the survey that was sent from the Supreme Office recently. While some snail mail is still delayed, you should have received it. Answering the survey will help me serve you better. If you like convenience you may want to complete the survey online. Please be sure to check your contact information and make sure it is correct. If you have not yet received your survey, please let me know.

Have a very Merry Christmas! Let's be thankful for all the graces and gifts that God has blessed us with, especially the gift of his Son!

Vivat Jesus!

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Call to Serve

If it is to be, it is up to me.

Thank you to the many Knights that are serving as His hands in our council. Where are you being called to serve? Please consider volunteering and serving our council and parish in new ways. Experiences Knights will walk you through and be available for any questions. Contact GK Jacob Lowe, Bill Vallier, and Gary Fedewa for more information.

We are currently looking for will good men to fill the following positions for our council. If you feel you are being called to help us fill these positions, please feel free to reach out to inquire about them. There are many amazing Brother Knights that are more than willing to help you.

- Deputy Grand Knight of Council 2168
- Bingo chairman for the months of February 6th and 20th, and March 6th and 20th

Council Fish Sale

The Portland Knights of Columbus will be having an Alaskan walleye fish sale fundraiser. The fish are frozen filleted skinless Alaskan walleye and come in 10 pound bags. Each 10 pound bag cost \$55.00. To purchase the fish, make check payable to **Knights of Columbus** and add **Fish Sale** on memo line and mail payment to: Knights of Columbus, 690 Maynard Road, Portland, Michigan 48875. **Payment must be received by Monday, January 10, 2022.**

The fish will be available for pickup on Friday, January 28, 2022 at the Knights' Hall from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

Any questions please send email to Council2168@gmail.com

Honors

When you see these men and families, thank them for their service to their families, church, council, and community.

2021
October
November
December

Knight of the Month
Mike Coyne
Jim Thelen
Alex Schrauben

Family of the Month
Dan & Dawn Arwood
Greg & Kim Schrauben
Brian & Merry Hass

Good of the Order

Please pray for these Knights and their families.



*Strengthen them with Your love and Your grace.
Console them with Your blessed Presence.
Grant them the courage to persevere.*



Tom Graft
Jerry & Janette Kramer
Dick Brown
Ronald Elston

Don Gross
Eleanor Peake
Ken Schrauben
Randy Hodge

JoAnn Theis
Gary Hodge
JoAnn Spitzley
Dorothy Keusch

Bill Clark
Ken Schneider
Stephen Fabiano
Paul Janderno

Richard & Shirley Lawless Father Mike Alber The Alber Family Kevin Schneider
Tom Kreiner Albert Fedewa Mike Keusch Jude Kramer
All Brother Knights and their families that have been affected by Covid-19

Building Corporation
Building Corporation News

If you haven't purchased your \$50 Building Corp Raffle yet, we have a few left. Please send your \$50 check made out to Knights of Columbus to: Gary Fedewa 9975 Kent St Portland, MI 48875.

TICKET APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

4th Degree News:

The Spring Exemplification will be held on Saturday April 23, 2022. For more information on completing your journey as a Knight of Columbus, Contact Gary Fedewa (517-927-0798) or Bill Vallier (517-526-2956).

Building Corporation Raffle

We really appreciate the help of all the tickets sellers and buyers. The funds raised from this raffle help to support the upkeep of the hall. Contact Tom Klein if you have any questions.

<u>2021</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$75</u>	<u>\$50</u>
October	Dorothy Lenneman	Ken Wirth	Jim Fedewa
November	John Vallier	John Shattuck	Dick Lawless
December	Kyle Lay	Pat Lay	Mike Weller



Upcoming Events

Save this page for future reference

Any changes to the events below will be announced in the St. Patrick Parish bulletin, time permitting.

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January 2022

Monday	1/3	Business Meeting	7:00 PM
Friday	1/7	Friday Adoration	
Monday	1/17	Social Meeting	7:00 PM
Sat. & Sun.	1/22-23	PSIC Collection at Mass	
Friday	1/28	Fish Sale Pick-up	2:00 PM

February 2022

Friday	2/4	First Friday Adoration	
Sunday	2/6	Bingo	2:00 PM
Monday	2/7	Business Meeting	7:00 PM
Tuesday	2/8	Blood Drive	12-5 PM
Sat. & Sun.	2/12-13	Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament	
Sunday	2/20	Bingo	2:00 PM
Sunday	2/21	Social Meeting	7:00 PM

March 2022

Friday	2/4	First Friday Adoration	
Sunday	3/6	Bingo	2:00 PM
Monday	3/7	Business Meeting	7:00 PM
Sunday	3/20	Bingo	2:00 PM
Monday	3/21	Past Grand Knights Banquet	6:00 PM
All Brother Knights are welcome			
Letter Stuffing			TBD

Knights Hall, 690 Maynard Road, Portland			District #301	
Hall Rental	Jude Kramer	517-647-2274	District Deputy	SK Donald Gunderman Portland Council #2168
Building Corporation	(Francis) John Vallier	517-647-6409	Lake Odessa Council #14404	SK Joseph Hickey
			Pewamo Council #8071	GK Thomas Thelen
			Portland Council #2168	SK Jacob Lowe
Worthy State Deputy	Walter K. Winkle Jr.		Saranac Council #11113	GK Tony Baumgartner