



# Knights of Columbus



LANSING COUNCIL # 3540

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR: AUGUST 2020

Congratulations SK Jose Chavez.



## MONETARY DONATION MADE TO THE COUNCIL

Thank you, Pinta Neri Charity, from # 3540!



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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:

Brother & Sir Knights, as this unbelievable and unprecedented year of 2020 is coming to an end, we can look back and reflect that it surely has been a year of emotional ups and downs. At the outset, we began the 3rd decade of the 21st century with high hopes and great

expectations. Our Country, the Economy and our Council were all headed towards a banner year.

Then, around mid-March, our way of life, as we know it, would be changed forever more. Two words would become household names: PANDEMIC and COVID-19. There has been ONLY 9 pandemics since the year of 1700, roughly 3 per century, the last being 52 years ago! With the advancement of modern medicine, the longevity and seriousness of pandemics have been greatly reduced. But this current pandemic has left an unfathomable impact on everyone. This is a virus that hit our shores from outside our country, through no fault of any of us. Millions of people's lives have been destroyed or changed in one way or another, forever! Many lives have been lost, numerous businesses have been decimated, never to come back. Millions have lost their jobs, as well.

But we are a Christian state and our country, with its people, will come back stronger and even smarter, than ever! I truly believe that the Power of Prayer is more POWERFUL than any adversity that we may encounter. In a matter of a few days, our citizens of this great nation, will elect a new President, to lead us into a very uncertain period of time. I believe our future will be BRIGHT, but he will need all our support and prayers. No matter what candidate that you prefer or what political party that you are affiliated with, PLEASE exercise your God-given Right to Vote. This will be the most consequential Election of our lives.

On Saturday, October 31, the beautification of our founder Michael J. McGivney, will take place at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut. This will be Step #4 towards canonization of Fr. McGivney. Please keep Father in your prayers.

**Due to COVID-19 our annual TURKEY SHOOT will be conducted at our November General Meeting, re-scheduled for Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.** Wishing all my fellow Brother Knights of Lansing Council #3540, a very Happy Thanksgiving, for which we have much to be thankful for. Also, a very Holy and Blessed Christmas Season! KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

Looking forward to a very ROBUST coming year for all of us, our families, our Hall, and our Council. There are many great things that are planned for our council in 2021. Why not be part of the excitement? Step up and join us in help making Lansing Council #3540, stronger than ever! VIVAT JESUS!

Michael Kabala, Grand Knight.

## ARE YOU UP TO DATE WITH YOUR DUES?

*PGK Peter Marx, Financial Secretary*

Council dues will be mailed out at the end of this year. Please pay them as soon as possible. This funding helps us run many of our council events. If you do not have a checking account, the council has set up a PayPal account, it is titled "Lansing Council #3540". If you have a change of address, phone number or a new email address please let our Financial Secretary know. We can mail or email our newsletter to you. So, keep us updated on how you would like to receive our mail for information on upcoming events.

If you wish to make monthly payments on your Dues this new system allows for this, but you will not receive your travel card until your Dues are paid in full.

### NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

The Newsletter is no longer being sent by Bulk Mail. With First Class mail, the Post Office is not forwarding mail, and your Newsletter is being sent back to the Council. So, if you are planning to move or being temporarily away for a period of time, please let the Financial Secretary know. Therefore, you will be receiving your Newsletter without interruption and saving the Council the postage.

## Council Sick

## Pray for those IN NEED!

Please, keep all our members and ladies in your prayers as we must intercede in prayer for them; PGK Robert Blake, Ron & Joan Fisher, BK William Benne, Vice Supreme Master Paul D. Isherwood, BK William Skarwecki, SK Gene & Rita Sanchez, PGK Rich Czarnecki, GK Mike Kabala, Genevieve Haney, DGK Roger S. Tyderek, Jr., PGK Ken Cuprisin and Martha Pope, and the Catholic Parishes of St. Ann and St. James going through the Renew my Church discussions.

If there is someone you want to add to our Council Sick List, contact PGK Joseph Matlon at 219-365-8353.

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

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We meet the First Tuesday of each month, 8:00PM in the lakeside hall at: **Kacey's Banquet Hall – 17800 Lorenz Ave, Lansing, IL 60438. Please bring your travel card & silence your phone!**

## Birthdays

Have a Great Year!

