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Grand Knights Message

Worthy Brothers,

I would like to thank the Brother Knights who have helped with our charitable events over the past year.

We have helped donate thousands of dollars to multiple charities with money collected from our poker fundraisers.

We have helped many causes with our volunteering, including but not limited to, our annual M. I. "Tootsie Roll" drive, Sanctum House, Mother and Unborn Baby Care, St. Mary School, Royal Oak Police Dept., St. Mary Church warming center, Coats for Kids, etc.

Please read our monthly meeting minutes as they do have the information on what we are accomplishing during the year.

I would like to invite you to our meetings. If we have more volunteers then we will be able to accommodate more acts of charity.

Bring your enthusiasm and your ideas.

I would also like to inform you of our upcoming 100-year anniversary as a council this coming May 2025. We are working on a celebration to commemorate this historic event. Details will be following during the next few months. Keep an eye on emails, our meeting minutes, and our website

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Grand Knight
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Dates to Remember

- 10/15/2024 Council 2569 Membership Meeting
 - Every month on the third Tuesday
- Elks Club Events that are open to our council members. Bring your membership card for entry
 - 2024 Detroit Lions games
 - 2024 College Game Days
 - Octoberfest – 10/5/2024
 - Christmas Party – pending date
- Mercy in Action Day of Service
 - 10/19/2024
- 40 Days for Life 2024 Fall Campaign
 - 9/25/2024 thru 11/3/2024
- Prep Bowl at Ford Field
 - 10/26/2024
- Halloween Party
 - 10/26/2024
- Council 2569 100th Anniversary Celebration
 - May 10th, 2025

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Faith Director – Robert Corey

Worthy Brothers,

I am forwarding the details from Bob Corey regarding this important item.

Please consider joining us for this worthy cause.

You can reply to him or me.

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Bob Corey is collecting names of volunteers to help clean up the yard at the Sanctum House (Sanctum House is a safe home for women survivors of human trafficking). The director said she is looking forward to it. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 19 9 am to 1 pm. We have done this many times in the past, and it has always been rewarding for those who volunteered.

Please Email Bob at corey.bob@att.net or call Bob at 248-202-2106.

Bob will send out details closer to the event, but it is on Saturday, Oct 19, from about 9 to 1 pm.

Our work is part of Mercy in Action day which is Oct 19 and St Mary is participating in many activities.

Jenn Rahhal, Coordinator of Evangelical Charity at St Mary of Royal Oak, and Fr Paul, are grateful for our work at the Sanctum House.

The director at Sanctum House told me that their gardens are in particular need of cleaning up. Service is a good thing! Charity is a hallmark of the Knights of Columbus



Life Director – Mark Baker

“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

40 Days for Life 2024 Fall Campaign

Wednesday, September 25 through Sunday, November 3

8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Vigil Hour Sign-up Instructions:

Go to website: 40daysforlife.com

Click “Login” in upper right of screen

User Name: 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 sites’ 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.

Letter of Thanks from MAUBC (Mother and Unborn Baby Care)

Dear Council 2569

As we celebrate the 40th anniversary of Mother and Unborn Baby Care's founding, please know how much we appreciate your generous and faithful support. The Bishop Gallagher Council 2569's purchase of a half-page Fall Gala Program Ad for \$350, 4 volunteer tickets for \$300, and a \$500 donation, totaling \$1,150, on June 18, 2024 will help us continue to fight to protect the precious unborn

So far this year, through the community's prayers and support, we have confirmed 39 vulnerable babies and their mothers spared from the devastation of abortion

In addition to providing at-risk women with ultrasounds, peer counseling, and material assistance for up to two years, you will allow us to reach more of those who desperately need our services through several new marketing efforts.

Thank you again for witnessing to Christ through your support of MAUBC. We look forward to celebrating a successful anniversary event in November that will launch our ministry into the next several years of saving lives!

Your Friend for Life
Michael J O'Dea
Chairman

Program Director - Jeffrey Rolands

Blessing Bags

Proverbs 19:17 - Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

As the 2024 Christmas Season approaches, we will again help our at-risk homeless community by assembling blessing bags filled with essential items. Look out for donation requests in the coming months. These will be distributed by police that are in the community as a gesture of god's love for all his children. Also, we will have an upgraded bag that can be used beyond the use of the goods inside them.



