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Grand Knights Message

Worthy Brothers,

Sorry it's been a while since we have put out a Prompter newsletter. We have been sending out the monthly meeting minutes to try and keep you informed about what is happening with your council.

I would like to thank the officers and other Brother Knights that have volunteered for all the events we have held over the past year. Your Brothers have lived the Knights fundamentals of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity through their efforts over the past year.

We have helped multiple charities ranging from MAUBC crisis pregnancy center, to Sanctum House: a place for rescued women from human trafficking to St. Mary school, to many other charities that we raised funds and donated to. To helping the Royal Oak police with their daily interactions with those less fortunate with the "Blessing Bags" we donate that have basic needs in them.

We can also expand our charitable giving if you have a suggestion on who or where help is needed. Your support is always appreciated.

We are also planning our annual "Tootsie Roll" drive for Palm Sunday weekend.

We will be putting out a Sign-up Genius sign up shortly.

Supplies can be picked up at the meeting before the drive and dropped off at the meeting following. I will also make myself available that weekend to be contacted if you need supplies or want to drop off at my home.

Just call ahead. 248-548-2544

As Lent is here, if you are looking for a good Friday Fish-Fry, the Royal Oak Elks on 4th street where we hold are meetings has a good one.

Vivat Jesus,

Tim Gignac

Grand Knight

Bishop Gallagher Knights of Columbus Council 2569

Dates to Remember

- 3/17/2026 **Council 2569 Membership Meeting**
 - Every month on the third Tuesday
- Lent 2026 Key Dates
 - Ash Wednesday – 2/18/2026
 - Palm Sunday – 3/29/2026
 - Holy Thursday – 4/2/2026
 - Good Friday - 4/3/2026
 - Holy Saturday – 4/4/2026
 - Easter Sunday - 4/5/2026
- Charity Poker at Paradise Banquet and Restaurant
 - 5/26/2025 thru 5/28/2025
- 2026 Council MI Drive
 - 3/27/2026 thru 3/29/2026
- 40 Days for Life – Spring Campaign
 - 2/18/2026 thru 3/29/2026
- State Deputy's Membership Tribute Banquet
 - 2/28/2026
- Michigan State Convention Mackinaw Island
 - 5/20/2026 thru 5/22/2026

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Life Director – Mark Baker

40 Days for Life – Spring 2026 Campaign

“When a fire is reported, the firemen don’t sit around the firehouse and have a prayer service. They go to where the fire is. When a priest gets a sick call, he goes to the bedside of the sick person. The same is true with abortion. We are called to show up at the places where the killing occurs. This expresses solidarity with them in their hour of greatest need.” - Frank Pavone, Founder, Priests for Life

Wednesday, February 18 through Sunday March 29

8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Vigil Hour Sign-up Instructions:

- Go to website: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/>
- Click “Login” in upper right of screen
- Username: prolifechair@kofc2569.com

- Passcode: lifeisprecious1

Click on “Bishop” in the upper right, slide down and click on “My 40 days for life”

Chose location: Ferndale has been set up. You can also add a vigil location if you won’t be in the area (sites are available throughout Michigan, the U.S., and in nearly every other country).

Sign up for vigil hours using the individual locations’ website. You’ll see which hours are open, partially open, or full. By signing up, you agree to the following “peace pledge” (see below).

When done click on “Bishop” in the upper right, slide down and click on “log out”.

Please do not change any profile information.

Call Mark Baker, Life Director, 248/408-7860 if you have any questions or problems. Each site’s website also has contact information for its campaign directors.

Thank you for taking the time to publicly share your commitment to saving the most vulnerable in our society.