**KNIGHTS IN NOVEMBER** - Robert A Horn 1st, John E Sandrick 5th, George L Mc Namara Jr 6th, Timothy J Caballero 8th, Leo V Hennessy Jr 8th, Jerome E Wayman 10th, Paul A Stender 12th, Roger P Hunz 14th, Gregory L Morris 17th, Manuel A Gonzalez 20th, Bryan R Gruszka 20th, John R Staib Sr 21st,

**KNIGHTS IN DECEMBER** - Jose T Chavez Sr 2nd, William Skarwecki Jr 2nd, Joseph S Blake 4th, Michael E Collins "70" 5th, Aloysius C Okonkwo 6th, Robert R Hilsen 8th, James J Suszynski 10th, Barry S Kekelik 11th, Robert L Lauer 12th, Bernard A Wrzesinski 12th, John R Kelly 14th, Robert T Borst 16th, Gerald M Sebahar 17th, Mark Noel Paramo 21st, Thomas J Sitkowski Sr 21st, Edward M Stone 23rd, Richard J Haney 30th, Jonathan B Siatta 30th, Robert G Mueller 31<sup>st</sup>.

When out celebrating another year, join us at Kacey's Restaurant one week before or after your Birthday, you will receive your age percentage off your dinner. For Example: if you are 50 years old you will get 50% off on your dinner. It is only good for the person having their Birthday.

## COLUMBIAN LADIES REPORT

MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY!



Due to the Pandemic restrictions, the Columbian Ladies have not been able to meet. Our next tentative meeting will be on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm via Zoom videoconference. We will not meet in December 2020 and January 2021. Previous Columbian Ladies will be contacted by email or phone on how to connect for this meeting.

If you wish to join the Columbian Ladies, you can attend one of our monthly meetings held on the fourth Monday of the month, September through November, and March through June. Dues are \$10 per year. Membership is open to any Catholic or Christian female who is 18 years old or older. For more information, contact us at [columbianladies3540@gmail.com](mailto:columbianladies3540@gmail.com).

## 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HOLIDAY CHEER

CAN YOU ASSIST HELPING THOSE MOST IN NEED?

Once again, we will be asking for a donation of one dollar a month from our members. All of the money we receive for this program will be given out to support communities and local food pantries. This is probably the 15th year we have run this program and last year we received just over \$1,300. A letter for this program will be mailed out with your council dues notification. Thank you, for your support. Chairperson - Pete Marx.

## A SCRIBE'S NOTE

SEE DETAILS BELOW!

Brother Knights, a new scribe is needed for the 2021-2022 Fraternal year. If you are interested and have asked yourself, what is a scribe? Please feel free to contact me so I can help you and the council to find my replacement. Thank you. Matthew Martinez, PGK, Scribe.

## CHAPLAIN/DEACON REPORT

THE SEASON OF "WE DON'T KNOW"

At the end of November, we will begin the Christmas Season with its introductory period Advent. This period is a time for preparation for Christmas, the first coming of Christ. In the past, we all have had our own routine ways of preparing for and celebrating Christmas. Some of these routines, which might be called 'traditions', are in regard to our religious observances and some in regard to our civil observances. But will we be able to follow these 'traditions' this year? What will our celebrations be like? Will we have the same family get-togethers? What about shopping and gift-giving? Will there be church services as in the past? If so, what will they be like? To all these questions we can answer, "We don't know."

*"This is the time when all creation will stand in awe and wonder at the presence of Christ in his glory."*

The period of Advent is also a reminder of our preparation for the second coming of Christ. This is the time when all creation will stand in awe and wonder at the presence of Christ in his glory. But what do we know about this event? When will it happen - in our lifetimes or centuries from now? How will it happen - instantaneously or over a period of earthly time? What will happen to us? How will we be changed from human to eternal form? What will the 'New Jerusalem' mentioned in Revelation really be like? Again, to all these questions we can answer, "We don't know."

What, then, do we know? There will be a judgment. As written in the Synoptic Gospels, all of us will be judged by what we did for others. Even though we do not know how shopping and gift-giving will be done, we are called upon to give gifts to those who are needy. We are called upon to give companionship to those who are lonely, however that may be. We are called upon to give hope to those who despair, especially in these troubled times. We are called upon to give love to those who are near to us, family, friends, associates, and many others. How we will do these things is up to us and our own imaginations.

If we were to be asked how we will celebrate this upcoming Advent and Christmas season, we could answer that it is "The season of 'we don't know'" If we were to be asked what we will do, we should answer, "We know." and "We will do it!"

Deacon Jim Detloff

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR FIELD AGENT

HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR BENEFITS, LATELY?

Soon you'll be receiving your 2020 Fraternal Survey. Separate and distinct from the council fraternal survey, this survey is designed to help members update the Supreme Council on their information and circumstances, so that the Supreme Council can - in turn - advise them of the member benefits available to them that they may not be taking advantage of.

