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April, May, & June 2024

Grand Knight's Report

Matthew 28: 5-7 - Finding Our Risen Savior

"But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going ahead of you to Galilee; that is where you will see him." Look! I have told you.'"

As I prayerfully consider what to share with the Knights of the Portland Council to open this newsletter, the liturgical season we find ourselves in comes to mind. In a few short verses, the Gospel passage above takes Mary Magdalene, and us with her, from the season of our Lord's passion in Lent to the season of His resurrection and victory over sin and death celebrated in Easter. I would challenge each of you, as I do myself, to spend some time with the verse above. Do we give thanks for what Jesus has done for us through His passion, death, and resurrection? Are we spending time in prayer, perhaps while in adoration, finding Him in the place of the Consecrated Eucharistic Host as the last verse tells us we can?

As Knights of Columbus, we are called to serve those less fortunate than ourselves. Although we usually do this through acts of charity for our neighbor, consider taking some time to grow in your relationship with Jesus. Giving your time to Him will result in receiving uncountable rewards allowing you to better serve those neighbors in need of your help. Asking our Lord to work through us to help others is one of the ways we can travel the road to what He is calling us. The road to sainthood.

May each of you, your families, and your loved ones have a happy and holy Easter season where we can be thankful and celebrate all the He has done for us and those we work to help.

Let us rejoice for He has risen. He has risen indeed!

Vivat Jesus,

Brian Brown

Message from Our Insurance Agent

April is Autism Awareness month and I'd bet each one of us probably knows someone with autism; I know I do. The young lady I know is challenged both physically and mentally. The Autism Speaks website (www.autismspeaks.org) is a wealth of information. Autism is not one disorder, it is actually called autism spectrum disorder or ASD because there is a broad range, a spectrum, from very mild to very severe characteristics.

Some with very mild characteristics can function in society quite well and hold responsible jobs. At the other end of the spectrum may be the person who is nonverbal, is challenged physically and may engage in nearly constant repetitive behaviors. Those with these more severe issues may need lots of support from family, friends and social service agencies. The Autism Speaks website says "autism affects an estimated 1 in 59 children in the United States today."

Nobody seems to know what causes autism and the manifestations vary so widely that there is no real cure. Often the best that can be done is try to treat symptoms and help the individual cope with strengths and challenges faced. Because some of the symptoms or indicators often appear at a young age, before age 3, doctors have found that early diagnosis and intervention is the best course of action. With this early intervention, many individuals can be helped to improve the quality of their lives.

As we become more and more aware of the disorder you may know a member who is dealing with this himself or perhaps one of his family members has it. Your support, empathy and concern are usually well received. It's an opportunity to show Christ's love to a neighbor. I encourage you to find out more on the website for Autism Speaks.

I can't end this message without wishing all of you a very Blessed Easter! What a wondrous time in our liturgical year! While we celebrate Jesus' victory over death and his glorious resurrection, we remember that the raising from the dead came after humiliating abuse and an agonizing death. When I pray the rosary, I sometimes try to meditate on a particular decade by placing myself in the scene of that decade. How would I, a follower of Jesus, have reacted to his crucifixion? At the cross like John...or scared and hidden away with rest of the disciples? Would I have been brave enough? Then at the first Glorious Mystery, there at the tomb, stunned in awe of the mighty power of the Resurrection. What a mighty God we have! May each of you and your families experience the joy of this Easter season!

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.

Council 2168 Polos

Knights of Columbus short sleeve polos are available for purchase. These are available in a variety of sizes at \$43 which includes the 2168 Council and K of C logo information. Please see Bill Vallier or Brian Brown for more information.

Honors

When you see these men and families, thank them for their service.

<u>2024</u>	<u>Knight of the Month</u>	<u>Family of the Month</u>
January	Pat Lay	Kevin & Kris Schrauben
February	John Hengesbach	Randy & Michelle Hodge
March	Terry Austen	Mike & Sue Fox

Knight and Family of the Year

Every year, the council selects one Brother Knight and a family from our community to recognize for all that they do in service to their families, the church, our council, and our community. These Knights and families are chosen from the Knights and Families of the Month from throughout the 2023-24 Fraternal Year.

We are pleased to announce that Bob Fox has been chosen for Knight of the Year and Deacon Randy and Michelle Hodge have been chosen as the Family of the Year.

Join us in congratulating these amazing people for these accomplishments and thank them for all that they do.

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
Ronald Elston	Dorothy Keusch	Doug Schneider	Tom Leik
Mike Keusch	John Russman	Jeff Davlin	Larry Leik
Don Gross	Bob White	Diane Beachneau	Don Pohl
Jane Scheurer	Jerry & Jeanette Kramer		

Building Corporation News

Enclosed you will find the annual Building Corp 50/50 raffle tickets. Please take the time to sell and/or purchase them. Last Fall, we spent \$3200 to add an additional 6 inches of insulation in the ceilings above the front and main hall areas. Thanks to the group of volunteers who helped roll the insulation out. The hall is looking great with the improvements and updates that have been done over the past few years. Tickets can be returned to Gary Fedewa, 9975 Kent St. Portland, MI 48875.

We are currently in the process of installing Homeworks fiber optic line, so we will have Wi-Fi available in the hall in the future.

The Spring Garage Sale will be held Apr 24-25-26, 2024. Donations can be dropped off Wed April 24 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The sale will be Thurs April 25, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Fri April 26, 8:00 am to noon. We are not accepting any large furniture items or TVs. If you have items that need to be picked up call Bill Vallier 517-526-2956 or Gary Fedewa 517-927-0798.

4th Degree News

Are you ready to complete your journey towards full Knighthood? The Spring Exemplification will be held at St Mary Magdalen Parish in Brighton April 20, 2024. Give Gary Fedewa (517-927-0798) or Bill Vallier (517-526-2956) a call for more information.

Building Corporation Raffle

We really appreciate the help of all the ticket 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.

<u>2024</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$75</u>	<u>\$50</u>
January	Jim & Doreen Spohn	Steve Goodman	Joe Hoppes
February	Bob Pline	Ray Fedewa	Keith Schneider
March	Sean Eddy	Tony Kolarik	Ken Schrauben



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.

Portland Council #2168
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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.

April 2024

Monday	4/8	Business Meeting (Moved for Spring Break)	7:00 PM
Tuesday	4/9	Blood Drive	11:30 AM-5:30 PM
Monday	4/15	Social Meeting	7:00 PM
Wednesday	4/24	K of C Garage Sale Drop-off/Setup	8:00-5:00 PM
Thursday	4/25	K of C Garage Sale	8:00-5:00 PM
Friday	4/26	K of C Garage Sale	8:00-12 PM

May 2024

Monday	5/6	Business Meeting	7:00 PM
Monday	5/20	Social Meeting	7:00 PM
Wed-Fri	5/22-5/24	State Convention	

June 2024

Monday	6/3	Business Meeting	7:00 PM
Tuesday	6/11	Blood Drive	11:30 AM-5:30 PM
Monday	6/17	Social Meeting	7:00 PM
Monday	6/24	Letter Stuffing	6:00 PM

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