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## Grand Knights Message

Brother Knights,

**Due to the current Covid 19 situation, we are postponing the annual M.I. Drive, (Tootsie Roll), for Palm Sunday.**

**We are tentatively rescheduling for Columbus Day weekend, October 9, 10, 11**

**We have also, for the time being, lost our meeting place at the Royal Canadian Legion due to building repair issues.**

**We moved temporarily to the Elks Club, on Fourth Street in Royal Oak, who were kind enough to offer one of their meeting rooms. Unfortunately, since now restaurants and bars are closed, we are without a meeting place.**

**Supreme Council has also advised about larger numbers of groups of people gathering together.**

**Please forward an email address so we can keep you updated on a timely manner when meetings resume and where they will be conducted.**

**Or call one of your officers and leave a contact number where you can be reached. Numbers are listed in the roster of Officers.**

**Let us all pray for an expedited conclusion to the current pandemic and hope that everyone stays healthy.**

Fraternally,  
Sean Dare  
Grand Knight K of C 2569

## Dates to Remember

### **Reminder:**

Regular Membership Meetings are every **third** Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm,  
Free social hour after the meeting.

## **MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED AT THIS TIME**

### **Officer Contact Info**

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## **Pro-Life Update**

Good evening,

We are well into our 40-day vigil. Now is a great time to sign up for an hour. If possible, please help us fill a gap between two hours, or even just try to fill an hour adjacent to an already covered hour. That is because it is encouraging for us to greet each other with a friendly "hello" and meet others engaged in this big undertaking of covering 12 hours per day for 40 days!

I'm not sure what was in the air during my Sunday vigil hour, but I had four people say thank you or bless you for what you are doing (praying for an end to abortion), and one also offered to buy me a coffee. Now, I can't promise that that is a typical experience praying and witnessing in front of an abortion provider, but even when the comments are not nice, I am grateful for the prayer time focused on ending abortion and protecting moms and babies in our community.

How's it going for you so far?

This week, we especially need help:

Tuesday - 9 a.m., 12 p.m., 5 p.m.

Wednesday - 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.

Thursday - 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 3 p.m.

Friday - 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m.

Saturday - 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 4 p.m.

<http://www.40daysforlife.com>

## **Officers 2018 – 2019**

<b>District Deputy</b>	John Reeser
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## **Member Notes:**

### **St. Mary's Food Pantry / Clothes Closet – Reminder**

This is an ongoing charity activity.

Brothers,

We are still collecting items for the St. Mary's Food Pantry / Clothes Closet. Below is a list of the most needed items. Please contact me if you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to donate. **Gently used items are accepted.**

Contact an officer on how to proceed.

Thanks and God Bless.

#### **Food Pantry:**

- Canned meat products
- Canned pasta with meat
- Small bottles of juice & water
- Snack Crackers, Breakfast bars
- Canned Vegetables (Potatoes, Carrots, Mixed Beans)

#### **Clothes Closet:**

- Blue or black jeans
- New Men's Boxers (S, M, L)
- Backpacks & Duffel bags
- Wallets & Belts
- Rain coats, Ponchos, Umbrellas

#### **Other Items:**

- Small boxes of Kleenex
- Small size Deodorant

#### **Easter Food:**

- Ham, Sliced Cheese, Eggs

We, also as a council held our second annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest at St. Mary's school.

Effective April 1, 2020, Timothy J. Pruse will join our ranks as Supreme Council Insurance Field Agent.

Timothy J. Pruse

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Timothy (Tim) is appointed to serve Councils:

**#02569 Bishop Michael J. Gallagher - Royal Oak, MI**

#03170 Fr. Dolan - Hazel Park, MI  
#03848 St. Pius X - Warren, MI  
#04188 Fr. John M. Lynch - Clawson, MI  
#08441 St. Josaphat - Warren, MI  
#08659 Sacred Heart of the Hills - Auburn Hills, MI  
#12408 National Shrine of the Little Flower - Royal Oak, MI

Timothy is currently at Council #3848 St Pius X - Warren. He actually comes from #12408 National Shrine of the Little Flower - Royal Oak joining 11/06/2010 in the 3rd Degree. He also taught for 8 years at Shrine High School.

He will be calling on members of your council starting April 1 or sooner. As soon as possible Timothy will be attending upcoming council business meetings when not in the homes of brother Knights doing the Good Works of the Order.

## A message from the Supreme Knight

Dear Brother Knight,

As the world confronts the COVID-19 pandemic, I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you the actions and responses taken by the Knights of Columbus.

The coronavirus disease is not the first pandemic the Knights of Columbus has faced. In the late nineteenth century, and again in 1918, the Knights remained strong and active despite such situations. And together, we will do so again this time.

