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FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT

My Brother Knights,

As this is my first letter to you, I would first like to thank you for entrusting the leadership of our council to our new officers and me. I am grateful to have been given the opportunity to serve such an excellent group. Our council has established a fine tradition of great leadership that I hope to aspire too. The past four years have been a joyous time for my family and me, because of our involvement in the Knights of Columbus. Your continued support of all our functions and fundraisers has inspired me to grow as a better person and a better Catholic family man. I am looking forward to working with all of you in the coming years.

Our Past Grand Knights, Tom Ketchum and Mike Lewis have set the bar high for all of us. I hope that you are as proud as I am of our council's accomplishments and the recognitions we have received. I couldn't help but think of all the Brother Knights that make our Council so successful while I was at the State Convention. It takes all of us working together in order to do the projects that we do. We all know that one man cannot do it all by himself, but our founder the Venerable Michael McGivney has shown us one man can make a difference.

The new fraternal year is now upon us. I know that it can be difficult to find the time to do all the activities that we are involved in, but I would like to challenge every one of my Brother Knights to attend at least half of the business meetings this year, which means six meetings. With much of the groundwork and foundation now set by my

predecessors, I hope to fine tune and shorten meetings. I also plan to continue the tradition of having a potluck and a raffle after each meeting. I hope you all will take the opportunity to spend some time fraternalizing after a meeting.

Our first Corporate Communion will be held at Sacred Heart Church along with our Officers Installation on Sunday, July 13th at 11:00am Mass. I will expect all officers to attend with their families and there will be a Rosary service prior to the Mass.

As a Knight of Columbus, we are all conscious of the fact that we are here "to serve ... not be served." I am interested in knowing what areas are of interest to you and how better to involve you in council social activities and/or our various projects. In this way I can better serve as a Grand Knight and the council may better serve the community. I will be sending out a survey that will help learn do this. I ask you to please fill it out and bring it to a meeting.

In closing, I would like to remind you all about Charity. One of the reasons that I became a Knight was that I wanted to give back to the community. Though the Knights of Columbus, I have been given many opportunities to do this. God gives us the freedom of choice. I know that I can say, on most days, I have made the right ones. So when the phone rings or the opportunity arises ask yourself, am I answering the call to Charity or am I to busy.

Yours in Christ,

Garret A. Kelenske
Grand Knight





JULY BIRTHDAYS

Baudel Enriquez	4 th
Mark Trier	9 th
Lawrence Spataro	15 th
Fred J Groendyk	20 th

***UPCOMING EVENTS*
 MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

BINGO Every Monday night

George J. McCarthy Council #2975 in Grand Haven

**July 1st New Fraternal Year Begins
 Per Capita Taxes due**

Report of Officers Form #185 due

Term of Office begins for 2007-2008 Officers

July 4th Independence Day

**July 13th Corporate Communion and
 Installation of Officers.**

10:30 AM Rosary

11:00 AM Mass Sacred Heart Church

12:15 PM Installation of Officers

July 16th Regular Business Meeting 7:00 PM

July 22nd 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 PM

Our Lady of the White Lake Council # 12985 to host

July 24th Summer District Deputy's Meeting

7:30 PM George J. McCarthy Council # 2975

**August 1st Service Program Personnel
 Form #365 is due**

**August 9th Council Picnic 1:00 PM at McGraft Park
 9:00 AM Tee Off at Fairway Farms**

**August 9th - 17th Knight of Columbus
 National Week of the Family**

**August 12th Fr. McGivney's 156th Birthday
 August 12, 1852**

**August 14th 118th Anniversary of the death of Fr.
 McGivney's Death August 14, 1890**

August 15th Feast of the Assumption

**August 15th Semi-Annual Audit
 Form #1295-1 is due**

August 17th Sacred Heart Parish Festival

August 20th Council Meeting 7:00 PM

**August 26th 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 PM
 Frs. Rudy & Clem Council #13035 to host**

COMMITTEE EVENTS

Membership Committee

Total Membership	YTD Change
07/01/2008	in Membership

56

1

Month to Date Year to Date

	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%
MBR 5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
INS 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Picnic Committee

August is just around the corner and we could use some help planning our annual Council Picnic. We would like to again have the golf outing in the morning at Fairway Farms and then the picnic in the afternoon at McGraft Park. We need help planning games / activities and coordinating the dishes. The council will again provide the meat and those attending will be asked to bring a dish to pass.

Rosary Committee

Anyone interested in helping to make rosaries for sale and to give to Fr. Benoit and Fr. Page are invited to join the Rosary Committee on their regular scheduled meeting nights. Please Contact me for dates and times.