Financial Secretary – Daniel Remeika

“The real work gets done locally by the participation of many who choose to serve.”
State Deputy Barry Borsenik

Election 2024

Remember that members may not use membership in the Knights of Columbus, the name, or the emblem for political advantage or to imply that the Order supports a candidate for public office.

K of C Memorial Mass

The Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass will be said at Sacred Heart Major Seminary on November 3 at 10:00 a.m. Families of these brother Knights and friends are invited to attend.

Memorial Plaque

The deadline is October 14 to purchase a Memorial Plaque to be hung in the chapel of Sacred Heart Major Seminary. This is a beautiful and lasting remembrance is to have your loved one

enrolled in the Knights of Columbus Vocations Committee Memorial Society Plaque, which now hang in the chapel of Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. Memorial plaques can be obtained for a tax-deductible gift of \$25 a line – a maximum of four lines per plaque (\$100). Contact: Mike Cousins at m.cousins@mikofc.org or 586-610-6497

Prep Bowl

The Prep Bowl will be held on October 26 at Ford Field. The Catholic High School league hosts the 52nd Prep Bowl presented by the Knights of Columbus at the fabulous home of the Detroit Lions. Prep Bowl 52 festivities will kick off with high school exhibits during the morning followed by division championships.

At approximately 9:00 AM all the state officers, district deputies, grand knights, state directors, diocesan directors, and state deputy regional representatives will be introduced on the field. It's important that you check in at the Knights of Columbus table to receive proper credentials to gain access onto the field and to be recognized on the field.

Presale tickets are only available to the Knights of Columbus for \$10 per ticket. Tickets will be \$12.00 on the day of the event. Tickets are available from the Michigan State Council until Friday, October 12. After that time you will need to purchase tickets the day of the event.

100th Anniversary

"Royal Oak Council," later renamed Bishop Michael J. Gallagher Council will celebrate its Centennial on May 10, 2025, 100 years of service since May 10, 1925. So far, plans include the following – a dinner and program will be held at the Royal Oak Elks, members and one guest will be admitted free but must pay in advance to reserve a spot which payment will be refunded only upon entry, a disc jockey will be hired for after-dinner dancing, and State Deputy Barry Borsenik will be invited to attend with his wife Mandy or to send another representative.

Member input to Committee Chair PGK Sean Dare is invited for additional planning. For example, suggest master of ceremonies, budget, anniversary flyer, media and communications, sponsorships, gifts and mementos, style and décor, dinner and catering, entertainment and program, raffles, invitations and reservations, accommodations, council history, etc.

Please give this some thought to recognize that celebrating 100 years of service is a significant historical chapter. Let us revisit our founding and give people a sense of what has been accomplished in a century. Consider offering photos to showcase progress over the years. Photographs can be displayed on boards throughout the space. Consider a timeline as part of a presentation or displayed around the room. Where possible, honor past members, particularly original members by locating and inviting their descendants. Current members who have spent considerable time with the council can contribute their memories or even share a few words if a speech or welcoming ceremony is planned.

Membership

Challenge yourself to bring in one new Knight this fraternal year. You had your reasons for joining the Knights and remaining a Knight. Share your personal experience with a prospective member to give him a glimpse of how you and your family benefitted personally in the Knights of Columbus.

Halloween Party

October 25, 2024. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Dinner at 7 PM. \$50 per person adult, \$25 for children under 12. At Zuccaro's Banquet Center, 46601 Gratiot Ave., Chesterfield MI 48051. Buffet and Dinner, Open Bar. Halloween Costume Contest – Best Group, Best Couple, and Best Individual. DJ and Dancing. Show your support for the We Are One Committee led by State Secretary Charles E. McCuen, III and the Knights of Columbus Installation of State Leadership 2026. The last day to register is October 18, 2024. If paying by credit card, please contact John Hundak at 248-420-0135 or return a registration form with a check to We Are One Committee, 51194 Romeo Plank #344, Macomb MI 48042. In lieu of a form, send this information with the check – Bishop Gallagher Council #2569, your name, phone number, address, and email. Questions? Please contact Paul Palka at 586-980-7910 or at p.palka@mikofc.org.

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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.