



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

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### *January, February, March 2020*

#### **Grand Knight's Report**

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through **faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Brother Knights,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from my family to yours!

This new year is upon on us already, and with it brings our 100<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary as a Council. I want to extend my gratitude to all those who started this Council and kept it going for the last 100 years. I can only hope that our Council will see another milestone anniversary in the future.

Our work as a Council within the Parish is known to many, with our sponsorship of the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest and the Free Throw Contest are our most visible projects. Yet, we also are helping behind the scenes with First Friday Adoration, providing a book containing scripture passages to all RCIA and Faith Formation participants. Our Council will be sponsoring a 9-day prayer Novena For Life in January 2020.

Our January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting night is "Dues Night", come pay your dues, stay for the meeting and afterward enjoy some refreshments with your fellow Knights. I look forward to seeing you there.

March 18<sup>th</sup> will be our Past Grand Knights Banquet, if you have never attended one please put the date on your calendar to attend and help celebrate the many great men who have led this Council over the last 100 years.

Do you know of a member of the Parish who is not a Knight? If so, please ask them to consider joining the Council. As of the writing of this newsletter, our Council has gained three members for the year but has also had three members pass away.

We are investigating ways to save money for our Council, one of those is to send three out of four newsletters each year via email for the majority of the members and still mail a small group of names via

snail mail. If you would be receptive to this, please email me at [GK2168@mikofc.org](mailto:GK2168@mikofc.org) so we can compile/verify a list of members email addresses.

On the weekend of January 11 & 12, 2020 the Knights of Columbus will be having its annual collection for Positive Solutions Informed Choices (Formerly Pregnancy Services Of Ionia County). Items such as diapers, blankets, formula, car seats, clothing for infants and small children are needed. They especially need size 5 & 6 diapers and baby wipes. There will be Knights before and after each mass in back of church. Any questions contact Tom Klein at 810-588-3965 or Rex Waltersdorf at [gk2168@mikofc.org](mailto:gk2168@mikofc.org)

The Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament takes place February 8<sup>th</sup> and February 16<sup>th</sup> in Flint. If you are interested, contact Francis (John) Vallier.

You will find enclosed in this mailing a order form for our Fundraiser – Walleye Fish Sale. This is new this year and being headed up by Tom Klein. We are hoping to raise \$2,500 to \$3,000 with this event. Please support it, if you know of anyone else who wants to order, just contact Tom or myself.

Thank You for all you do as Knights of Columbus and please welcome to our Council new members Jeremy Newman and Jeffrey Davlin.

Rex Waltersdorf

### **Message from Our Insurance Agent**

#### **Knights of Charity**

We seem to say it ever year, “It’s almost Christmas, where has the year gone?” As we look back we measure the passing of the seasons, from one holiday to the next, and see how our lives have changed over that time. Christmas and the end of the year mark a milestone for most of us. The season gives us pause to thank God for sending his only-begotten Son to redeem us and it is a time to reflect on all the gifts we’ve received from him. God’s gift to us inspires the gift-giving so many of us enjoy at Christmastime. We certainly enjoy receiving those gifts, but reflect for a moment of what the giving of gifts does for the gift-giver.

Some gift-givers aren’t so good with words, so they use gifts: Remember “Say it with flowers,” the slogan of FTD. Some get a sense of satisfaction in seeing the happiness of the recipient, some feel appreciation that they are able to share what God has given them. It seems to fulfill the need to please, encourage or help someone. It makes us feel good to give.

As I look back at 2019, I can’t help but think of all of the selfless members of the Order who gave gifts to help others. As our Supreme Knight highlighted in his address at the Supreme Convention just a few months ago we are “Knights of Charity.” And we prove this every day with the many people who give of themselves; give of their time, their talent or their treasure, to help those less fortunate and those in need.