Mike Lewis
 Rosary Committee Chair
 231-780-8086



RAFFLE

The Winner of the 3rd Raffle is:

Joseph A. Zagar

Look for more 3 more raffles through out the next fraternal year

"Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

John 6:35

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



July Thomas Ketchum

It is with great pride that we honor Tom Ketchum as this month's Knight of the Month. Tom now serves as our District Deputy, our council's Membership Director and as editor of our council's monthly newsletter. He is also our charter Grand Knight. His strong personality, in all of these vital positions, has provided our council with leadership, direction, companionship and unwavering determination to succeed. Tom has been involved in the Knights for over 20 years and he has also provided leadership to other councils here in the Muskegon area.

Tom has been involved in so many other council activities. He has been a cook at our parish pancake breakfasts and at the Sacred Heart St. Valentine Dinner/Dances. He has served food at the Gleaners Food Trucks and helped organized our Summer Family Picnics, as well as our Fraternal and Open Houses and First Degrees.

Tom's strong faith in God and his belief in the Knights of Columbus shows all of us what it really means and what it takes to be a good Knight and Catholic. So, we show our pride and respect in Tom by naming him our Knight of the Month. We pray that God will continue to bless him in all that he does in the Knights and in his faith.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Tackx



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KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

Choosing our council's "Knight of the Year" was very difficult this year, because we have so many active members. As our committee examined the qualifications of our Brother Knights, Brian Cirner's name came to the forefront. Brian's dedication to our council and to the cause of Columbianism has been outstanding.

During the two years that Brian has been a member of our council, he has been a good example of what true Knighthood is. Brian has been very active as a family man, a practicing Catholic and as a participating member of the Knights of Columbus. Brian lives up to his original reason for joining the Knights. He stated that he joined to "support the Church and to practice his faith through works of charity and fraternity."

Brian was named Knight of the Month twice this year because of his involvement in the many activities of our council. He is a 3rd Degree Knight, and will serve our council as our worthy Warden. He has served as our Outside Guard in the past. Brian has been active in our

pancake breakfasts, our Corporate Communion, our Rosary Committee and several other council programs and fundraisers. The one activity that sets Brian apart is his involvement in the Younkers Community Day fundraiser. He chaired this very successful program and will continue heading up our efforts next fall. Because of Brian's leadership and diligence, our council realized about \$1,500 this past year. Without this kind of leadership, we would not be able to continue the many charitable programs that our council has become so well known for.

We are very proud to name Brian Cirner as our "Knight of the Year" and we hope that his efforts and example will be an inspiration to us all for years to come.

Submitted by,

Michael Lewis
Grand Knight

FAMILY OF THE MONTH



July Garrett and Kathleen Kelenske

We have chosen Garrett and Kathleen Kelenske as our council's Family of the Month, for July. Garrett and Kathleen have a wonderful family and are active in our council and at St. Michael's Church. They have three children, Morgan, Rylee and Christopher. Garrett and Kathleen have a strong faith and believe strongly that their religion is very important in raising their children. We have recently seen them at St. Mike's May Crowning, the council's Corporate Communion at St. Mary's and last summer's Family Picnic at McGraff Park/

Garrett is beginning his term this month as our council's Grand Knight. He has been a hard working and faithful brother knight for the last four years. He has also served as our Faithful Worden and as our Deputy Grand knight. He has been involved in a great number of activities and has headed several important programs that our council has promoted. You will always see Garrett at pancake breakfasts, MI and Membership Drives, First Degrees, Basketball Free Throw Contests and council fundraisers. Garrett believes that the Knights have been a wonderful experience for him and his family and has had the opportunity to meet many fine people. We wish him the best as our Grand Knight and we know that, with the support of all our brother knights, he will do a great job for us in the next two years.

For these reasons, we are extremely proud to name the Kelenske Family as our council's Family of the Month.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Tackx



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FAMILY OF THE YEAR

We, as members of the Holy Rosary Council, are very proud to name Joe and Elizabeth (Liz) Zagar and their five children as the “Family of the Year.” They exemplify everything a Christian family should be. They have gone above and beyond the normal actions of everyday Christians.

Joe and Liz are active members of St. Michael’s Parish here in Muskegon. They have raised five children in the faith and are very proud that all five have attended Muskegon Catholic Central (MCC) and have graduated from local and state colleges and universities. Joe is employed at the Kaydon Corporation as an engineer. Liz has worked at Wesley School for disabled children. They have been involved with the school board, the school plays and many other activities at MCC. Joe and Liz host a Catholic youth group at their home and participate in other religious and community groups.

Beside this busy schedule, Joe is also a very active member of our Holy Rosary Council. He has been our Financial Secretary for the last three years and has participated in our council’s fund raisers, pancake breakfasts, MI and Membership Drives, and is our “Round Table” coordinator at St. Michaels.

