



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

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Trustees	SK Bob Fox	SK Gary Fedewa	SK William Vallier

July, August, and September 2017

Grand Knight's Report

Luke 12:34 For wherever your treasure is, that is where your heart will be too.

Brother Knights,

My term as Grand Knight has gone by quickly and smoothly. Thank you for your service. Also, our council has initiated 16 new members in the past year. Thank you and congratulations to these men that have chosen to walk with us on our journey as Knights of Columbus.

My wife, Connie, and I attended the Michigan Knights of Columbus State Convention on Mackinac Island. The living rosary is led by the State Officers and their families along with a large contingent of Fourth Degree Knights on the lawn of the Grand Hotel. Our brother Knights and their families pray in response from the porch and entrance walkway. It makes for an impressively powerful prayer. Equally impressive is attending Mass led by Michigan's seven bishops and so many more parish priests. Kenneth Unterbrink of Chelsea continues his term as Worthy State Deputy.

A special note of thanks to Past District Deputy, Larry Adams of Lake Odessa. His supportive leadership has been helpful during both Don Gunderman's and my terms. He is a great mentor and I look forward to passing on his example of a fine Catholic gentleman.

The Upcoming Events page (a little quiet this time of year) lists some great ways to serve others and meet new people. Join us for a meeting or let Bill Christian know (email and cell phone above) if you can lend a hand. More will fill in during the next quarter.

Thank you again for all you do for your families, parish, and council. My family and I wish you a blessed and safe summer season.

Vivat Jesus,
Bill

New Officers

Congratulations to newly elected officers Todd McElmurry Council Recorder, Rex Waltersdorf, Council Deputy Grand Knight, and Rich Schneider Council Chancellor. Thank you to these gentlemen for taking these positions in our Council

Mother's Day Breakfast

The Mother's Day breakfast was another great success. We served 388 meals including 132 free meals to our Mom's. What a great way to start the day and celebrate the wonderful women in our lives! Thank you to all the workers and guests.

Council 2168 Scholarship

We received some great applications. These are exciting (and hard) to judge. It gives me hope to see young people committed to their faith and service. Congratulations to Samantha Leonard as the recipient of the Portland Council 2168 Scholarship. She will be using the \$500 toward her expenses for cosmetology school. She is a 2017 graduate of Portland St. Patrick and daughter of Rex and Sheri Waltersdorf.

Tootise Roll (MI DRIVE)

We had another successful drive this year. Total money collected this year was \$ 5,933.89. Donations were made to Portland Public School, Ionia Public School, Ionia Intermediate School District Freedom Acres, and Area 6 Special Olympics (Greenville). Thank you to all the captains and workers that were able to donate time out of your busy schedule to collect money for the people with special needs. Thanks especially to Gary Fedewa for stepping in as coordinator.

Building Corporation News

Our hall is 44 years old and is has gotten a little sprucing up this spring and summer. Thanks to Tom Klein, Gary Fedewa and their crews for brightening up the ceiling in the hall and repainting the large hall. They are in the process of cleaning, repainting and landscaping the exterior. Thanks to Dan and Nick Gross for the repointing the exterior blocks where it was needed.

A special Thank You to the Dick Smith Family for thinking of the Knights of Columbus and their donation to the Building Corporation.

Message from Our Insurance Agent

Ask Eligible Men to Join

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equals more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence.

Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

"What's the LORD doing in your life?" **Michael Thelen, FICF, LUTCF** (989) 593-2200 or michael.thelen@kofc.org



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Mortgage and Long Term Care Insurance, IRA's, Roth IRA's,
Annuities, Estate Planning, Fraternal Benefits*

Announcements

Welcome

Welcome the newest members of Knights of Columbus Portland Council 2168.

Admission - First Degree

Graham Smith
Matthew Jandernoa

Caleb Sands
John Simon

Honors

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

2017

April

May

June

Knight of the Month

Richard Leik
Tom Hengesbach
Michael Pugh

Family of the Month

Greg & Kim Schrauben
Terry & Carmen Austen
Tom & Sue Kreiner

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.*



Rosie Baker
Tom Graft
Don Pohl
Mike Smith
Brian Wohlscheid

Larry Blundy
Don Gross
Ken Sandborn
Rita Sunday

Barb Boos
Mary Kloeckner
Bill Simon
Steve Snitgen

Donna Fedewa
Cindy Meyers
Mark A. Simon (Kearney St.)
Fred Steed

Building Corporation

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.

2017

April

May

June

\$100

Ken Cook
Mike Coyne
Dick Schrauben

\$50

Dick Schrauben
Chuck Goodman
Jim Bower

\$50

Rosemary Baker
Dan Spitzley
Joe Russman Sr.



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 2017

Mon.	7/10	7:30 PM	Installation of Officers
		8:00 PM	Business Meeting
Mon.	7/17	8:00 PM	Social Meeting

August 2017

Mon.	8/7	8:00 PM	Business Meeting
Tues.	8/8	11:30-5:30	Blood Drive
Mon.	8/21	8:00 PM	Social Meeting

September 2017

Sun.	9/10	7:30 AM	Corporate Communion
Mon.	9/11	7:00 PM	Admission (1 st) Degree Initiation
		8:00 PM	Business Meeting
Mon.	9/18	8:00 PM	Social Meeting

Knights Hall, 690 Maynard Road, Portland			District #68	
Hall Rental	Jude Kramer	517-647-2274	District Deputy	SK William Vallier Portland Council #2168
Building Cooperation	(Francis) John Vallier	517-647-6409	Lake Odessa Council #14404	Andrew Snider
			Pewamo Council #8071	SK James Schmidt
State Council of Michigan MIKofC.org			Portland Council #2168	SK William Christian
Worthy State Deputy	Kenneth B. Unterbrink		Saranac Council #11113	Gregory Price