Supreme Knight Anderson spoke about the disaster relief provided by our Knights of Charity; \$4.2 million supporting hurricane victims alone. The one thousandth ultrasound machine has been placed in service to help save more unborn children. He talked about our mission of charity to the Middle East and the Christian community there that faces extinction. More than \$20 million has provided food, shelter, clothing and a new 140 unit apartment building for Christians and those of other religions who need our help. Knights of Charity helped provide coats for more than 105,000 kids who will now stay warm this winter.

Knights are known for their generosity. We are indeed, Knights of Charity.

All of these important initiatives help many others, but don't forget about your own family...and I'm not talking about gifts that you'll put under the tree. This holiday season as we think of giving and receiving, when we think of all the good gifts we have been given and all we are able to give, make sure you give your family the gift of peace of mind. Secure in the knowledge that whatever challenges they may face, you have protected them.

The Knights of Columbus has the products that will do just that: Provide financially for your family if you aren't here, make sure you have enough for a comfortable retirement, give the care needed if you can't care for yourself and make sure all of this comes to pass if you are sick or hurt and can't work. It's painless to sit down with me to analyze your particular situation.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior! As Isaiah 9:5 says: 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. (New American Bible, Revised Edition)

Vivat Jesus!

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### Honors

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

#### 2019

**OCTOBER**  
**NOVEMBER**  
**DECEMBER**

#### Knight of the Month

William Christian III  
Ken Schnieder  
Francis Vallier

#### Family of the Month

Dan & Sara Harraka  
Terry & Carmen Austin  
Jim & Ann Fedewa

### Good of the Order

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.*



Donna Fedewa  
Don Gross  
Jerry Kramer  
Ruth Spitzley  
Delores Pline

Mary Kloeckner  
Bill Schrauben  
Bill Clark  
Eloise Patrick  
Janet Pasikowski

Larry Blundy  
Jeanette Kramer  
Richard Lawless  
Elanor Peake

Tom Graft  
Jo An Theis  
Gary Fedewa  
Gary Hodge

## Building Corporation & 4<sup>th</sup> Degree News

### Building Corporation News

Thanks to all who donated for our annual garage sale and all of the volunteers who helped make it run smooth. With the proceeds we were able to purchase 10 new white plastic banquet tables. We are selling the brown banquet tables for \$15 each, if anyone is interested in purchasing them, contact John Vallier or Gary Fedewa.

Thanks to Herb Schrauben, he purchased 3 new style chair carts in honor of his parents.

### Patriotic (4<sup>th</sup>) Degree

The Spring Exemplification will be held on Saturday April 18, 2020. For more information on completing your journey as a Knight of Columbus, Contact Gary Fedewa (517-927-0798) or Bill Vallier (517-526-2956).

Are you Ladies wondering what to get your 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight for Christmas? The new 4<sup>th</sup> Degree uniform will now be made in the USA. It will be soon available on KnightsGear.com.

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### **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 Tom Klein if you have any questions.

<u>2019</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$75</u>	<u>\$50</u>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	Dick Lawless	Todd McElmurry	John Vallier
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	Sean Eddy	Rich Schneider	Doris Pung
<b>DECEMBER</b>	Dick Tichvon	Bill Christian	Dick Tichvon



## 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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### JANUARY 2020

Friday	1/3	First Friday Adoration	10-12
Monday	1/6	Business Meeting	7:30 PM
Wednesday	1/8	Euchre	1:00 PM
Sat/Sunday	1/11-12	PSIC Collection at Mass	
Sunday	1/12	First Degree Ceremony	11:00 AM
Sunday	1/12	Bingo	2:00 PM
Wednesday	1/22	Euchre	1:00 PM
Monday	1/20	Social Meeting	7:30 PM
Sunday	1/26	Bingo	2:00 PM
Monday	1/27	District Meeting	6:30 PM
Wednesday	1/29	Casino Bus Trip	

