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January, February, March Grand Knight's Report

Mark 10: 13-16

And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

Brother Knights,

The above Gospel passage speaks to one of the core beliefs of the Knights of Columbus: providing for those in need, especially when those in need are children. Two examples of the Portland Knights providing for the children of our community are through the renovation of the new Pregnancy Services of Ionia County (PSIC) location and cooking for the middle and high school youth group. PSIC provides for the immediate physical needs of the very young and the youth group provides for the catechetical and spiritual needs of children grades 6-12. Thank you to all the brother Knights who volunteer your time, talent, and treasure to further the mission of the Knights in these or with other opportunities. Are you helping someone or a group in need too? If so, I'd love to hear about it and highlight it in an upcoming newsletter. You can send the details and a picture, if possible, to: gk2168@mikofc.org.

Knights in the Community

- Grilling for the middle and high school youth groups
- PSIC storage renovation



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- **Fish Sale** (distribution at the Knights Hall, date and details below)
- **Bingo & Euchre** (dates below)
- **Cooking for the Past Grand Knights Banquet** (date below)

If one of these upcoming opportunities is speaking to you or if you have an idea for additional ways for the Knights to support the youth, or those of any age, please reach out to me and I'll be happy to help support that vision. You can contact me at gk2168@mikofc.org or 517-526-1674.

Vivat Jesus,
Brian Brown

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! Michael Thelen, FICF, LUTCF

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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 Brian Brown, Bill Vallier, and Gary Fedewa for more information.

PSIC Drive

On the weekend of January 18 & 19, 2025 the Portland Knights of Columbus will be having its annual collection for Pregnancy Services of Ionia County. There will be Knights before and after each Mass in the back of church collecting items for donation. PSIC is in need of formula, cereal, size 3, 4, & 6 diapers, pull-ups, diaper rash ointment, baby wash, pacifiers, plastic baby and toddler eating utensils, baby monitors, toddler bed, single stroller, double stroller, newborn car seat, and toddler car seat. They are also in need of clothes: NB-4T winter coats, size 6/9/12 month/3T girls long sleeve tops, size 12-month boys onesies, and size 2T-4T boys shorts.

Alaskan Walleye Fish Sale Fundraiser

The Alaskan walleye fish fundraiser provides funding for our Council to continue to assist families and organizations in need. The fish are frozen filleted skinless Alaskan walleye and come in 10-pound bags. Each 10-pound bag cost \$60.00. 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 13, 2025. The fish will be available for pickup on Thursday, January 30, 2025 at the K of C Knights Hall from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm. The hall address is 690 Maynard Road, Portland.

*Please see the last page of this newsletter for the order form.

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

Honors

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

<u>2024</u>	<u>Knight of the Month</u>	<u>Family of the Month</u>
October	Dan Arwood	Terry & Carmen Austen
November	Dale Kramer	Doug & Grace Snitgen
December	Keith Cook	Derek & Jennifer Brown

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.*



Dick Manning
Eleanor Peake
Noah Montpetit
Randy Hodge
Paul Jandernoa
Jerry & Jeanette
Kramer

Father Mike Alber
Gary Hodge
Dick Brown
Dorothy Keusch
John Russman
Harry Klein

The Alber Family
Tom Keusch Jr.
Ken Schrauben
Jeff Davlin
Don Pohl
Ed Theis

Jude Kramer
Peyton Russman
Ronald Elston
Mike Keusch
Dick Brown
Mary Ann Thelen

The people of Ukraine and Russia

Building Corporation News

Thank you to all who donated to our annual Fall garage sale. Also, thanks to all the volunteers and their wives who helped to make this project another success. We made a profit of \$3,491.

4th Degree News

The Spring Exemplification will be held on Saturday April 26, 2025 in Battle Creek MI. This is a great opportunity for completing your journey as a Knight of Columbus. Are you Ladies wondering what to get your 4th Degree Knight for Christmas? Help him join the Color Corp! The new 4th Degree uniform can be ordered on Knightsgear.com. The Assembly has some swords available for new Color Corp members. If you need any assistance, contact Gary Fedewa (517-927-0798) or Bill Vallier (517-526-2956).

Tootsie Roll Drive

This year, our Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities Drive, also known as our Tootsie Roll Drive, raised a total of \$7,512! This is the best we have ever done and there are so many people to thank for this: all the captains, volunteers, local business owners, and generous members of our community. This would not be possible without each one of you!

Honor Guard for Deceased Members

Brother Knights stand together to honor our fallen members. It is really important for each of us to make a concerted effort to attend the funeral of our deceased members. We meet in the back of church to stand as an Honor Guard before and after the funeral Mass as a show of support for the deceased Brother Knight's family.

Building Corporation Raffle

We really appreciate the help of all of those who sold or purchased tickets this year! 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>
October	Tom Klein	Mike Coin	Tony Kolarik
November	Mike Coin	Jean Klein	Mike Russman
December	John Bengel	Mike Russman	Kathy Schneider



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

Grand Knight

SK Brian Brown

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517-526-1674

Eucharistic Adoration

We spread our faith through our deep love for our Lord and that all begins and ends with a beautiful relationship with Him. Please consider finding time to spend adoring our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration.

- **Mondays** in the chapel (across the street from the church): 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- **Tuesdays** in the church 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm (ending just before Mass begins)
- **Wednesdays** in the chapel: 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- **Fridays** in the chapel: 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

January 2025

Sunday	1/5	Bingo	1:00 PM
Monday	1/6	Business Meeting	7:00 PM
Wednesday	1/8	Euchre	1:00 PM
Sunday	1/19	Bingo	1:00 PM
Wednesday	1/22	Euchre	1:00 PM
Monday	1/20	Social Meeting	6:00 PM
Thursday	1/30	Fish Sale Pick up at the Hall	2-6:00 PM

February 2025

Sunday	2/2	Bingo	1:00 PM
Monday	2/3	Business Meeting	7:00 PM
Wednesday	2/5	Euchre	1:00 PM
Tuesday	2/11	Blood Drive	11:30 AM-5:30PM
Sunday	2/16	Bingo	1:00 PM
Monday	2/17	Social Meeting	6:00 PM
Wednesday	2/19	Euchre	1:00 PM

March 2025

Sunday	3/2	Bingo	1:00 PM
Monday	3/3	Business Meeting	7:00 PM
Sunday	3/5	Euchre	1:00 PM
Sunday	3/16	Bingo	1:00 PM
Wednesday	3/19	Euchre	1:00 PM
Monday	3/17	Social Meeting	6:00 PM
Thursday	3/20	Past Grand Knights Banquet	6:00 PM
Monday	3/24	Letter Stuffing & Social Meeting	6:00 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



Knights of Columbus

**Portland Council 2168
690 Maynard Road
Portland, Michigan 48875**

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Portland, Michigan 48875**

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025 FISH SALE ORDER
FORM**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Number of bags = _____ X \$60.00 = _____ Total