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Grand Knight's Message



My Brother Knights and Ladies,

It has been 25 years since I was grand knight. But when Grand Knight Tim Gignac chose not to run after six terms, there was reluctance to take on this challenging position. Since I had transferred the financial secretary position to District Deputy Michael King, I thought a good plan would be to prepare a successor. I already voiced my thought on who that might be but let the next grand knight have his say.

I thank our PGK Timothy Gignac for leading the council. Under his leadership earned multiple Star Council awards – 2020-2021, 2023-2024, 2025-2026. He said his focus was to lead the council in the direction the members would like it to go. His theme was “Trust the Membership.”

The theme for our council this year is “Without Cost” from Matthew 10:8, “Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.”. It means God freely gives, so we are to freely share our gifts. Everything we possess is a result of God’s grace and generosity. Everything we have comes from the Lord and is meant to be shared – our time, our compassion, resources, service, forgiveness, in a selfless, transformational act of grace, not a transaction for something in return.

All officers and directors value your judgment. We appreciate your opinions, and we rely on your participation for the continued success of our council and our primary parish, St. Mary of Royal Oak. Our Knights of Columbus council conducts a variety of programs – activities where you can personally apply your talents and fulfill your ambitions. To ensure a great Knights of Columbus council experience, I ask that you always let me know what you would like the council to do.

Finally, I am announcing a **NEW Membership Incentive** – If you Recruit 1 New Member to our council in July or August and he becomes a member of our council by September 15, you will receive either a one-year credit toward your annual dues billing or a K of C Shirt.

Vivat Jesus,
Daniel Remeika

Dates to Remember

2026

- 8/4 Supreme Convention – Denver
- 8/11 Officers' Planning Meeting
- 8/14 State Camporee, Houghton Lake
- 8/18 Membership Meeting
- 8/22-23 Church Drive – St. Mary R.O.
- 8/29 Knights at the Tigers – Comerica
- 9/1 Labor Day
- 9/8 Officers' Planning Meeting

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ELKS PICNIC

- 9/12 Elks Picnic – Hazel Park
- 9/13 Living Rosary – State Capitol
- 9/15 Membership Meeting
- 10/13 Officers' Planning Meeting
- 10/17 Sanctum House Clean Up
- 10/20 Membership Meeting
- 11/22 Knights at the Lions – Ford Field
- 10/24 Prep Bowl – Ford Field
- 2027 Charity Poker

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Officers for 2025 – 2026

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Financial Secretary	Michael King
Deputy GK	Patrick (Kube) Nichols
Chancellor	Francis Johnstone III
Recorder	Daryl Wood
Treasurer	Gary Schultz
Advocate	Christopher Petti
Warden	Daniel Jones
Inside Guard	Richard Close
Outside Guard	Sean Dare
Trustee 1 year	Peter Smith
Trustee 2 years	Mark Baker
Trustee 3 years	Robert Corey
Chaplain	Vacant
Lecturer	Vacant
Program Director	Jeffrey Rolands
Faith Director	Gary Shultz
Community Director	Christopher Petti
Life Director	Mark Baker
Family Director	Francis Johnstone III
Membership Director	Daniel Remeika
Recruitment 1	Sean Dare
Recruitment 2	Michael King
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RECRUIT 1 NEW MEMBER IN JULY OR AUGUST

(council 2569 member by September 15)

RECEIVE A 1-YEAR DUES CREDIT OR K OF C SHIRT

(council red shirt or comparable polo in Knights Gear)

Church Drive at St. Mary Royal Oak August 22-23 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday 4:30 PM Mass

Sunday 9:00 AM AND 11:00 AM Masses

Plan to Meet Minimum Faith in Action Requirements Set by Supreme

Underlined programs are expected to meet requirements subject to directors' ideas.

Requirement 1

Donate at least \$500 as part of one of the following Faith in Action programs: ASAP, Food for Families, RSVP, or **Coats for Kids**. The council donated to ASAP last fraternal year, \$1,000 plus \$200 matched from the Supreme Council. Easy goal this year!

Requirement 2

Complete 4 Faith in Action (FIA) programs, one in each category. You cannot claim programs already submitted for Requirement 1. To qualify as FIA programs, the council must run programs like those described in the Faith in Action Program Guidebook.

FAITH – Gary Schultz

- RSVP
- Into the Breach
- ¡Viva Cristo Rey!
- Imitating Saint Juan Diego
- Pilgrim Icon Program
- Rosary Program (invite parishioners)
- Spiritual Reflection (retreat, Heart of the Gospel)
- Holy Hour
- Sacramental Gifts

FAMILY – Buzz Johnstone

- Build-a-Bed
- Food for Families
- Family of the Month/Year
- Remembering Our Faithful Departed
- Quinceanera Support
- Keep Christ in Christmas
- Building the Domestic Church Kiosk & organize activities based on content
- Consecration to the Holy Family
- Family Prayer Night

Requirement 3

Conduct Cor monthly by April **or 3 programs/activities not submitted for Requirements 1 & 2:**