Even though they are very busy people, Joe and Liz did not use it as an excuse when God called them to care for a special child of His. They put their family on hold and mobilized an entire community, just to bring Karim and his mother, Ebtisam, from Lebanon to Muskegon to care for him. They truly believe in the biblical verse, “What ever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Little did they know of his condition or the seriousness of his unknown disease. Later, the doctors were able to identify his very rare disease as Olmsted’s Syndrome. Karim’s physical condition was very visible with black patches of skin, which mutilates his face, body, hands and feet. It had gotten so advanced, that he has no fingers left to grasp with and his feet are so cracked and scabbed over that he finds it very difficult to walk. This rash had literally eating away Karim’s skin and tissue, leaving his body raw and scabbed. It is very painful and always itching. The doctors said that there was no known cure, but they would try to slow the progression of the disease and try to ease Karim’s pain and discomfort. With the donated help of skin specialists, dentists, eye doctors, medical doctors and prosthetics specialists, Karim was able to see some relief with his decease.

The Zagar family and Karim’s mother cared for him 24 hours a day for several months, until their return to Lebanon. Joe and Liz said that they would be very lonely when he leaves. Karim would leave a hole in their hearts. This beautiful child had warmed their hearts and became

one of them. They continue to work hard to send money for Karim’s continued care and comfort. They’re longing for Karim is softened with the knowledge that he will be coming back to them this summer to continue his loving care.

We believe is it very evident why Joe and Liz and their children have been chosen as our council’s “Family of the Year.” We know that God will continue to bless and direct them as a Catholic family and in their care of Karim.

Submitted by,

Michael Lewis
Grand Knight

Prayer for Vocations

O God who wishes all people to be saved, touch with grace the hearts of many young men and women, moving them to offer themselves as candidates for the priesthood and religious life. Inspire fathers and mothers and all members of Christian families to become aware of the great need for religious vocations. Endow all people with reverence for these sacred callings that they may encourage many to serve God and mankind in the ranks of religion... “These blessings we ask through Christ Our Lord.”

Amen

**WHEN YOU HEAR
GOD'S VOICE TODAY,
HARDEN NOT YOUR HEART!**

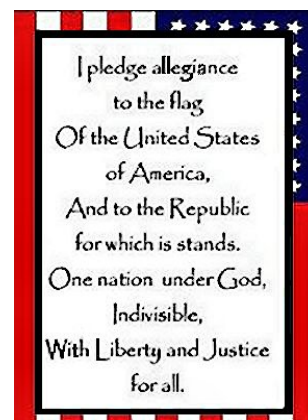
Vocations Are Everybody's Business



***FROM THE
4TH DEGREE***



The Bishop Frederic Baraga Assembly wishes you a very Happy and Patriotic 4th of July!!



TEMPEST FUGIT, MOMENTO MORI

The Knights of Columbus offers special benefits of membership. Among these are unique programs that exist exclusively for K of C families faced with needs that often fall outside traditional insurance plans. The Family Fraternal Benefits package, available to all our good-standing members and their families, adds value to membership in our organization.

- **Guaranteed Life Insurance Benefits for Uninsurable Children**
- **Death Benefits Available for Stillborn/Miscarried Children**
- **Orphan Benefits**
- **Member/Spouse Accidental Death Benefits**

When our organization began, in order to help each other, our members "passed the hat" to assist families of deceased members. Soon, however, this became impossible, as the number of our members grew.

Out of this simple process, we've evolved into a modern, dynamic insurance organization, and offer a wide variety of products to suit virtually everyone's needs.

- **Permanent Plans** - Policy lasts as long as you live, premium stays the same.
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Muskegon Deanery Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We praise you for your wise and loving care for each of us. We ask you to bestow your blessings on us, the Catholic faith family of Muskegon. Keep us united in love, constant in prayer, true to worship, and faithful in the work of justice. Open our minds and hearts to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Continue to make your presence a living reality in our community. Make us courageous disciples, evangelizers, educators, reconcilers and servants. We pray in Jesus' name,

Amen.

The 24 Hour Knight

There are **8760 hours in a year**. Just by giving **24** of those **8760** hours (less than point 3 percent), every man can be a better Catholic, a better father, a better husband and a better man. If you can pay your dues and give the following you have fulfilled your obligations as a Knight:

- **4 hours a year** reading the monthly newsletter, the State Council *Michigan Columbian* and the Supreme Council magazine *Columbia*.
- **2 hours a year** volunteering on the council's annual Tootsie Roll' drive weekend
- **4 hours a year** attending a council corporate communion
- **4 hours a year** on a council sponsored church, community, council, family or youth project.
- **4 hours a year** attending one council meeting.

6 hours a year attending a council social function. This means coming to the Council Picnic and Golf Outing or Council Picnic and Christmas Dinner will cover this obligation.

A Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J. McGivney

God, Our father Protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Fr Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of the Christian family life and to lead the young to generous service of their neighbor.

Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body, which is the Church.

Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant F. Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will.

Through his intercession, grant the favor now present (here make your request for intercession). Through Christ our Lord,

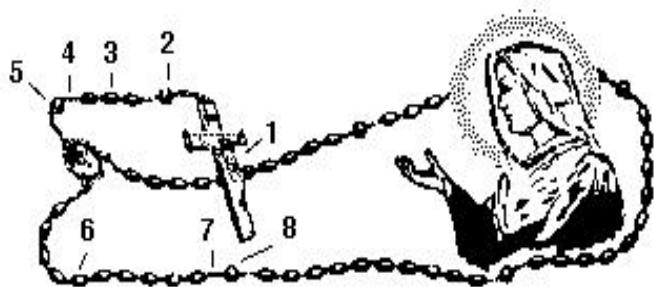
Amen

Then say the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be.



How to Pray the Rosary

1. Make the **Sign of the Cross** and say the "Apostles' Creed."
2. Say the "Our Father."
3. Say three "Hail Marys."
4. Say the "Glory be to the Father."
5. Announce the First Mystery; then say the "Our Father."
6. Say ten "Hail Marys," while meditating on the Mystery.
7. Say the "Glory be to the Father."
8. Announce the Second Mystery; then say the "Our Father." Repeat 6 and 7 and continue with Third, Fourth and Fifth Mysteries in the same manner.



After the Rosary:

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O GOD, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

After each decade say the following prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy."

As suggested by the Pope John Paul II the **Joyful** mysteries are said on Monday and Saturday, the **Luminous** on Thursday, the **Sorrowful** on Tuesday and Friday, and the **Glorious** on Wednesday and Sunday (with this exception: Sundays of Christmas season - The Joyful; Sundays of Lent - Sorrowful)

The Joyful Mysteries:

1. **THE ANNUNCIATION**
2. **THE VISITATION**
3. **THE NATIVITY**
4. **THE PRESENTATION**
5. **THE FINDING OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE**

The Sorrowful Mysteries:

1. **THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN**
2. **THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR**
3. **THE CROWNING WITH THORNS**
4. **THE CARRYING OF THE CROSS**
5. **THE CRUCIFIXION**

The Glorious Mysteries:

1. **THE RESURRECTION**
2. **THE ASCENSION**
3. **THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**
4. **THE ASSUMPTION**
5. **THE CORONATION**

The Luminous Mysteries:

1. **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
2. **THE WEDDING OF CANA**
3. **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM**
4. **THE TRANSFIGURATION**
5. **THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST**



MEMBER INTEREST SURVEY

WHEN A KNIGHTS ACTS SELFLESSLY, HE ACTS ON BEHALF OF THE WORLD

As a member of this council, you are our greatest asset. We value your judgment, we appreciate your opinions, and we rely on your participation for continued success. Since joining the Knights of Columbus, you have undoubtedly become familiar with many of our varied programs of involvement — programs where you can personally apply your talents and fulfill your ambitions. In an effort to satisfy your desires and interests, we ask that you complete the following survey and return it to our program director for evaluation and action.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date: _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State or Province: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

SERVICE PROGRAM INVOLVEMENT

Please list your preferences for possible committee assignments. Mark those areas which you find exciting, challenging and promising.

PROGRAMS

CHURCH

- Vocations
- Parochial Services
- Religious Devotions
- Lay Apostolate
- Parish Round Table
- Christ in Christmas
- Other, Specify: _____

COMMUNITY

- Pro-Life
- Health Services
- Civic Involvement
- Decency
- Human Needs
- Public Safety
- Other, Specify: _____

COUNCIL

- Public Relations
- Fraternalism
- Blood Donors
- Social
- Athletics
- Cultural Events
- Other, Specify: _____

FAMILY

- Survivor's Assistance
- Family of the Month/Year
- Memorials
- Education
- Communications
- Recreation
- Other, Specify: _____

YOUTH

- Columbian Squires
- Youth Groups
- Educational Programs
- Athletics
- Religious Activities
- Social Activities
- Other, Specify: _____

MEMBERSHIP

- Recruitment
- Retention
- Insurance Promotion
- Admission Committee
- Ceremonials

In your opinion, how can our council improve existing programs? Please be specific.

INSURANCE PARTICIPATION

- Non-Insurance Member If you are not currently enrolled as an insurance member, would you like a Supreme Council Insurance Representative to contact you to explain the many benefits available through the Order's insurance program? Yes No
- Insurance Member If you are an insurance member, would you like a Supreme Council Insurance Representative to contact you to explain new and additional benefits available through the Order's insurance program? Yes No

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