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October, November, December - Grand Knight's Report

Mark 10:45

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve. And to give his life as a ransom for many."

Brother Knights,

As we enter this fall season, we're surrounded by such incredible beauty given to us by our Creator. And, yet how often do we unintentionally take it for granted? Our lives can be so chaotic that we forget to take a moment to just breathe and give thanks to God. Whether it's running to kids sporting events, dealing with hectic work schedules, volunteering at many worthy causes, or simply the nuances of raising a young family – without our faith and reliance on our Father, none of this is attainable. The above passage from Mark reminds us that everything we do, including service to others, should be done in God's name. I encourage each of you to carve out time each week as a family to share how God is working in your lives. Together we can build a community of grace – where we can lift each other up to a higher calling by serving those in need.

Knights In Our Community

- Many thanks to the following Knights who helped transport 25 heavy whiteboards into St. Patrick School on July 23: *Terry Austen, Brian Brown, Dan Lawless, Kevin Schneider, Larry Schneider, and Doug Smith*. The maintenance staff were incredibly appreciative of the extra help!
- The following brother Knights installed shelving units in numerous classrooms at St. Patrick School, as well as a new sink in the art room: *Dan Arwood, Bill Durnwald, Pat Lay, Dan Schafer, and Bill Vallier*. We appreciate you taking this project on!
- On September 14 and 21, *Dan Lawless and Doug Smith* had the pleasure of cooking hot dogs and hamburgers for the kick-off of middle/high school youth groups. Here's to another great year!

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- **Garage Sale** (October)
- **Tootsie Roll Drive** (October)
- **Bingo/Euchre** (October – March)

If one of these opportunities is speaking to you or if you have an idea for additional ways the Knights can support the community, please reach out to me at gk2168@mikofc.org or 517-896-5718.

Vivat Jesus,
Doug Smith

Message from Our Insurance Agent

Is there a gap between the insurance coverage you have and the insurance coverage you need? Maybe you wonder about this occasionally, before putting it out of mind. Or maybe you don't think about it all. But September is Life Insurance Awareness Month, so I think it's important to bring this question up now.

Let's explore some situations in which you might need to fill an insurance gap:

Young adults. If you're getting group coverage through your employer, consider what will happen if your job situation changes. That coverage is not likely to follow you. The good news is buying your own life insurance is generally more affordable the younger you are, so don't miss the opportunity to lock in coverage now.

Those with accrued debt. Life insurance can help ensure money is available to pay off any debts, such as student loans or a mortgage, without forcing your loved ones to sell assets or inherit a financial obligation.

Those who are married. Many married couples share financial responsibilities. If one spouse dies, the other could struggle to cover those expenses alone.

Those with children. Life insurance helps protect children in case of tragedy. It ensures they would be able to maintain their standard of living, stay in their home, help cover childcare or schooling and eventually go to a secondary education option, if desired.

Small business owners. You built your business — now protect it. Life insurance can help with estate planning, final expenses and ensure your business will operate if the unexpected happens.

There are many reasons why you may need life insurance protection, and I'm here to help you find the coverage that matches your needs.

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 who 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 Doug Smith, Bill Vallier, or Gary Fedewa for more information. An opportunity to serve is coming soon with the Tootsie Roll Drive. Please say “yes” if they ask you to volunteer for a shift. Better yet, take the initiative and reach out to Doug Smith or Gary Fedewa to find out how you can help.

Honors

When you see these men and families, thank them for their service to their families, church, council, and community. We appreciate all they do!

<u>2025</u>	<u>Knight of the Month</u>	<u>Family of the Month</u>
July	Bruce Beachnau	Brian & Nikki Brown
August	Pat Lay	Zach & Julie Wight
September	Ralph Wight	Tom & Lori Thelen

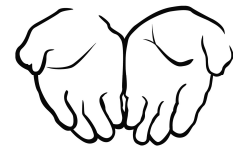
State Recognition: Family of the Month (Mike & Ann Kissane)

Congratulations to Mike and Ann Kissane who were recently recognized by the Supreme Council as the State Family of the Month for June. This is an incredible honor and we’re so grateful for their service to the St. Patrick community. Mike and Ann have been instrumental in initiating the Omega Project at St. Patrick – a true testament of spreading the good news! They were also co-chairs of the Shamrock Auction for many years. Mike assists with the OCIA process for the parish and is also a steadfast member of the Saturday morning men’s group.

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	Fr. Mike Alber	Bob White	Jude Kramer
Marie Schafer	Gary Hodge	Tom Keusch Jr.	Peyton Russman
Noah Montpetit	Dick Brown	Ronald Elston	Mary Christian
Dorothy Keusch	Jeff Davlin	Mike Keusch	Paul Jandernoa
John Russman	Don Pohl	Mandy Borsenik	Jane Scheurer
Harry Klein	Dale Cook	Dale Kramer	Romaine Lay
Diane Beachnau	Fr. Logan Weber	Kim Weber	Josephine Fox
Larry Leik	Jim Simon	Mike Fox	Pope Leo XIV
Carol Wlodarczak	Stephen Fabiano		

Please pray for peace throughout the world.

Funeral Honor Guard

As a reminder, at the funeral of a brother Knight, all Knights are asked to stand in solidarity as a group to honor our fallen Brother. Please consider joining us in the back of the church prior to the funeral. It means a lot to the families.

Building Corporation News

We installed a new Audio/Sound and Speaker system in the hall. Gone is the 50-year-old gray control box on wheels (it still had the old-style radio vacuum tubes and an 8-track player). The new system includes new speakers, a wireless mic, and Bluetooth capabilities. A big thank you to the St. Patrick Auction Committee for their generous donation to make this possible.



