



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

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<b>Inside Guard</b>	SK John Hengesbach	<b>Outside Guard</b>	SK Rocky Beckhold
<b>Trustees</b>	SK Bob Rox	SK William Christian	SK William Vallier

## *April, May and June 2021*

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up” Galatians 6:9

### **Grand Knight’s Report**

Brother Knights,

By the time you receive this newsletter, Easter will have passed. What a difference a year makes for our Parish, we can once again join together and raise our collective voice as one to worship our Lord.

Our Council has been active despite the restriction placed upon us for meetings and activities. I want to thank the following individuals for the work that was performed on the “small hall” during this last month – Gary & Janet Fedewa, Bill Vallier, Tom Klein, John Vallier, Dan Schafer, Bob Hitchcock, Rich Schneider, Duane Kramer, Dave Simon. Come to the next meeting and see for yourself.

I want to take time out to thank Tom Klein for heading up our Fish Sale in January for our Council. We raised \$3,000.00 that will be donated to programs helping developmental disabled persons.

We have two new members in our Council that have joined through E-membership, please welcome Garrett Pline and Garrett Gross. We have three other E-members that are waiting for their exemplification to take place before transferring into our Council. If you know of anyone who would like to join, please have them visit the web site [KofC.org](http://KofC.org) and they can join the Knight of Columbus through the E-member program or they can contact myself or Jake Lowe ([PD2168@mikofc.org](mailto:PD2168@mikofc.org)).

Our Council members continue to take part in the disinfecting of the Church on Saturday afternoon after Reconciliation and Mass and after Mass – as signup is available on our Council Facebook page – “facebook.com/PortlandKofC2168”.

Our Council needs you to participate in “Fraternal Benefits Night” on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.. This will take place Online and will feature national known financial planning expert Tom Hegna giving a presentation regarding “Paychecks & Playchecks” and the new product from Knights of Columbus Insurance. Our Council needs a minimum of 10 members to participate in watching the hourlong program and taking the survey after ward (this has to be completed for our Council to receive credit).

Please contact Jake Lowe or myself for the link, or you can type in the following:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_LluPWNCJRXSrN\\_X2dngOTw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LluPWNCJRXSrN_X2dngOTw)

Our Council’s Facebook page contains announcements and upcoming events - [facebook.com/PortlandKofC2168](https://facebook.com/PortlandKofC2168).

The Past Grand Knights Banquet has been moved to Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hall.

My time as Grand Knight is quickly coming to an end, I want to thank each of you for your membership in the Knights of Columbus and ask you to look to our Parish members for the next member to replace you and recruit them to our Council.

Vivat Jesus,  
Rex

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### **Building Corporation**

Enclosed you will find the annual Building Corp 50/50 raffle tickets. Please take the time to sell and/or purchase them. The raffle proceeds will help defray some of the expenses as we continue to update the hall. Tickets can be returned to Gary Fedewa, 9975 Kent St. Portland, MI 48875 or to John Vallier, 7933 E Grand River Ave. Portland, MI 48875.

This winter we updated the front hall. It was drywalled, new trim installed and the ceiling tiles were replaced. A big thank you goes out to Bill Vallier and Gary Fedewa for the many hours they spent on this project. Also, thanks to Tom Klein, John Vallier, Dan Schafer, Bob Hitchcock, Rich Schneider, Dave Simon and Duane Kransz for their help.

We have 4 - 8ft brown banquet tables for sale at \$20 each, if anyone is interested in purchasing them, contact John Vallier 517-647-6409 or Gary Fedewa 517-927-0798.

Anyone interested in 2 solid core used doors or a 52" ceiling fan? Free to members, give Gary Fedewa a call or text .

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### **Fourth Degree News**

Are you ready to complete our journey towards full Knighthood? The Spring Exemplification will be held virtual May 8, 2021. Give Gary Fedewa (517-927-0798) or Bill Vallier (517-526-2956) a call for more information.

