



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

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January, February, March 2021

Grand Knight's Report

PSALM 62:8

“Trust in him at all times, oh people; pour out your heat before him; God is a refuge for us.”

Brother Knights,

This last year has been a struggle for many of us in our personal and spiritual lives. While we struggle in our faith and our ability to fully participate in Mass during this last 9 months due to Covid-19 has been upon us, the one unwavering truth is that God is our refuge.

I pray that 2021 can bring upon us all an end to this very perplexing and confusing time. Our Council needs you- we need you to participate in our meetings, activities and fundraisers, we need you to invite new members to join our Council. Our Council has 97 Honorary Life members(50 years of service OR 25 years of service and reached 70 years old) and 30 Honorary Members(25 years of service and 65 years old). Those 127 members have given 5,412 years of service to Council 2168. Can you nominate a new member to follow in their footsteps? It is as simple as contacting Jake Lowe(PD2168@mikofc.org) or Rex Waltersdorf(GK2168@mikofc.org) or John Vallier.

Once again, our Council will be collecting for PSIC at the January 16th/17th masses. Items such as diapers, blankets, formula, cart seats, clothing for infants and small children are needed. They especially need size 5 & 6 diapers and baby wipes. There will be Knights at a table in the back of the Church at each Mass.

The State Bowling Tournament has been canceled this year. You should have received K of C State Raffle tickets, please purchase or sell them, a percentage of the money from tickets sold comes back to our Council.

January 4th will be “Dues Night” at the hall, you can come pay your dues, and stay for the meeting and free refreshments. There is a new meeting format starting at this meeting.

March 22, 2020 will be our Past Grand Knights Banquet and 100th Year Celebration, please consider attending and mark your calendars.

Our Council will once again be selling walleye in January for a fundraiser. Last we sold 150 bags and made \$1,500.00 for our Council. This year we hope to do much better, a flyer is included in this mailing, please fill it out and mail it back following the instructions.

Our Council has sponsored so far this year the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, and the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. Coming in January is our Free Throw Contest on the 17th of January 12:30

p.m. – 2:00 p.m. If you can help out for this event, call me at 517-420-8932. I look forward to seeing you all in the upcoming year.

Rex Waltersdorf

Message from Our Insurance Agent

In previous years this is the time we may have been shopping for that special present, getting a tree and preparing to cook the traditional Christmas meal. This year will be different. Many will be reluctant to travel, so many may be celebrating with just the household instead of a house-full! Instead of crushes of people at the mall, our Christmas presents will be dropped at the front door by UPS, USPS or Amazon Prime. No 22 lb. turkey this year for the family members visiting from far and wide; just a small one for the few of us. While this year may be different, it may get us to slow down a bit and perhaps savor the special time of year and what we really celebrate.

We turn our thoughts to themes of “Peace on Earth” and “Goodwill to Men!” We think of our Savior’s birth in Bethlehem and the beginning of this chapter of salvation history. We think of family, both the ones we celebrate with this year in person and those who might only be present on Zoom. But we’ll make it through the season; we’ll have even more to celebrate next year. Each year I remind my readers of some important financial issues as we move through December and hit year end. As you slow down here are some financial issues to consider at the end of the calendar year.

1. Because we’re so late in the year, you may have met your individual or family deductible on your health insurance plan. Financially this may be the opportune time for some minor procedure to be scheduled; or that visit to a specialist you may have put off. The same is true about dental insurance and sometimes even for vision coverage.

2. Speaking of health insurance, do you have a Health Savings Account? Do you have to spend the money that’s in there by year end? Some plans have a “use it or lose it” feature. Do you have to make a decision about how much to contribute next year? These are a couple of time sensitive issues.

3. If you have earned income for the year, what amount will you want to contribute to your traditional IRA, Roth IRA or 401k? Are you eligible to contribute much more based on the “catch up” provision? You won’t have to make that contribution until you pay your taxes and that could be four months away; however now is the time to start making plans.

4. Speaking of IRAs, have you received your required minimum distribution for this year? If not, the Internal Revenue Service penalty is a hefty 50% of the amount you should have received!

All of these issues come with lots of rules and regulations, so don’t go it alone. Give me a call and I will be happy to discuss any of these issues...and you can do it safely, virtually with me on the computer from the comfort of your home.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior! “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.” Isaiah 9:5

Vivat Jesus!

Michael Thelen, FICF, LUTCF (989) 593-2200 or michael.thelen@kofc.org

Honors

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

<u>2020</u>	<u>Knight of the Month</u>	<u>Family of the Month</u>
OCTOBER	Gary Pasikowski	Jim & Linda Spring
NOVEMBER	Bill Vallier	Mary & Amy Pung
DECEMBER	Ben Cross	Mark & Amy Smith

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 Graft	Don Gross	JoAnn Theis
Jerry Kramer	Janette Kramer	Eleanor Peak	Gary Hodge
Richard Lawless	Dick Brown	Ken Schrauben	JoAnn Spitzley
Rosemary Pung	Fr. Mike Alber	Jeff Alber	Steve Fabiano
Mark Simon	Ronald Elston	Greg Schrauben	Randy Hodge
Tom Simon	Jeff Davlin	Matt Jandernoa	

Building Corporation & 4th Degree News

Building Corporation News

A huge shout out to John Vallier and his crew for the November Garage Sale at the Hall. It netted approximately \$1,100.00. Thanks to all who helped out!

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>2020</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$75</u>	<u>\$50</u>
OCTOBER	Joyce Strang	Brady Lehman	Bob Schrauben
NOVEMBER	Mark Scheurer	Tony Kolarik	Mike Lehman
DECEMBER	Rick Thelen	Judie Goodman	Bob Fox



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 2021

Monday	1/4	Business Meeting	7:30 PM
Sat/Sunday	1/16-17	PSIC Collection at Mass	
Monday	1/18	Social Meeting	7:30 PM

FEBRUARY 2021

Monday	2/1	Business Meeting	7:30 PM
Tuesday	2/9	Blood Drive	12 – 5 PM
Monday	2/15	Social Meeting	7:30 PM

MARCH 2021

Monday	3/1	Business Meeting	7:30 PM
Monday	3/22	Knight of the Year Banquet*	7:30 PM
Thursday	3/25	Letter Stuffing	6:30 PM

***tentative date if allowed by MDHHS**

Bingo and Euchre will be added if allowed by MDHHS also.

Knights Hall, 690 Maynard Road, Portland			District #70	
Hall Rental	Jude Kramer	517-647-2274	District Deputy	SK William Vallier Portland Council #2168
Building Corporation	(Francis) John Vallier	517-647-6409	Lake Odessa Council #14404	SK Greg Zuver
			Pewamo Council #8071	SK Thomas Thelen
State Council of Michigan MIKofC.org			Portland Council #2168	SK Rex Waltersdorf
Worthy State Deputy	Walter Winkle Jr.		Saranac Council #11113	SK Tony Baumgartner