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Grand Knights Message

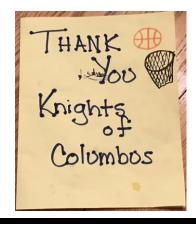
Worthy Brothers,

As the new year starts, I want to inform all Brothers of the great start we are off to this year. I want to thank and honor our Brothers for the work they have done in just the first month of this year. We started the year with helping Brother Bob Corey staff the St. Mary Church warming center for homeless people for several nights. With the leadership of Brother Jeff Rolands, we collected supplies to donate care packages to the Royal Oak Police department for their interactions with those less fortunate. And finally, Brother Gary Schultz led our fellow Brothers in running the annual Free-Throw contest at St. Mary School for the students. Winners will move on to District competition. Last year, we helped one of our local winners go to the State finals. I would like to encourage Brother Knights who have not been active for a while to help us expand our efforts of outreach to be more active to help others.

As a reminder, we meet the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm in our meeting room inside the Royal Oak Elks Lodge at 2401 east 4th Street.

Vivat Jesus, Tim Gignac Grand Knight Bishop Gallagher Council 2569

Below is the thank you note sent by the St Mary's Free Throw Participants





Dates to Remember

- 2/21/2023 Council 2569 Membership Meeting
 - Every month on the third Tuesday
- Reminder of the Spring MI Drive
 - Palm Sunday weekend, March 31, April 1 and 2
- Free online membership promo code blessedmcgivney. Use at kofc.org/joinus
- <u>State Charity Raffle</u> drawing on April 13,
 2023, at St. John Neuman Parish in Canton

Officer Contact Info

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Officers for 2022 – 2023

District Deputy Michael King
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Deputy GK Sean Dare

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Faith Director - Robert Corey

January 2023 Knights Helping the Homeless

Every year a group of churches and civic groups coordinate an effort to provide safe sleeping areas and food for the homeless during the winter months. This year our home parish of St. Mary of Royal Oak sponsored the effort from January 1 to January 14, 2023. The Knights of Council 2569 assisted by covering 13 midnight shifts.

Because of this effort, 40 men and women were able to have a safe place to sleep, and they all had filling meals. There was a total of 9 Knights who volunteered a total of 78 hours for this work, and many of the Knights told me that they were glad we could do this and found it rewarding. I, along with the staff of St. Mary, and the forty guests, wish to thank the Knights for volunteering.

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I wish to pass on 2 stories, showing some of the value we provided:

- 1) One night, at about 3:30 am, a water hose broke in the kitchen area. The Knights working that night rushed in, turned the water off, and cleaned up the mess. This allowed the morning crew to serve breakfast to the guests without having to deal with any issues.
- 2) One night, at about midnight, a guest was having some issues. The guest became very loud and unreasonable. The Knight on duty was able to calm the guest down, to the point where the guest went back to sleep for the rest of the night. This might not seem like a big deal, but the Knight turned a potentially bad situation into a very calm night. Priceless!

Bob Corey, Faith Director



Outside Guard – Jeffrey Rolands



A big THANK YOU to Bishop Gallagher Knights of Columbus Council #2569. Their members recently donated bags of supplies to the Royal Oak Police Department to pass out to the homeless community. Better known as "Blessing Bags" the Knights donated and assembled 50 bags for our officers to keep in their patrol cars. These care bags contain socks, gloves, water, snacks, and other basic necessities which can be handed out when our officers come across people in need. We greatly appreciate their kindness and assistance in helping our community. #KeepingRoyalOakSafe

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Packaging care bags for the Royal Oak Police Department to distribute



The Cor Meeting (Cor means "Heart" in Latin) – Tell GK Gignac if you are interested.

The *Cor* meeting is an optional monthly meeting for the council to focus on formation. It is open to all men of the parish. It does not replace the membership meeting, and it should not compete with existing men's ministries. The Cor meeting strengthens Catholic men in their faith and virtue as missionary disciples through a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. It strengthens bonds of brotherhood. And it prepares men for evangelization.

The *Cor* meeting requires three elements of prayer, formation, and fraternity.

- Prayer: Through prayer we strengthen our relationship with God as followers of Jesus Christ and grow in our knowledge of Him. (Examples: Rosary, Holy Hour, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Lectio Divina)
- Formation: The aim of Catholic formation is to be like Christ, taking on his character, virtue, life of prayer, and His mission. (Examples: Into the Breach video series, Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge, small group discussion or Bible study, faith-inspired talks by clergy or others)
- Fraternity: The *Cor* meeting brings men together as a band of brothers to strengthen each other in friendship and fraternity. (*Examples: Social events, BBQ, bonfire, intentional conversation, shared meals like donuts and coffee or pizza and beverages.)*

Two *Cor* Meeting Examples:

Cor Meeting - Fraternity Centered (60 – 90 min.)

