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## Grand Knights Message

Thank you for electing me your new Grand Knight.

I will try to do my best to lead this council in the direction that the members would like it to go. I will need and request your help.

Please join me in thanking our previous Grand Knight, Sean Dare, for his great leadership these last several years. Sean lead our council with enthusiasm and showed us the meaning of Charity, Fraternity, and Unity.

I would like any member that hasn't been to a meeting lately to come to a meeting, or virtual meeting and help me make this council something special.

You can email or call me: [gk2569@mikofc.org](mailto:gk2569@mikofc.org), 248-548-2544.

I am open to any and all suggestions.

With the latest executive order from our Governor closing bars, etc., we may not be having in-person meetings for a time. We are still having our meetings, using the ZOOM platform. Sean Dare has graciously allowed us to use his place of business to include an in-person meeting, with social distancing, in the past couple of months, along with our virtual meetings.

Please at least join the July meeting for an important vote about where we will be meeting in the future, as the motion for a vote came up for discussion at the last meeting and will be voted on at the July meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm.

ZOOM Meeting ID 975 9708 8203 Password 4ePBf

Also, as I am going to be your new Grand Knight,

I would request a brother Knight to take over the task of Prompter Editor.

Vivet Jesus,

Tim Gignac

Grand Knight K of C 2569

## Dates to Remember

### Reminder:

Regular Membership Meetings are every **third** Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm,

We are also continuing our virtual meeting at the same time with ZOOM.

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## Officers for 2020 – 2021

Starting July 1

<b>District Deputy</b>	John Reeser
<b>Grand Knight</b>	Tim Gignac
<b>Deputy GK</b>	Sean Dare
<b>Chancellor</b>	Francis Johnstone III
<b>Fin. Secretary</b>	Daniel Remeika
<b>Recorder</b>	Daryl Wood
<b>Warden</b>	Mark Hornbacher
<b>Treasurer</b>	Gary Schultz
<b>Trustee 1-year</b>	John Lynne
<b>Trustee 2-year</b>	Tony Caruso
<b>Trustee 3 years</b>	Pete Ross
<b>Advocate</b>	Andy Izydorek
<b>Inside Guard</b>	Pat Nichols
<b>Outside Guard</b>	Robert Corey
<b>Chaplain</b>	Vacant
<b>Pro-Life Chairman</b>	Mark Baker
<b>Program Director/Fundraising</b>	Joseph Holota
<b>Membership Director</b>	Sean Dare
<b>MI Drive Director</b>	Andy Izydorek
<b>Prompter Editor</b>	Tim Gignac
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## **Pro-Life Updates:**

MAUBC has a high priority project that I wanted to run past you, in case our Council would be able to assist:

- We need to install 4 donated high def cameras (that record) to cover the front and back entry doors, parking lot, and our new big sign out front (a big investment). The sooner we can get the cameras installed, the better. My husband, Craig, can help since he is getting to know our building pretty well, but another set or two of hands and some electrical help would be most appreciated!
- A second project (if interested) is replacing the hollow core between the client counseling room and waiting room with a solid core door for privacy.

We could do the projects concurrently or on different days: Saturdays, Sundays, Fridays, Mondays or most any weekday evening.

Also, FYI, we moved the Fall Banquet to **Thursday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>** at San Marino Club, Troy so we could still have Dr. Levatino as our speaker. More details to come.

Thank you,  
Mark Baker, Pro-Life Chairman

## Knights News

As you are aware, the “fraternal year” for the Knights of Columbus is from July 1 this year through June 30 next year. That’s why you see the announcement of new council officers elsewhere in this issue of the *Prompter*. There are also these officers in new positions on the state board: State Deputy Walter Winkle, Jr.; State Secretary Christopher Kolomjec; State Treasurer Barry Borsenik; State Advocate Charles McCuen, III; and State Warden Jim Kraus. The new State Membership Director is Dan Fuller, and the new State Program Director is Paul Palka.

Our District Deputy John Reeser is continuing in his position, but our district number is changing from District #6 to District #106. This is being done to keep districts together in the same diocese even when new district numbers are added. All districts in the 100s are in the Archdiocese of Detroit. In addition to DD John Reeser, two directors are assigned to our council for expert assistance – Diocesan Membership Director Dennis Dopke and Diocesan Program Director David Bergeman. Paul Thorn has been assigned the overall lead in our region in a newly created position of State Deputy Regional Representative.

Our council’s leadership is being asked to plan our new fraternal calendar of events. Maybe you are interested in telling new Grand Knight Tim Gignac your preferences. The calendar will include Summer & Fall Membership Growth Events, such as, a late-August Venerable Michael McGivney-birthday Membership Growth Drive, Exemplifications (which is now available on demand), and a Fraternal Benefits Night.