### FEBRUARY 2020

Monday	2/3	Business Meeting	7:30 PM
Wednesday	2/5	Euchre	1:00 PM
Friday	2/7	First Friday Adoration	10-12
Sat/Sunday	2/8-9	State Bowling Tournament	Flint
Sunday	2/9	Bingo	2:00 PM
Tuesday	2/11	Blood Drive	12 – 5 PM
Monday	2/17	Social Meeting	7:30 PM
Wednesday	2/19	Euchre	1:00 PM
Sunday	2/23	Bingo	2:00 PM

### MARCH 2020

Monday	3/2	Business Meeting	7:30 PM
Wednesday	3/4	Euchre	1:00 PM
Friday	3/6	First Friday Adoration	10-12
Sunday	3/8	Bingo	2:00 PM
Monday	3/16	Knight of the Year Banquet	7:30 PM
Wednesday	3/18	Euchre	1:00 PM
Sunday	3/22	Bingo	2:00 PM
Thursday	3/26	Letter Stuffing	6:30 PM

## MICHIGAN STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Dear Brother Knight:

In the spirit of charity, the first principle of our order, we ask you to help the Take "10" for Charity Program of the Michigan Charities Fund so it can continue to grow as a State Council resource for those in need.

Since its inception in 1977 the Take "5" Plus Program, now the Take "10" for Charity Program of the Michigan Charities Fund has been able to help many charities. The following are just some of them.

All Diocese Vocations	Prep Bowl Right to Life Michigan Education Fund
Archdiocese Clergy Outing - Vocations	Protect Life of Michigan
Bishop Baraga Association	RTL Local Agencies
Catholic Education	Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowment Fund
Catholic High School League	Shared Pregnancy Crisis Center
Catholic Publications	Special Days Cancer Camp
Catholic Radio	St. Anne's Mackinac Island
Center for Women	St. Francis Cabrini Clinic
Family Donation / 7 Dioceses	St. Francis Retreat Center
Guest House	St. Vincent Home - Lansing
Holy Cross Services	Soianus Casey Center
Livingston County Ultra Sound Initiative	UP Catholic (Newspaper)
Most Holy Trinity Parish	

Brother Knights, a \$10 contribution by each of the approximately 66,500 Michigan Knights would give the Michigan Charities fund \$660,000 to distribute. Just think of the good that we could do if each member gave his fair share.


We need your support. Please include \$10 or more with your dues payment or send a separate check payable to your local council. (Write Take "10" for Charity Program on your check's memo line.) Your Financial Secretary will send the total Take "10" for Charity Program Contributions to the State Secretary.

Working together as a team of 66,500 we can be a tremendous source of support for those who truly need us. Please do what you can.

We thank you in advance for your Help to others. Vivat Jesus!

### TAKE "10" FOR CHARITY PROGRAM MICHIGAN CHARITIES FUND COMMITTEE

**Knights of  
Columbus**



**Endowed  
Scholarship  
Fund**

**Sacred Heart  
Major  
Seminary**

- \$1.0 million dollar agreement from K of C to S.H.M.S.
- Provides financial assistance to Seminarians in Formation.
- Minimizes stress of financial assistance during discernment.
- Philosophy & Theology Formation costs is \$40k/\$50K annually.
- Partners K of C membership with S.H.M.S.
- Does not replace the R.S.V.P. Program.
- Donation of minimum \$6/member annually (encouraged to donate more).
- Councils encouraged to conduct fund fraising projects annually in conjunction with members donaton to expedite reaching \$1.0 Million committed goal.
- Pray "vocations prayer card" daily thus enhancing a personal commitment to vocations.
- Council Financial Secretary collects monies via dues or other and forwards to State Secretary.
- (Turn over to view Take 10)

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			<b>Pewamo Council #8071</b>	SK Francis Thelen
			<b>Portland Council #2168</b>	SK Rex Waltersdorf
<b>Worthy State Deputy</b>	William Chasse		<b>Saranac Council #11113</b>	SK Gregory Price