



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

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October, November and December 2018

Grand Knight's Report

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

Brother Knights,

A proposal to **Change the By-Laws** was approved at the July meeting. The proposal changed the regular meeting time to 7:30 p.m.

The Council is working to fund an ultrasound machine for the Ionia County area. The machine will cost \$37,000 and we are designated at the lead Council to raise half (\$18,500) of the funds, to be matched by the K of C Supreme Council. While we are hoping for support from other churches and councils in Ionia County, our goal is to have the funding in place by December 1st. Who's willing to help save lives by giving to this worthy cause? Make your contribution payable to the "Knights of Columbus 2168" and mail it to 690 Maynard Road in Portland.

I want to thank John Vallier for heading up the Fish Fry Dinner for the St. Patrick H.S. football team. 120 people were well fed.

Vivat Jesus,
Bill

Building Corporation

See the enclosed form for our annual Building Corporation raffle. The proceeds from the raffle will help as we continue to update the hall. Please consider purchasing a ticket.

Many changes and updates have been made to the Knights Hall during the past year. The Building Corp. had to replace one of our furnaces at a cost of \$4200. We removed the paneling in the foyer and cloak rooms and installed new drywall and new trim. White curtains were purchased for use at wedding receptions to cover two sides of the small hall. The ceiling in the women's restroom was replaced and all of the fluorescent lights in the building were converted to LED bulbs. This summer, the last of the original (1973) air conditioners and air handler died and had to be replaced at a cost of \$19,670. As part of the replacement, the air returns for all of the furnaces and air conditioners were updated to help them run more efficiently. A special thank-you to ESI Heating & Cooling for their generous donation of \$7800 to cover 40% of the cost of this latest project. As funds allow, we will continue to update the restrooms, the small, and the kitchen.

Message from Our Insurance Agent

Each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of life insurance, its uses, its benefits, and its variations among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that more than 75 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor, even though 68 percent of them said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable.

In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn.

If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's life insurance, retirement and long-term care needs. I'll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones. I want to help.

Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about "making the wrong decision." Talk with me, your agent, and, afterwards, you'll understand that the only wrong decision was not purchasing sooner to protect your family's future.

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Permanent and Term Life, Disability Insurance, Dualife, Mortgage and Long Term Care Insurance, IRA's, Roth IRA's, Annuities, Estate Planning, Fraternal Benefits

Honors

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

<u>2018</u>	<u>Knight of the Month</u>	<u>Family of the Month</u>
July	Todd McElmurry	Jacob & Beth Lowe
August	Adam Gunderman	Rich & Annette Schneider
September	Bill Vallier	Mark & Jill Scheurer

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.*



Larry Blundy	Connie Carr	Donna Fedewa	Kathleen Fedewa	Charlene Graft
Tom Graft	Mary Kloeckner	Mae Lehman	Gary & Barb Hodge	Eva Pung
Rosie Simon	Deacon Don	Dan Spitzley	Ruth Spitzley	Rita Sunday
Fred Steed	Bill Vallier	Carl Wilcox		

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>2018</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$50</u>
July	Gary Pasikowski	Bud Peake	Gene Maurer
August	Josh Joslyn	Bill Trierweiler	Genieve Lehman
September	Bill Simon	Gary Fedewa	Tom Keusch, Jr.



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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October 2018

Mon.	10-1	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
Wed.	10-3	1:00 PM	Euchre Party
Sun.	10-7	2:00 PM	Bingo
Tues.	12-11	Noon – 5	Blood Drive
Mon.	10-15	7:30 PM	Social Meeting
Wed.	10-17	1:00 PM	Euchre Party
Sun.	10-21	11:00 AM	Initiation (1 st) Degree followed by Major Degree
Sun.	10-28	2:00 PM	Bingo
Wed.	10-31	1:00 PM	Euchre Party

November 2018

Sun.	11-4	2:00 PM	Bingo
Mon.	11-5	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
Sun.	11-11	9:30 AM Mass	Corporate Communion
Wed.	11-14	1:00 PM	Euchre Party
Sun.	11-18	2:00 PM	Bingo
Mon.	11-19	7:30 PM	Social Meeting
Wed.	11-28	1:00 PM	Euchre Party

December 2018

Mon.	12-3	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
Tues.	12-11	Noon – 5	Blood Drive
Wed.	12-12	1:00 PM	Euchre Party
Mon.	12-17	7:00 PM	Initiation (1 st) Degree
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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	Andrew Snider
			Pewamo Council #8071	SK Francis Thelen
State Council of Michigan MIKofC.org			Portland Council #2168	SK William Christian
Worthy State Deputy	William Chasse		Saranac Council #11113	Gregory Price