The new State Faith-In-Action Directors suggest [RSVP](#) – Seminarian Support; [Rosary Program](#) – Consider a Fifth Sunday Rosary or council-led Rosary Before Mass once a month; [Holy Hour](#) – Suggest the pastor of St. Mary hold a monthly adoration hour with entire St. Mary Parish and our Knights from many parishes; [Soccer Challenge](#) – Plan an August or early September event; [Leave No Neighbor Behind](#) – identify brother knights or parishioners struggling during pandemic; [Family Week](#) - August 9-15 or with late-August Membership Growth Drive honoring founder’s birthday; [Respect Life Benefit Dinner](#) on September 23; [Novena for Life](#); [Mass for People with Special Needs](#); Local [Pregnancy Center Support](#).

Need something else? Here is the full slate of available programs: [Faith](#) – RSVP, HOLY HOUR, SPIRITUAL REFLECTION, INTO THE BREACH, Building the Domestic Church Kiosk, Marian Prayer Program, Rosary, Sacramental Gifts; [Family](#) – FOOD FOR FAMILIES, FAMILY OF THE MONTH, FAMILY PRAYER NIGHT, FAMILY FULLY ALIVE, Consecration to Holy Family, Family Week, Good Friday Family Promotion, Keep Christ in Christmas; [Community](#) – GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, COATS FOR KIDS, LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND, Helping Hands, Catholic Citizen Essay Contest, Disaster Preparedness, Free Throw Championship, Soccer Challenge; [Life](#) – MARCH FOR LIFE, SPECIAL OLYMPICS, ULTRASOUND, PREGNANCY CENTER SUPPORT, Novena for Life, Christian Refugee Relief, Mass for People with Special Needs, Silver Rose

You will notice that some of the recommended programs are listed in all caps. This goes back to the Columbian Award which requires our council complete 16 points, 4 in each category, from among the following; FEATURED PROGRAMS IN ALL CAPS are worth 2 points each! The others 1 point each. Again, tell new Grand Knight Tim Gignac if you have a preference you would support either by attendance and participation or by working some aspect of the program. After all, we are invited to put our Faith into Action.

While on the topic of programs and the Columbian Award, there are other changes on what the council needs to focus to be completely involved and even maybe earn Star Council. Here are the complete requirements: Membership quota is being reduced from 7% to 5% of membership with a maximum of 20 but minimum of 3. For us, that means 5 because we have 97 associate and insurance members. Insurance quota is being replaced with a requirement to just conduct 2 fraternal benefits nights with at least 10 Catholic gentlemen present. As indicated above, there are no required programs to receive the Columbian Award, but the 4 featured programs in each category will be worth 2 points each with the other programs worth 1 point each (a total of 4 points is required in each category). Additionally, the council must submit its Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) after

December 31 and its Service Program Personnel Report (#365) by August. Finally, to be eligible for the Star Council Award, councils must be fully compliant with applicable safe environment (youth protection) requirements.

By the way, on that Service Program Personnel Report, new Grand Knight Tim Gignac is making program assignments. So, you can really help him if you have an interest in a job – call him! These are the jobs he is looking to fill or may have already filled:

**Program Director**

**Faith Director**

**Vocations Chairman**

**Community Director**

**Life Director**

**Health Service**

**Public Relations**

**Family Director**

**Membership Director**

**Recruitment Committee 1**

**Recruitment Committee 2**

**Recruitment Committee 3**

**Retention Chairman**

**Insurance Promotion**

**Chaplain**

**Lecturer**

On a final topic, [www.mikofc.org](http://www.mikofc.org) is being replaced by a new Michigan website. Same link, but the old commercial provider is being replaced by a new in-house developer. It is being completely redone and launching on July 1. Hint: They might not make it in time, so don't be surprised if there is a gap between shutdown and restart.

So, be safe and be ready for a whole new fraternal year!

Dan Remeika, State Round Table Director and Council Financial Secretary

## **Member Notes:**

### **St. Mary's Food Pantry / Clothes Closet – Reminder, Do to Covid-19, they are in great need at this time**

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.**

Bring items to membership meeting or contact an officer on how to drop off.

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

## **Poker Fundraiser**

At this point, we are holding off on our annual fundraiser as we do not know what the opening date will be by our Governor. We also don't know how well attended these events will be.

We will be having a fundraiser and will need everyone's help, once this option is open for us. This is our major fundraiser every year to support our annual charities.

# **Insurance Update**

## **Knights of Columbus “BENEFITS NEWS”**

**Thanks to all outgoing officers for your service to the Knights and Congratulations to all incoming officers and those continuing in office!**

### **UPDATE YOUR BENEFCIARIES!**

#### ***Update Your Beneficiaries***

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take, for example, the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it may very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your policies should be updated to reflect your spouse as beneficiary. Maybe you’ve had children since, who are not named on the policies.

Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary, an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – that is, the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I’ll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family’s needs.

**\*Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense.  
Ask about our GUARANTEED LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES,  
LONG TERM CARE & DISABILITY INSURANCE**

**Vivat Jesus!**

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