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July, August, and September 2024

Grand Knight's Report

Colossians 3:23, 24

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”

Brother Knights,

I want to start by thanking a few sets of volunteers for the time they donated in supporting the mission of the Knights of Columbus right here in our local area. Bill Vallier and the kitchen volunteers along with Jake Lowe, Doug Smith Jeff, Sean, and Simon Fedewa and many others gave their time to make the Mother's Day Breakfast wonderful again this year.

Another volunteer opportunity relates to the parish Summerfest. Bill Vallier, Jake Lowe, Doug and Graham Smith, the Fedewa family, and others helped work the ballfields down at the flats supporting the kid's baseball tournament. The weather was warm and the kids had a great time competing as a team while supporting the parish event.

More opportunities are coming to volunteer your time, talent, and treasure to continue the Knights support of local people and organizations that can really use it. Please let me know if you are interested in helping with events such as the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, Tootsie Roll Drive coming in October, or if you would like to attend a monthly Knights meeting at the Hall to learn more about what our council is up to. You can connect with me at gk2168@mikofc.org or 517-526-1674. Those meetings are typically held on the first Monday of each month and you can find the details for the upcoming few months on the last page of this newsletter.

I would challenge you to consider stretching yourself and reaching out to either myself or another fellow brother Knight to do one new thing with the Knights such as the above volunteering or attending a meeting. Our council can be as impactful as the number of Knights who give of themselves to make these opportunities possible. Consider spending a few minutes each day asking the Lord what His plans are for you and how you are being called to serve your neighbor.

Have a great summer!

Vivat Jesus,
Brian Brown

Message from Our Insurance Agent

STATE-OF-THE-ART SOFTWARE FOR A COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL NEEDS ANALYSIS

Summer is here and with some break in the weather I've started to put together my honey-do list that will take me outside into the sunshine...at least I hope it's going to be sunny when I get outdoors to do all these chores. I don't know about you, but this time of year seems to energize me. Some of that includes physical repairs around the house, getting the lawn and flowerbeds ready to go, maybe even washing some windows. I've had some estimates for work I need done around the house. Every craftsman has told me their business is booming. So many people have noticed things that need to be done around the house since they've been inside for the better part of a year.

And as you sit around and consider all the things that you need to get updated, let me make a suggestion that may put your mind and your family's mind at ease. We know this year has been unpredictable in many ways, but let's be honest, pandemic or not, life is unpredictable. We can't see what the future will bring, but we can plan for the unexpected. Remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus I am your partner on your journey to prepare for and face the unpredictable.

Just as we take stock of the physical changes that need to be considered, I'd suggest that you take stock of where you stand protecting your family. The Knights of Columbus has partnered with industry leader Advicent to help us help you. I can use Advicent's state-of-the-art software to provide you with a comprehensive financial needs analysis. With it I can help you take stock of where you are today, where you want to go, and how close you are to achieving your goals. I can help you identify any gaps in your coverage or issues you should address. This will give you a comprehensive look at where you stand. While many other companies charge for this kind of service, the Order has invested in this software to help us agents help our members. This financial needs analysis is free of charge as a fraternal benefit of membership.

I feel I have a special bond of brotherhood with all my members and I am committed to helping protect Catholic families...your family...while furthering the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney. Please take time to meet with me and take advantage of this free benefit of membership.

Vivat Jesus!

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Annuities, Estate Planning, Fraternal Benefits*

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 later.

Honors

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

2024

April

May

June

Knight of the Month

Alex Schrauben

Bruce Bennett

Mike Coyne

Family of the Month

Junior & Ann Miller

Gary & Janet Brown

Tom & Cathy Klein

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
Jude Kramer
Donald Barker
Stephen Fabiano
Mike Keusch
Linda Russman

Romane Lay
Eleanor Peake
Dick Brown
Ronald Elston
Paul Janderno
Don Pohl

Father Mike Alber
Gary Hodge
Ken Schrauben
Randy Hodge
John Russman
Jim Klein

The Alber Family
Tom Keusch Jr.
JoAnn Spitzley
Dorothy Keusch
Jeff Davlin
Jerry & Jeanette
Kramer

The people of Ukraine and Russia

Building Corporation News

Annual Building Corp 50/50 Raffle held in April, had a net profit of \$955.00. The raffle winners: 1st Jim Fedewa \$477.50, 2nd Dick Brown \$191.00, 3rd Tom Kreiner \$97.50, 4th Joe Cook \$97.50 and 5th Ron Smith \$97.50. THANKS to those who purchased your tickets.

A big thanks to all who donated to our spring garage sale. Also, thanks to all the volunteers and their wives who help make this fundraiser a fun and enjoyable event. The profit was \$3700.00.

Patriotic (4th) Degree

Welcome Deacon Randy Hodge and Doug Smith, members of our Council who joined the 4th Degree this past spring. Are you ready to complete your journey towards full Knighthood? The Fall Exemplification will be held in October, the date and location TBD. 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 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.

<u>2024</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$75</u>	<u>\$50</u>
April	Dennis Teneyck	Chopper Schrauben	Tony Kolarik
May	Mike Coyne	Tom Brown	Joe Hoppes
June	Dennis Hufnagal	Mike Oehman	Carter Kemmis



Upcoming Events

Save this page for future reference

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

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.

July 2024

Monday	7/1	Business Meeting	7:00 PM
Monday	7/15	Social Meeting	7:00 PM

August 2024

Monday	8/5	Business Meeting	7:00 PM
Tuesday	8/13	Blood Drive	11:30 AM
Monday	8/19	Social Meeting	7:00 PM

September 2024

		Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest – Held in September	
Thursday	9/12	Business Meeting - To avoid Labor Day & To hold a meeting not on Monday to accommodate Father Mike if he is available to attend	7:00 PM
Thursday	9/21	Letter Stuffing & Social Meeting	6:30/7:00 PM

Knights Hall, 690 Maynard Road, Portland			District #301	
Hall Rental	Jude Kramer	517-647-2274	District Deputy	SK Larry Adams
Building Corporation	Gary Fedewa	517-927-0798	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	Barry Borsenik		Saranac Council #11113	GK Mike Lamphere