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July, August, and September 2021

Grand Knight's Report

1 Corinthians 12:14

"For the body is not one member, but many."

Brother Knights,

I want to first thank SK Rex Waltersdorf for his service and leadership to this council as our Grand Knight for the past two years and wish him luck as he picks up the mantle of Financial Secretary.

Secondly, I would like to introduce myself as your new Grand Knight. My name is Jacob Lowe. Many of you may better know me as Bill Vallier's son-in-law. My wife, Beth, and I have been married for almost seven years. God has blessed us with three wonderful and energetic boys: Ian, Spencer, and Lucas. I have been a member of the Knights of Columbus for five years, and I am looking forward to leading this council.

In my term as Grand Knight, I would like to involve as many Brother Knights in our endeavors as possible. As it says in the above Bible verse, *"For the body is not one member, but many."* We need as many active council members as possible to make sure our council continues to prosper, grow, and do great work. To my younger Brother Knights, we are the future of our council. Please consider volunteering for our council events and becoming a more active member. If you are interested in assisting in any fundraisers or events, please feel free to contact me by phone or email. I am also hoping to create and hold events that will allow us to come together as a council and community.

As of the June meeting, we have officially changed our meeting start time from 7:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Please join us at our first 7:00 P.M. meeting, with Installation of Officers at 6:30 P.M., on July 12.

If you know of any good, Catholic gentleman that would be an excellent addition to our council, Supreme has initiated a new Exemplification that is 30 – 35 minutes long and takes place Online. We can also hold Exemplifications in person, in the Church when we can. It is one program for all three degrees. I encourage all our members who are First or Second Degree members to complete their journey to full Knighthood. For the in-person Exemplification, we invite the family to attend. The Online Ceremony requires an emailed invitation from me and pre-registration, which can be done on the same day as the ceremony. If you have any questions about becoming a Knight, or would like more information about being a Knight, please contact me at GK2168@mikofc.org or 517-648-3003. If you interested in joining, please contact me and I will provide with any necessary information.

Vivat Jesus,
Jacob

Message from Our Insurance Agent

STATE-OF-THE-ART SOFTWARE FOR A COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL NEEDS ANALYSIS

Spring is here, we have a new season and after a blessed Easter and a beautiful Eastertide, it's time to start planning again. With spring and some break in the weather, I've started to put together my honey-do list that will take me outside into the sunshine...at least I hope it's going to be sunny when I get outdoors to do all these chores. I don't know about you, but this time of year seems to energize me. After being cooped up all winter, and this year really being cooped up, I've been able to think of all the things I need to get done. Some of that includes physical repairs around the house, getting the lawn and flowerbeds ready to go, maybe even washing some windows. I've had some estimates for work I need done around the house. Every craftsman has told me their business is booming. So many people have noticed things that need to be done around the house since they've been inside for the better part of a year.

And as you sit around and consider all the things that you need to get updated, let me make a suggestion that may put your mind and your family's mind at ease. We know this year has been unpredictable in many ways, but let's be honest, pandemic or not, life is unpredictable. We can't see what the future will bring, but we can plan for the unexpected. Remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus I am your partner on your journey to prepare for and face the unpredictable.

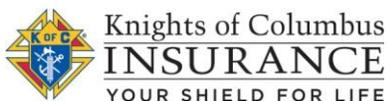
Just as we take stock of the physical changes that need to be considered, I'd suggest that you take stock of where you stand protecting your family. The Knights of Columbus has partnered with industry leader Advicent to help us help you. I can use Advicent's state-of-the-art software to provide you with a comprehensive financial needs analysis. With it I can help you take stock of where you are today, where you want to go, and how close you are to achieving your goals. I can help you identify any gaps in your coverage or issues you should address. This will give you a comprehensive look at where you stand. While many other companies charge for this kind of service, the Order has invested in this software to help us agents help our members. This financial needs analysis is free of charge as a fraternal benefit of membership.

I feel I have a special bond of brotherhood with all my members and I am committed to helping protect Catholic families...your family...while furthering the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney. Please take time to meet with me and take advantage of this free benefit of membership.

Vivat Jesus!

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Honors

When you see these men and families of our council and community, 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 & Brittnei Vallier

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.*



Tom Graft
Jerry & Janette Kramer
Dick Brown
Ronald Elston
Richard & Shirley Lawless
Tom Kreiner

Don Gross
Eleanor Peake
Ken Schrauben
Randy Hodge
Father Mike Alber

JoAnn Theis
Gary Hodge
JoAnn Spitzley
Dorothy Keusch
The Alber Family

Jeff Davlin
Ken Schneider
Stephen Fabiano
Paul Jandernoa
Kevin Schneider

Building Corporation

Annual Building Corp 50/50 Raffle, the net profit was \$1112.50. The raffle winners: 1st Duane Kranz \$556.25, 2nd Rich Schneider \$222.50, 3rd Bruce Bennett \$111.25, 4th Tom Klein \$111.25 and 5th Michelle & Emilee Fox \$111.25. THANKS to those who purchased your tickets.

Thanks to all who donated to our spring garage sale and all of the volunteers who helped make it run smooth. We profited \$1398.40

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.

2021

April

May

June

\$100

John Vallier

Gene Spitzley

Tom Keusch Jr.

\$75

Joe Cook

Tony Pung

John Shattuck & Ryan
Smith

\$50

Jerry Kramer

Chris and Kay Sandborn

Tom Brown

Patriotic (4th) Degree

Are you ready to complete our journey towards full Knighthood? The Fall Exemplification will be held in Dewitt October 23, 2021. Give Gary Fedewa (517-927-0798) or Bill Vallier (517-526-2956) a call for more information.



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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July 2021

Mon.	7-12	6:30 PM	Installation of Officers
Mon.	7-12	7:00 PM	Business Meeting
Mon.	7-26	7:00 PM	Social Meeting

August 2021

Mon.	8-2	7:00 PM	Business Meeting
Tues.	8-10	Noon – 5	Blood Drive
Mon.	8-16	7:00 PM	Social Meeting

September 2021

Mon.	9-6	7:00 PM	Business Meeting
Mon.	9-20	6:00 PM	Past Grand Knight Banquet

Knights Hall, 690 Maynard Road, Portland			District #70	
Hall Rental	Jude Kramer	517-647-2274	District Deputy	SK Donald Gunderman Portland Council #2168
Building Corporation	(Francis) John Vallier	517-647-6409	Lake Odessa Council #14404	SK Greg Zuver
			Pewamo Council #8071	SK Tom Thelen
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Worthy State Deputy	Walter K Winkle, Jr.		Saranac Council #11113	SK Tony Baumgartner