



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

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October, November, December 2023 **Grand Knight's Report**

Matthew 25: 14-30 – The Parable of the Talents

"Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of your master."

Brother Knights,

What are we choosing to do with the gifts that God has given us? Do we look to share them in ways that benefit those in need allowing our five talents to grow into an additional five, or will God tell us that we have wasted the gifts He has bestowed upon us, like the third servant in the parable if we read on? Finding ways to help our neighbors in need, those near and far, is one way we can put our God-given talents to use. We all want to hear those sacred words "Well done, good and faithful servant," at the end of this life. Let's put our gifts He has given us to use in a way that glorifies Him!

I would encourage you to take a few minutes to evaluate how you are using your gifts to benefit those in need. Are you able to volunteer your time with the Knights at opportunities such as those listed in this newsletter? There are many ways to get involved for those in need in our parish, our community, our diocese, and beyond. If helping with a Knights event is new to you or if you are thinking of a new way to give back, I would love the opportunity to talk with you. As men, we are called to sacrifice our time and talent for others. Let's take up this challenge giving of ourselves to those who need it.

Contact Information

The Portland Council is blessed to have such a large group of Knights. With a group that size communication is extremely important as new events and updates to existing events occur. Please consider sending the email address you prefer to use to the Grand Knight email address below to expedite that communication process when those needs come up. Messages sent in this way would not be done often, only as an occasional volunteer opportunity presents itself. Please take a moment to send an email to gk2168@mikofc.org with your name to ensure we have a good email for you. Thank you.

Inviting Others to Join the Knights

If you know of any good, Catholic gentleman that would be an excellent addition to our council, encourage them to join our council. It is now 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 517-526-1674.

Vivat Jesus,
Brian Brown

Message from Our Insurance Agent

Fulfilling Fr. McGivney's Mission

Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus 141 years ago with two purposes in mind: To strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the widow and orphan if the breadwinner died or could not work. Our Order continues his mission today. That two-pronged approach to the young Catholic men of New Haven, Connecticut was important then and even though much has changed in our society since 1882, I believe that approach is important now. I am honored and blessed to be a part of continuing that mission.

While we work together to strengthen our brother Knights in their faith, I am able to work to secure the future for those who are left behind. For those who know me and the indispensable work I do for our members, you already have a good idea of how I do that work. But I'd like to take a minute to explain my approach.

My approach is to help members solve problems. The most important thing I can do for you is listen: listen to what you want to accomplish, listen to what keeps you up at night, listen to the plans you have for you and your family's future. And the first step is to take stock of where a family is at the present...a snapshot of this time in your life. The Order has equipped me with a financial needs analysis platform to help you take that snapshot. We plug in the numbers and it does the calculations, taking any bias out of the process.

If your analysis shows there are gaps, we can discuss how to fill those gaps. We have a wide range of life insurance products that can be tailored to your needs if that is where the gap is. We have fixed rate annuities that are designed for retirement savings. Long-term care insurance and disability income insurance can provide peace of mind for the unexpected that life throws at us. Stepping back and taking stock is not a difficult process and I try to make it as easy as possible. I can meet with you face to face or if you prefer, we can meet virtually. My goal is to fulfill Fr. McGivney's mission of taking care of every member and his family in this council. But I want to further his legacy and offer membership to every man eligible in the parish. His goal was to protect Catholic families...that's my goal, too. 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. Experienced Knights will walk you through and be available for any questions. Contact GK Brian Brown, Bill Vallier, and Gary Fedewa for more information.

If you are interested in developing a fundraiser for the council, please reach out. There are many local and diocesan organizations that need help.

- A raffle will be held later this year in which the winners will receive admission to Wild Game Dinner hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 7311 in Grand Ledge, Michigan. More information pertaining to the raffle will come at a later date.
- The annual MI (Tootsie Roll) drive is coming up in early October. We are always looking for more Knights to donate two hours of their time to raise funds for such a worthy cause. You can find the exact dates in the Upcoming Events section to find something that works best with your schedule.

Honors

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

<u>2023</u>	<u>Knight of the Month</u>	<u>Family of the Month</u>
July	Bob Fox	Pam & Bill Brown
August	Chuck Goodman	Todd & Jen Davlin
September	Ken Cook	Brad & Lindsay Russman

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.*



Bill Clark	Romane Lay	Father Mike Alber	The Alber Family
Jude Kramer	Eleanor Peake	Gary Hodge	Tom Keusch Jr.
Dick Manning	Dick Brown	Ken Schrauben	JoAnn Spitzley Stephen
Fabiano	Ronald Elston	Randy Hodge	Dorothy Keusch
Mike Keusch	John Russman	Jeff Davlin	Joyce Tichvon
Don Gross	Jerry & Jeanette Kramer		Diane Beachneau

All Brother Knights and their families that have been affected by Covid-19.

The people of Ukraine and Russia.