- one to bring men closer to Christ – Carlo Acutis Prayer Cenacle, St. Paul Street Evangelization
- one to build fraternity – Socials, Summer Picnic, Christmas Party
- one to support your parish or community – Blessing Bags, Bright Futures (St. Mary School Auction), Coats for Kids

COMMUNITY – Chris Petti

- Coats for Kids
- Global Wheelchair Mission
- Bright Futures (St. Mary School Auction)
- Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage
- Disaster Preparedness
- Free Throw Championship
- Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
- Soccer/Hockey Challenge
- Helping Hands

LIFE – Mark Baker

- **ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy)**
Used in Requirement 1
- March for Life
- Special Olympics
- Ultrasound Initiative
- Gospel of Life
- Holy Hour for Life with Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Christian Refugee Relief
- Silver Rose (potential)
- Mass for People with Special Needs

2026 Volunteer Opportunity

The 10th Annual Mercy in Action Service Day in the Archdiocese of Detroit will take place on Saturday, October 17, 2026. Volunteers will gather to perform corporal and spiritual works of mercy across the six-county Archdiocese. This year, the council will participate again with yard work at the Sanctum House, a safe home for woman survivors of human trafficking. The scheduled time for Saturday, October 17, is from 9AM to 1PM. Email or call Bob Corey at corey.bob@att.net or 248-202-2106 to volunteer.

The director at Sanctum House said their new building needs cleaning. We have done this many times in the past. It is not that hard. It has always been rewarding. Knights have a mission to provide service to our community with charity as a hallmark.

Field Agent Glain Guilmette Financial Review

Associate members (no Knights of Columbus product) need to schedule a personalized FINANCIAL REVIEW with the council's insurance agent to evaluate your current financial protection, identify gaps or changes in your needs, and then ensure your insurance and long-term financial strategies still align with your goals, family, and plans. How you use the information will be entirely up to you. For an appointment in your home, please call, text, or email FIELD AGENT GLAIN GUILMETTE, Cell/Text 586.876.3974, Email: glain.guilmette@kofc.org
EXAMPLES OF WHAT IS AVAILABLE*

*Subject to eligibility requirements, conditions and restrictions with minimums in-force

- Insurance for members, their spouses and their dependent children
- Guaranteed-issue insurability under age 18
- Automatic death benefits for children dying before age 61 days
- Monthly benefits and college scholarships to each eligible orphan of insured members
- Accidental death benefit for member in good standing and spouse at no additional cost
- Widow may purchase life insurance, long-term care insurance or annuities after insured's death
- Widow receives free lifetime subscription to Columbia
- Widow eligible with her children for scholarships
- Scholarship programs for higher education available to members, their spouses and children
- \$5,000 for the child who is stillborn at least 20 weeks after conception
- \$5,000 for the child who dies before the age of 61 days
- Guaranteed-issue insurance up to \$10,000 to any child under age 18.
- \$500 monthly allotment for each eligible orphan of up to age 19
- \$5,000 per year in college scholarships up to a maximum of \$20,000 per eligible orphan

Program Director Jeffrey Rolands Blessing Bags 2026 Summer Program

After our August 18 membership meeting, we rolled up our sleeves and assemble 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!

Faith Director Gary Schultz Spring 2026 MI Drive

Our annual Tootsie Roll Drive took place from Friday, March 27, through Sunday, March 29. After delays at the Michigan State Council caused by work for the state convention in May and the

summer leadership meeting in July, a check was received. We will present \$1,189.69 to the Arc of Oakland County. This is a result of the volunteer hours from members, families, and mostly volunteers from the Arc.

Life Director Mark Baker

Virtual Prayer Cenacle under the Patronage of St. Carlo Acutis

Inspired by the patronage of St. Carlo Acutis, council officers formed the Virtual Prayer Cenacle. It began with simple text chat for easy communication among members. Members now share prayers, scripture readings, meditation, and lighthearted content, such as, memes and YouTube shorts. This evolution reflects commitment to both spiritual enrichment and fellowship. To become a member, please text 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.

40 Days for Life 2026 Fall Campaign

The campaign runs from Wednesday, September 23, through Sunday, November 1, 8AM to 8PM.

Vigil Hour Signup Instructions:

Go to website 40daysforlife.com
Click "Login" in upper right of screen
Enter Username prolifechair@kofc2569.com
Enter Passcode [lifeisprecious1](#)

Click on "Bishop" in the upper right, slide down, and click on "My 40 days for life." Chose a location. Ferndale has been set up but you can add another location 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 "peace pledge" 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 sites' website also has contact information for its campaign directors. Thank you for publicly sharing your commitment to saving the most vulnerable in our society.

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.

Shining Armor Award

Congratulations to District Deputy and Financial Secretary Michael P King, Trustee and Round Table Coordinator Robert T Corey, and Grand Knight Daniel Remeika. They received the Shining Armor Award for service with distinction to our council and our Order. During this past fraternal year, they were involved in at least 3 council Faith in Action programs; attended at least 3 council meetings; attended an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity; attended a fraternal benefits night; and sponsored at least one man who became a member of the Order. They exemplify a true Knight of Columbus.