- 1. Fraternity: Pizza or donuts and coffee
- 2. Formation: A 15-minute faith-inspired talk by the chaplain
- 3. Prayer: Request intentions and pray the rosary

Cor Meeting - Formation Centered (60 - 90 min.)

- 1. Formation: Into the Breach Video and small group discussion
- 2. Prayer: 30 minutes of Eucharistic Adoration
- 3. Fraternity: Sharing a meal

The Michigan State Council will provide support to the council team. The council team will be led by a director appointed by the grand knight. The director will run the *Cor* meeting and work with the grand knight to interface and collaborate with the pastor. Rolling out the *Cor* meeting is important but will not happen overnight. Jesus took his time and over the course of three years with the apostles.

Immediate Next Steps: District deputies will continue encouraging councils to adopt the Cor meeting, ensure resources available, and connect interested grand knights with the state team. Grand knights will review Cor meeting resources, identify and appoint a council director and connect him with the state director, and meet with the pastor.

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Financial Secretary – Daniel Remeika

Worthy Brother Knights, many thanks to the members who have attended to their dues as required. Only 3 members have yet to respond to their first and second notices. To those, please accept this reminder that your dues in the amount of \$36 was due on January 1 and payable by our January membership meeting. Please send your check payable to "Bishop Gallagher KofC 2569" or call me to pay by credit card. And, if there is any issue at all, please let me know if you need relief from dues. To help relieve the annual payment, the council has repeated the "Pay 5 Get 6" offer. Pay for 5 years (\$180) and get the sixth year free, a \$36 value. With best regards, Vivat Jesus, Daniel Remeika, Financial Secretary.

Please consider adding \$6 for the Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowed Scholarship Fund and/or \$10 for the Michigan Charities Fund. You were sent a yellow information sheet on these optional but worthy donations. Include these in your check payable to "Bishop Gallagher KofC 2569" and the council will consolidate all donations and forward to the Michigan State Council for disbursement.

The 81st Michigan State, Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament

Hosted by Bay City Council #414. Contact Chairman and Inside Guard Tony Caruso if interested.

Officers' Tournament February 18 & 26, 2023

Team event only entry fee is \$150.00 per team.

(5 Man Teams - Need not all be officers)

Squad times are 9:00 am and 1:00 pm Saturday 2/18/23, and 10:00 am Sunday 2/26/23.

Open Division begins February 25, 2023, to March 19, 2023

Squad times are 10:00 am for Singles, Doubles and Team events.

Entry fee, \$30.00 per man per event

(Singles, Doubles and Team = \$90)

Entry fee must be enclosed with your entry.

Bowling Center: Monitor Lanes, 1700 S Euclid Ave, Bay City, MI 48705 (989) 684-4381

Headquarters: Double Tree by Hilton, One Wenonah Park Place, Bay City, MI 48708 (989) 891-6000

Room rate for the tournament starting at \$109.00 per Night.

Entry Forms: Officers and Open Entry forms are located on the website

https://www.michigankofcathletics.com/applications

Tournament averages (on website) will be used by everyone who has bowled in past tournaments. Tournament averages are based on all games bowled over the last four tournaments; anyone who has not bowled in the tournament since 2018 will not have a tournament average. If you need entry blanks, I will be more than happy to send them. Karl J. Zawalski, Secretary (586) 322-5275 state.bowling.association@mikofc.org

Please submit entries early for priority registration and together for close assignments. Visit https://www.michigankofcathletics.com for more info.

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KC Red Wings Night

An opportunity to fraternalize with our State Family is on March 23rd when we will be having Michigan Knights of Columbus Fraternal Night at Little Caesars Arena. Detroit Red Wings vs St Louis Blues



DETROIT RED WINGS



VS



Thursday, March 23, 2023 @ 7PM

\$30.00 per Ticket

Send checks and form to: Michael Kozakiewicz

7030 Bison Westland, MI 48185

Westland MI 48185. Memo: Red Wings

Make checks payable to: Michigan State Council

Memo Line – Red Wings

Use form below and mail along with your check to address above

or call 313-550-1424.

Name:	
Qty of Tickets:	Payment Amount Enclosed:

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Members:

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Various members of the Sullivan family have been a part of this council at least since 1934. William Sullivan joined in 1963. John Sullivan joined in 1970. Their ads have appeared in the Prompter from its earliest years. We thank William Sullivan & Son for printing the paper copies of the Prompter.

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