We know that this period will be difficult in various ways for everyone, and we want to assure you that the Knights of Columbus is fully committed to you and your family, and has taken the steps necessary to continue our important work on your behalf – from protecting the faith and financial stability of members' families, to helping members put their faith into action by providing important charitable service within their communities.

Although to our knowledge, no staff at the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council or Museum in New Haven or at the Saint John Paul II National

Shrine in Washington, D.C., have tested positive for COVID-19, we have implemented remote operations for most staff, allowing our business processes, customer service and fraternal support to continue their important work uninterrupted, while simultaneously protecting the health of our employees and reducing the risk of community spread of this illness, which is often facilitated by having large groups of people in close proximity to one another.

Furthermore, our sustainable investment strategy means that our exposure to current stock market volatility is limited, and we remain extremely strong financially. With that strength, and the strength that comes from committed employees, we remain positioned and ready to serve our brother Knights. Of course, our agents and our customer service team also remain available to help you with any insurance or related financial needs that you may have. As we implement new systems to serve you and respond to a higher volume of inquiries than usual during this period, it is possible that wait and turnaround times may increase.

In addition to what we are doing at the Supreme Council headquarters, many brother Knights have asked how they can help in their own communities. We suggest the following:

1. Pray. During this period, we urge every member and his family to pray the Supreme Council's novena based on the prayer of Pope Francis ([printable](#) or [video](#) prayer), as well as [a prayer](#) being promoted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.
2. Help keep yourself, your families and your communities safe by cancelling all "in person" Knights of Columbus meetings and activities at the local or state level until otherwise indicated. This disease spreads when groups of people gather, so it is important that we avoid activities that could spread this illness. Councils should pursue online and/or teleconferencing options for meetings, fundraising, etc. until the danger has passed. The Supreme Council will be providing additional information on such options shortly.
3. Leave no Knight – or neighbor – behind. If members of your council – or community – are elderly or have underlying medical conditions, please ensure that they have enough food. If you or others in your council have food to spare, offer to drop something off on their doorstep or to shop online for them.
4. Give blood. Many communities are facing blood shortages. Those not being recommended to isolate themselves due to illness, age or underlying conditions should consider giving blood. National blood drives were pioneered by the Knights of Columbus in the 1930s, and this lifesaving activity remains an important aspect of our charitable work today.

As we move through this pandemic together, you can rest assured that the Knights of Columbus will be there for you. We will provide regular updates in the days ahead, and we will remain joined with you in prayer and in service to our neighbors in need.

May God bless you and keep you and your loved ones healthy and safe.

Fraternally,

Carl Anderson  
*Supreme Knight*

## Upcoming Elections

Brother Knights,

In this challenging time for us all, we wanted to provide some guidance for all councils, as you approach the end of your fraternal year. Many of your council activities are shut down for the time being.

While you may not be able to physically meet or hold programs, there are several things you and your councils can focus on in the meantime.

First, **you should be planning how you will handle elections this year.** Whether your council is planning on in person elections, elections via email, or video-conference elections, now is the time to start planning for this. We have put together a short list of guidelines on holding your elections and meetings remotely:

### Election Guidelines

Once you've held your elections, don't forget to make sure your new officers are properly trained in their roles. **Consider holding a conference/video call with all outgoing and incoming council officers to begin planning for next fraternal year.** Additionally, each council officer should be responsible for training his successor. This can even be as simple as a quick phone call to discuss the basics of the position.

Now is also a good time to [start touching base with all your members](#). Consider giving each of your members a call over the next few weeks, to ask them about their time in your council, get their updated contact info, and assist them when possible.

Ask you council members to consider participating in the [Into the Breach video series program](#), even though you can't meet in person. You can send these videos to your council members, and then get together to discuss, using the provided study guides, on a platform like Zoom, Hangouts, Skype, or Microsoft Teams.

Lastly, **don't forget about those who need our help.** The Supreme Knight has given [these suggestions](#) on ways we can all do our part during this pandemic, including the [Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic](#).

Please see other attachment for instructions on how to use zoom as your online elections and council meetings for the time being.

If you have any questions on how to respond to this situation, please don't hesitate to reach out. Be assured that we are keeping you and your families in our prayers!

God bless

### Editor's Note:

It is imperative that those of you that do not have an email on file, get your email address or an email of a family member so we can keep you updated on a timely basis as we are in an unprecedented time of change.

You can send your email contact to either [prompter@kofc2569.com](mailto:prompter@kofc2569.com), or [D.REMEIKA@MIKOF.C.ORG](mailto:D.REMEIKA@MIKOF.C.ORG), or [gignact@hotmail.com](mailto:gignact@hotmail.com)

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