Patriotic (4th) Degree

Not a 4th Degree member? Are you ready to complete your journey towards full Knighthood? The fall Exemplification will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025, in Michigan Center. This Exemplification will be in a new format, and wives are encouraged to attend. Also, the dress code is no longer a tux, just a dark suit. Give Gary Fedewa (517-927-0798) or Bill Vallier (517-526-2956) a call for more information.

Exemplification for New Knights

Those wishing to become a Knight are encouraged to attend the Exemplification on Monday, October 20 at 7:00 pm at Knights Hall. Contact Doug Smith or Bill Vallier with any questions.

Fall Garage Sale

The annual fall garage sale will be held on **Thursday, October 2 from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM and Friday, October 3 from 8:00 AM until Noon.** Donations can be dropped off on Wednesday, October 1 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. We will not be accepting any large furniture items or TVs. If you have items that need to be picked up for donation, please call Bill Vallier or Gary Fedewa.

Tootsie Roll Drive - Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities

The Portland Council will be holding our Annual Tootsie Roll Drive the weekend of October 10-12. The Church drive will be held September 27-28. Last year our Council distributed a profit of \$7,513.55. Thanks to all the captains and volunteers, let's do it again this year! We need 10 captains and 135 volunteers. Call Gary Fedewa or Doug Smith to volunteer, or if called by one of the captains to work a shift, PLEASE say yes.

Bingo

Portland Council 2168 will soon be kicking off our fall/winter bingo (October – March). We can always use help to make this an enjoyable experience for our attendees. Please contact Jake Lowe (517-648-3003) if you're available to assist. Knights of Columbus Bingos will begin on **Sunday, October 5 at 1:00 PM**. See attached list of upcoming dates.

Senior Euchre Party

Knights of Columbus Senior Euchre Parties will begin on **Wednesday, October 8 at 1:00 PM**. Again, we appreciate any help you can lend. Contact Gary Fedewa for more information. See attached list of upcoming dates.

Annual Building Corporation Raffle

The proceeds from this raffle will help as we continue to make updates to the hall. We still have 5 major items on the update list: replace the ceiling in the large hall, freshen up the kitchen, replace the curtain between the two halls, and the largest of all, is the parking lot repair/replacement. Please consider purchasing a ticket. The ticket form is attached to this newsletter.

Building Corporation Raffle Winners

We really appreciate the help of our 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>2025</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$75</u>	<u>\$50</u>
July	Kevin Schrauben	Rita Klein	Gary Fedewa
August	Mike Weller	Bruce Bennett	Dave Kramer
September	Colleen Gladding	Ken Wirth	Roger Manning



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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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 spending time 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

See attached list of upcoming dates for bingo & euchre

October 2025

Wednesday	10/1	Garage Sale Dropoff & Setup	8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Thurs/Fri	10/2-3	Garage Sale	8:00 AM-5:00 PM/8:00 AM-Noon
Sunday	10/5	Bingo	1:00 PM
Monday	10/6	Business Meeting <i>(Rosary 30 minutes prior)</i>	7:00 PM
Wednesday	10/8	Euchre	1:00 PM
Fri/Sat/Sun	10/10-12	Tootsie Roll Drive	Throughout Day
Sunday	10/19	Bingo	1:00 PM
Monday	10/20	Social Meeting	6:00 PM
Wednesday	10/22	Euchre	1:00 PM

November 2025

Sunday	11/2	Bingo	1:00 PM
Monday	11/3	Business Meeting <i>(Rosary 30 minutes prior)</i>	7:00 PM
Wednesday	11/5	Euchre	1:00 PM
Sunday	11/16	Bingo	1:00 PM
Monday	11/17	Social Meeting	6:00 PM
Wednesday	11/19	Euchre	1:00 PM

December 2025

Christ in Christmas Poster Contest – held in December

Monday	12/1	Business Meeting <i>(Rosary 30 minutes prior)</i>	7:00 PM
Sunday	12/8	Corporate Mass	8:00 AM
Tuesday	12/9	Blood Drive	11:30 AM -5:30 PM
Wednesday	12/10	Euchre	1:00 PM
Monday	12/15	Newsletter Stuffing & Social Meeting	6:00 PM

Knights Hall, 690 Maynard Road, Portland			District #301	
Hall Rental	Jude Kramer	517-647-2274	District Deputy	SK Ron Carlotta
Building Corporation	Gary Fedewa	517-927-0798	Lake Odessa Council #14404	SK Joseph Hickey
			Pewamo Council #8071	GK Dave Antes
State Council of Michigan MIKofC.org			Portland Council #2168	SK Doug Smith
Worthy State Deputy	Barry Borsenik		Saranac Council #11113	GK Mike Lamphere

Knights of Columbus Portland Council 2168 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 its 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 5, 2026**, 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 stub 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** _____

Knights of Columbus
BINGO Schedule (begins @ 1:00 PM)

Oct. 5, 2025
Oct. 19, 2025
Nov. 2, 2025
Nov. 16, 2025
Jan. 4, 2025
Jan. 18, 2026
Feb. 1, 2026
Feb. 15, 2026
Mar. 1, 2026
Mar. 15, 2026

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EUCHRE Schedule (begins @ 1:00 PM)

Oct. 8, 2025
Oct. 22, 2025
Nov. 5, 2025
Nov. 19, 2025
Dec. 10, 2025
Jan. 7, 2025
Jan. 21, 2026
Feb. 4, 2026
Feb. 18, 2026
Mar. 4, 2026
Mar. 18, 2026
April 1, 2026