Statement of Peace

By signing up to participate in the vigil, you agree to abide by this Statement of Peace:

- I will pursue only peaceful, prayerful and lawful solutions to the violence of abortion by supporting life from natural conception to natural death
- I will show compassion and reflect Christ’s love to all
- I will not intentionally cause harm or commit crimes or violence
- I am in no way, directly or indirectly, associated with any abortion provider including Planned Parenthood

While participating in a 40 Days for Life activity:

- I will not obstruct or block driveways, sidewalks, roadways or any lawful passage
- I will not litter, deface, damage or trespass on another’s property
- I will closely attend to any minors in my care
- I will not threaten, curse, yell at or verbally abuse anyone
- I will neither commit any act of violence, threaten or touch any person, nor display or discuss weapons
- I will be polite and cooperative with law enforcement and valid civil authority
- If asked to leave by a valid authority, I will comply and contact 40 Days for Life HQ

I will strive to maintain the safety of myself and others by:

- Trying to have at least two vigil participants on site at a time and never being alone after dark
- Holding vigil in a safe, public and lawful location
- Immediately calling and cooperating with law enforcement and recording any incident if I feel unsafe or if any act of violence or damage is made or threatened
- Leaving and calling law enforcement if I feel threatened or endangered

If I am a minor, I will participate in 40 Days for Life only in the presence of or with the written permission of a parent or guardian.

Virtual Prayer Cenacle under the Patronage of St. Carlo Acutis

Introduction

The Virtual Prayer Cenacle, inspired by the patronage of St. Carlo Acutis, was initially formed by several officers of the Bishop Gallagher Council. The group began through a simple text chat, providing an easy means of communication among its members.

Purpose and Activities

Over time, the text chat has grown beyond its original purpose. Members now share prayers, scripture readings, meditation, and occasionally lighthearted content such as memes and YouTube shorts. This evolution reflects the group's commitment to both spiritual enrichment and fellowship.

Membership and Participation

Currently, the group consists of ten members. However, there is a desire to welcome additional participants who are interested in joining and engaging in the cenacle's activities. Anyone wishing to become a member is encouraged to text their name and cell phone number to Mark Baker at 248.408.7860. Membership is free, though regular text and data rates may apply depending on individual mobile service plans.

Treasurer - Gary Schultz

Spring 2026 MI Drive

Our annual Tootsie Roll Drive will take place Friday, March 27th through Sunday, March 29th.

A Signup Genius link will be provided for all participants to select their preferred time slots and locations.

Supply Pick-Up: Participants may pick up their supplies at the Elks Lodge on Tuesday, March 17th after 7:00 PM.

Return of Proceeds: All funds collected should be returned to the Elks Lodge on Tuesday, March 31st at 7:00 PM for recording and deposit.

We encourage all members, family, and friends to participate and help make this year's drive another success

Program Director - Jeffrey Rolands

Blessing Bags 2026 Winter Program

After our February Council meeting, we rolled up our sleeves and assembled Blessing Bags to support members of our local homeless community. The Royal Police Department will keep these bags in their patrol vehicles and distribute them as needed while on duty.

This effort is yet another great example of our council in action, living out our mission to serve those in need within our community.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this project possible!



Knights of Columbus Volunteering at Sanctum House



Parishes across the Archdiocese of Detroit participated in various activities to show our appreciation of God's Mercy during the 20225 Annual Mercy in Action Service Dary on Saturday, October 18. Volunteers engaged in Works of Mercy during October Mercy in Action Day. For its part, Knights of Columbus from Bishop Michael J Gallagher Council No 2569 in Royal Oak, under the direction of St Mary Catholic Church, completed yard work at Sanctum House, a safe home for survivors of human trafficking to heal and rebuild their lives. Knights and family members raked and bagged leaves cleared and widened a trail through the woods in the back of the lot, trimmed many bushes, and cut trees that were encroaching on the roof of the house. Many thanks went to volunteers Jeff Roland, Resse Roland, Andy Izydorek, Bob Corey, Daryl Wood, Jake Dudek, Dick Close, Pat (Kub) Nicholes, Nick Bee.

Total effort was 9 people, 8 Knights and one family member, for a total of 45 person-hours, everyone brought tools and equipment to accomplish the yard work. In addition, leadership spent another 6 hours of planning and communication. We were assisted by Rebecka (Staff) and a resident. Karen Moore, Executive Director at the Sanctum House, passes on to her many thanks for all the work we do for them.

Financial Secretary – Daniel Remeika

Shining Armor Award

Members qualify for the Shining Armor Award if during a fraternal year from July 1 through June 30 they...

...are involved in at least 3 council Faith in Action programs

...attend at least 3 council meetings

...attend an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

...meet with the council's insurance representative or attend a fraternal benefits night

...and sponsor at least one man who becomes a member of the Order

New ASAP Council Incentive

The new Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) Council Incentive runs from 2/1/2026 through 3/31/2026.