Building Corporation News

The Annual Garage Sale will be held Oct 25-26-27, 2023. Donations can be dropped off Wednesday, Oct 25 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. If you have items that need to be picked up call John Vallier 517-647-6409 or Gary Fedewa 517-927-0798. The sale will be Thursday, Oct 26 8:00am to 5:00pm and Friday, Oct 27 8:00am to noon.

The Annual Building Corporation raffle ticket form is attached to the newsletter. The proceeds from the raffle will help as we continue to update the hall. We still have 5 major items on the update list: add additional insulation in the large hall, replace the ceiling in the large hall, freshen up the kitchen, and the largest of all, is the parking lot repair/replacement. Please consider purchasing a ticket.

Patriotic (4th) Degree

Not a 4th Degree member? Why not complete your journey to full Knighthood? The dress code is no longer a tux, just a dark suit. The Fall Exemplification is being held in Battle Creek, MI on Saturday October 28, 2023. Give Gary Fedewa (517-927-0798) or Bill Vallier (517-526-2956) a call for more information.

Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) Drive

The Portland Council will be holding our Annual Tootsie Roll Drive the weekend of Oct 6 - Oct 8. Last year our Council distributed a profit of \$7,156.82. Thanks to all the captains and volunteers, let's do it again this year. We need 10 captains and 135 volunteers. Call Brian Brown (517-526-1674) or Gary Fedewa (517-927-0798) to volunteer, or if called by one of the captains to work a shift, PLEASE say yes.

Senior Euchre Party

Knights of Columbus Senior Euchre Partys will begin Wednesday, Oct 4 at 1:00pm.

Bingos

Knights of Columbus Bingos will begin Sunday, Oct 4 at 1:00pm

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 Gary Fedewa if you have any questions.

2023	\$100	\$75	\$50
July	Rich Scheider	Todd McElmurry	Rocky Beckhold
August	Ron Smith	Mike & Ed Theis	John Bengal
September	Dick Tichvon	Jerry & Jenette Kramer	John Gross



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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Eucharistic Adoration is held every Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Please consider finding the time to spend some quiet time with our Lord.

October 2023

Monday	10/2	Business Meeting	7:00 PM
Wednesday	10/4	Euchre	1:00 PM
Sunday	10/8	Bingo	1:00 PM
Tuesday	10/10	Blood Drive	11:30 AM-5:30 PM
Monday	10/16	Social Meeting	7:00 PM
Wednesday	10/18	Euchre	1:00 PM
Sunday	10/22	Bingo	1:00 PM
Wednesday	10/25	Garage Sale Drop Off	8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Thursday	10/26	Garage Sale	8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Friday	10/27	Garage Sale	8:00 AM-Noon

November 2023

Wednesday	11/1	Euchre	1:00 PM
Sunday	11/5	Bingo	1:00 PM
Monday	11/6	Business Meeting	7:00 PM
Wednesday	11/15	Euchre	1:00 PM
Sunday	11/19	Bingo	1:00 PM
Monday	10/20	Social Meeting	7:00 PM
Wednesday	11/29	Euchre	1:00 PM

December 2023

Monday	12/4	Business Meeting	7:00 PM
Tuesday	12/12	Blood Drive	11:30 AM-5:15 PM
Wednesday	12/13	Euchre	1:00 PM
Monday	12/18	Social Meeting/Tentative Letter Stuffing Date	7:00 PM

January 2024

Saturday	1/6	Free Throw Contest	8:30 AM
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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 Ron Simon
State Council of Michigan MIKofC.org			Portland Council #2168	SK Brian Brown
Worthy State Deputy	Christopher Kolomjec		Saranac Council #11113	GK Mike Lamphere

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Annual Building Corporation 12 Month Raffle

This raffle gives you a chance to win a sizable cash prize throughout the year as well as helping with the Building Corporation expenses. Each ticket costs \$50 and automatically enters the ticket holder in 36 drawings over the next calendar year. Three tickets will be drawn at the regular business meeting each month at the Knights Hall, where Portland Council 2168 holds regular meetings.

Monthly Prizes: 1st Ticket Drawn - \$100
 2nd Ticket Drawn - \$75
 3rd Ticket Drawn - \$50

Winning tickets are returned to the pool of 130 tickets and are eligible for every drawing!

The raffle will begin Monday, January 8, 2024, immediately following the regular business meeting. You need not be present to win. Winners will be promptly notified by mail following the drawing each month.

ONLY 130 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD. Ticket sales are on a first come first serve basis.

To purchase a ticket please include a \$50 check payable to **Knights of Columbus** with the completed form below and mail to: Gary Fedewa
9975 Kent Street
Portland, MI 48875

Your ticket will be sent by return mail.

You can also purchase tickets from any Knights of Columbus officer.

Any questions please call/text Gary Fedewa at 517-927-0798 or email at garyfedewa@hotmail.com

Thank You for supporting the Knights of Columbus.

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TICKET APPLICATION

Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____ Email _____