Council Meetings

Please be aware of these membership meeting guidelines from *Protocol, Meetings, and Ceremonials* (5-2026)

- When a member wishes to speak, rise and address the chair by saying “Worthy Grand Knight” and rendering the salute.
- All questions or comments must be directed to the chair, for example: “Worthy Grand Knight, may I ask the previous speaker to explain. . . .”
- Members should speak of the chair in the third person: “Worthy Grand Knight, will the chair please explain the effect of the pending motion?”
- Members of the Order (Council, Online and Affiliate) with a current membership card are allowed admittance into council meetings
- Only attendees who are members of the host council may vote on council matters.
- Meetings can occasionally be open to non-member guests, including wives, with approval from the membership before extending invitations to guests.
- Officers should wear their current medal of office at meetings and official functions of the Order.

Michigan State Council News

Calendar

- ☐ The [Knights on Bikes Meet-up](http://www.mikonb.org/mimeetup) is on **August 21-23**, www.mikonb.org/mimeetup
- ☐ Members/families, go to the [Living Rosary](#) on the East Lawn of the Michigan State Capitol Building on Sunday, **September 13**, 2PM. Featured speakers are Rear Admiral Thomas Kendzierski (ret.) (former member of Council #2569) and Fr. Paul Ballien, State Chaplain
- ☐ [Heart of Christ Clinic Fundraising Gala](#), **September 17**, St. John’s Resort, Plymouth. The Clinic celebrates its fourth annual fundraising gala in support of life-affirming work to witness to the love of Christ, the Divine Physician! Semi-formal Attire, \$150+
- ☐ White Mass & Human Dignity Formation Day, **September 26**, SHMS, 8:30am – 1:30pm
- ☐ The Catholic High School League (CHSL) is the largest Catholic sports league in the U.S. with 27 private high schools located throughout southeast Michigan. Give CHSL Prep Bowl tickets to a local school and attend yourself on **October 24** Ford Field in Detroit, \$10
- ☐ Attend Knights at the Lions on **November 22**, \$300 per ticket, contact Michael Kozakiewicz

Money Matters

- ☐ The pledged \$1 million Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowment is at \$900K; give \$500/council or \$3/member by Thanksgiving to finally reach this multi-year goal
- ☐ The annual \$8 increase in State Per Capita is postponed to the next billing in January 2027
- ☐ The billing cycle per capita fee will be waived if a council candidate becomes an agent. These are the steps: Promote the career to your members, have your candidate apply, your candidate becomes an agent, your agent completes 6 months, all per capita fees are waived.

Programs

- ☐ A new [Cornhole Tournament](#) is available with competitions from council to state levels. The state-level tournament is designed as a round-robin format with 8 teams: one representing each of Michigan's seven Catholic dioceses and one team of State Officers. This ensures every team plays every other team exactly once, promoting fair competition. The event is held over one day at a date and location to be determined. All play follows the official ACO (American Cornhole Organization) rules ACO.
- ☐ A new state program is the [Onion Bag Drive](#). This program supports the Knights of Columbus Food for Families initiative under the Faith in Action – Family Programs . Councils invite parish families to take home large red mesh “onion bags,” fill them with non-perishable food items, and return them to benefit a local food pantry. The effort promotes charity, family involvement, and community support for those facing food insecurity.
- ☐ A state program adopted by Supreme is the [Build-A-Bed](#) program. This program enables local councils to collaborate directly with Sleep in Heavenly Peace chapters to construct and assemble beds for children in need. Through organized build events, volunteers work side by side to construct bed frames that often also includes delivering and assembling the completed beds, mattresses and bedding for families. The average donation required per bed is approximately \$250 for lumber, hardware, mattress, and bedding.
- ☐ Selling [Keep Christ in Christmas](#) cards is a fund raiser among additional ideas to Keep Christ in Christmas.
- ☐ The [Gospel of Life](#) program calls upon councils to educate their members and wider parish communities on the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. To do so, councils can study the teachings of the Church, promote other informational resources and organize events featuring pro-life speakers. Councils can also use the Knights of Columbus Gospel of Life Study Guide (#614) to study St. John Paul II's historical encyclical and lead discussion groups or incorporate prayer campaigns into their efforts. By learning important truths about human life and sharing them with others, councils can help spread awareness of pro-life issues, save lives and strengthen families.
- ☐ The [Holy Hour for Life with Our Lady of Guadalupe](#) program organizes adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and ask for OLO Guadalupe's intercession for the pro-life cause.
- ☐ Good for the soul, [Cor](#) is a flexible framework of prayer, formation and fraternity that helps focus men on Jesus through building Christ-centered brotherhood within a parish.
- ☐ Let the explosive power of the Gospel ignite your heart! Lead brother Knights and the men of your parish through a dynamic, ready-to-use retreat focused on the core of the Gospel, presented by Fr. John Riccardo. Use the [Heart of the Gospel Retreat](#), a “retreat in a box.”
- ☐ Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the [Silver Rose](#) makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners, and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. For Silver Rose program resources and to get on the schedule, contact: Bob Bagley, r.bagley@mikofc.org.
- ☐ Support seminarians, postulants, novices with Refund Support Vocations Program ([RSVP](#))

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