- Council Benefit: Earn an additional \$250 donation for one pregnancy resource center that we supported through the ASAP program – DONE!
- The Requirements: Participate in the ASAP program (minimum \$500 donation) any time from 7/1/2025 to 6/30/2026 (DONE!) and Exemplify a minimum of three members from 2/1/26 to 3/31/26 (NOT DONE YET). Please ask an eligible Catholic man to join us.

Winter Diocesan Meeting Notes

On January 27, 2026, at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, these presenters said:

- State Deputy Barry Borsenik - A lot of Catholic men are not members of the Knights. They represent your opportunities to recruit.
- Archbishop Most Rev. Edward Weisenburger - Churches that are not full are a turnoff to young men so we need to reduce space and fill it, then we will attract more to priesthood.
- General Agent - the Borelli agency will pay a council's supreme and state taxes if a member becomes an agent for at least 6 months. Become an agent. Contact the grand knight if interested.
- Evangelization & Faith Formation (Cor) - Chris Wegener said we are meant for community, so become a Christ-centered community with Cor.
- Membership - Special Assistant Bill LeVeque (State Membership Director Kokot was sick) said the letters SOAR mean (Service – Optimism – Aspire - Responsibility). We recruit to grow in faith and use incentives. Members are asked to approach attendees at our events and ask them to help at the event. Be friendly. Then ask them to join 3 times.
- Programs – State Program Director Matt Wierzgac asked why we do programs. Do you know? For the Columbian award we need 16 points. Research requirements on Supreme website.

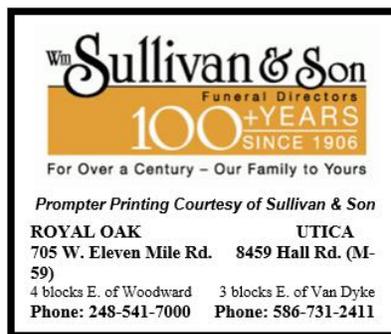
- “ Life - Ed Strach mentioned Ultrasound, March for life, ASAP 100.
- “ Parishes – Sacristan John Hundiak said parishes are for every soul that lives in that territory, not just the registered parishioners. Actively promote the use of the sacraments. Be examples. Be active outside the walls of the church in the community. Support the parish renewal currently underway and participate in the upcoming listening session.
- “ Fun - Chief of Fraternal Activities Mike Kozakiewicz said this past year had the most attended events ever. Attend the 250th year celebration on July 4 at the installation of state leadership in Detroit. August 29 is Detroit Tigers day at park.
- “ Bowling – Bowling head and DD Greg Zawalski said they are working hard on February and March tournament.
- “ 4th Degree – Master Eugene Suchyta said the color corps was at an old church. It could be you serving at these events. 7 patriotic exemplifications will be held this year. Give the report of 4th degree at every meeting by any 4th degree member present.
- “ State Raffle - Michael Haughey and Kevin Rowley said buy tickets. Council receives \$1 back for each ticket sold.
- “ Sacred Heart Seminary Endowment – Donate
- “ Vocation Support - Greg Brunson said do RSVP for seminarians. A lot of councils have not participated. The DAVL dinner is on April 19.
- “ State Chaplain - Rev. Andrew LaFramboise was played on an audio recording on responsibility and love.
- “ State Warden - Joel Kendzorski said wear KofC shirts at church. Request state officers at least 6 weeks in advance. Use litany in directory.
- “ State Advocate – Dan Fuller said to use cards to recruit (\$5 per pack). Build a team for what you do. Use chain of command, online resources.
- “ State Secretary - Charles McCuen said to buy raffle tickets, attend the Feb 28 tribute dinner, and present state convention resolutions by April 1.
- “ Supreme Director Chris Kolomjec - thank you for attending despite bad weather. 40% don't believe in God. Never give up.
- “ State Deputy - Barry Borsenik said the DDs represent both SD and Supreme Knight. Thanks to SDRRs. Mandy is making progress but not home yet. \$1,717 was collected tonight for this college council and ASAP. Submit forms online. Bring new members via e-membership. Don't over plan - Just start. Enough excuses.

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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.