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### **Honors**

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

#### **2021**

**April**

**May**

**June**

#### **Knight of the Month**

Tyler Kramer

Jeff Fedewa

Glenn Vallier

#### **Family of the Month**

Chad & Brittan Fedewa

Doug & Grace Snitgen

Rex & Sheri Waltersdorf

## 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	Tom Graff	Don Gross	JoAnn Theis
Jerry & Janette Kramer	Eleanor Peak	Gary Hodge	Richard Lawless
Dick Brown	Ken Schrauben	JoAnn Spitzley	Stephen Fabiano
Ronald Elston	Mark Simons	Rand Hodge	Janet Pasikowski
Kenny Schneider	The entire Alber Family		Jeff Davlin

## 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>2021</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$75</u>	<u>\$50</u>
<b>January</b>	John Vallier/Jeremy Zbystowski	Dicki Manning	Neil Miros
<b>February</b>	Mike Coyne	Bruce Bennett	Mike Simon
<b>March</b>	Pauline Wireman	Brady Lehman	Rich 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.

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### APRIL 2021

April 5	Monday	BUSINESS MEETING	7:30 pm
April 13	Tuesday	BLOOD DRIVE	Noon – 5:00 pm
April 19	Monday	Social Meeting	7:00 pm

### MAY 2021

May 3	TUESDAY	BUSINESS MEETING	7:30 pm
May 17	Monday	SOCIAL MEETING	7:30 pm
May 26-28	W-TH-F	STATE CONVENTION	

### JUNE 2021

June 7	Monday	BUSINESS MEETING	7:30 pm
June 8	Tuesday	BLOOD DRIVE	Noon – 5:00 pm
June 21	Monday	Social Meeting	7:00 pm

## MESSAGE FROM OUR INSURANCE AGENT

This month marks one year under COVID-19 restrictions. I remember when the news of shutting the Supreme Office was announced. I, like many I think, thought this would last a couple of months and all of us would get back to normal. The reality is much different. Maybe some of you are working from home...maybe some will be working from home for the foreseeable future. I realize this has not been easy for many of you. When it began I wondered how I would be able to help my brother Knights. But as restrictions were put in place, we were provided with a new way to meet with members virtually on our computers and we were given a number of tools to ensure that you, our members and your families, were served.

Using these new tools I have found that I am more efficient. I save travel time and can have more meetings in a day. I've found that many of you like the idea of meeting virtually. It's less stress for you to simply sit down in front of your computer, click on a few buttons and we can have a confidential conversation about your needs, wants and desires. For service issues I can meet much more quickly and have all the forms I might need to help you right at my fingertips...No more running out to the car to get a form only to find out my paper file is depleted.

We've had our eApplication process for a while, and with pandemic restrictions members have found it very valuable to be able to sign electronically when we meet virtually.

It's been a very different year: We missed much of the solemnity of Holy Week and Easter with many of us either social distancing at church or live-streaming Mass; by summer we were able to get outside as long as we didn't get too close to others who were out. Thanksgiving and Christmas was a challenging time for many families. We had to come together the best we could. Thankfully this last year was not all bad. We joyfully experienced the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney.

I am most thankful to all of you. Many of you met with me this year and wanted to make sure your desire for financial security was up to date. It was my pleasure to take the time to analyze your situation and give you my recommendations. I look forward to meeting with many more of your in the months ahead whether virtually or face to face. Please contact me if you have any questions; I am here to serve you, my members, and your families.

I pray you will be safe and healthy.

Vivat Jesus!

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			<b>Pewamo Council #8071</b>	SK Thomas Thelen
<b>State Council of Michigan MIKofC.org</b>			<b>Portland Council #2168</b>	SK Rex Waltersdorf
<b>Worthy State Deputy</b>	Walter K. Winkle Jr.		<b>ncil #11113</b>	SK Tony Baumgartner