And just what are those benefits?

Of course, you, your spouses and your dependent children have the exclusive opportunity to protect your financial future through the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus can ensure your life, protect your family, safeguard your paycheck, help provide for your long-term care, and help you retire happily and comfortably. You know that part well. But that's not all. The Knights of Columbus also provides a complimentary financial benefit to members, like our accidental death coverage.

*"We're brothers! And, as such, my primary focus is not to make a sale or close a deal, it's to help you determine what protection you and your family may need."*

One of the benefits of membership that I think is most important and most underrated is the simple benefit of having a relationship with a brother Knight field agent. Unlike my commercial counterparts, I share a common bond with you. We're brothers! And, as such, my primary focus is not to make a sale or close a deal, it's to help you determine what protection you and your family may need. My job is to help you identify solutions that work best for you, period.

So as a Knight, you can meet with me as often as you'd like. I can use some of our cutting-edge software and tools as well as my own experience, to start exploring your financial situation, or your retirement, and present potential solutions for you and your family to consider. I can help you customize a plan for protection that is specific to your circumstances and your budget. But I can't help you with what I don't know.



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So as things get somewhat back to normal, and we all start to ramp up again in the fall, I encourage you to keep an eye on your mailbox for the Fraternal Survey, fill it out, let me know what's new, and I'll be in touch to schedule a follow up conversation - virtual or otherwise - so we can talk about potential next steps. I look forward to connecting soon. Vivat Jesus!

## SPELLING BEE CONTEST

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HELP/AND OR ADVERTISE THIS EVENT?

Our council will host a Spelling Bee Contest. This will be tentatively scheduled for January 30th, 2021. Per the current Covid-19 pandemic, we will be requesting that everyone wear a mask while in the hall. We will also check everyone's temperature before entering the Lakeside room for the contest. We will setup the seating that everyone will be at a safe distant location from another person. This Spelling Bee contest will be for students from the 5th through the 8th grade. The contest will be held in our council hall. With registration starting at 10:00am and the contest starting at 10:30am sharp. This contest is free and is open to the public. The first, second and third place winners will receive a trophy and be eligible for our Regional Spelling Bee in March. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Chairperson for this event. Pete Marx, cell is 219-688-4241. Thank you.

## ANNUAL VOCATIONS RAFFLE

PLEASE HELP THE COUNCIL SUPPORT BOTH OF OUR SEMINARIANS!

Brother Knights, this is your Final Call for our Vacations Raffle. All proceeds from the Raffle will be used to help support our seminarians and Priests. They need our help, so please sell or buy a raffle book and return the STUBS WITH THE COVER INTACT as soon as possible to Ron Fisher at 3538 193rd Street, Lansing, IL 60438 - or use the return envelope provided in the mailing.



Illinois State Council K of C Charities Inc.  
BENEFIT OF ILLINOIS VOCATIONS SUPPORT PROGRAM

**\$20,000 IN CASH AWARDS**  
\*20 PRIZES\*

1st Prize - \$10,000	2nd Prize - \$2,500
3rd - 6th Prizes \$1000/each	7th - 10th Prizes - \$500/each
11th - 15th Prizes - \$200/each	16th - 20th Prizes - \$100/each

**FUND DRIVE ENDS: DECEMBER 4, 2020**  
**DRAWING: DECEMBER 12, 2020**

Save This Ticket for Your Identification  
Please enter my name in the drawing. I do not wish to make a donation at this time.  
Donation \$1.00      Winner Need Not Be Present

In addition to the many Seminarians we have supported in the past, many are serving in the Priesthood, we can be proud of our past efforts, but we must continue to Support out Vocations Raffle for future Seminarians and Priests. For every book we buy and sell our Council receives a total of \$9.00 to support our local efforts. In addition, the State receives \$6.00 to support the greater worldwide cause, totaling \$15.00 of support.

Remember, if it were not for a former Seminarian Father Michael J. McGivney, we the Knights of Columbus would not be the organization that we are today. For more information or additional books, please contact Ron Fisher, your vocations Chairperson at (708) 895-5579. Vivat Jesus! Ron Fisher.



## FOURTH DEGREE MEMBERS

INTERESTED IN THE NEW UNIFORM?

Are your Stritch Assembly dues current? Do you want to participate in step outs with the color guard? Our council received a donation which is to be used to purchase the new uniforms. If you have been wanting to get the new uniform, but funds are a little bit short, the council can help. We will be offering a stipend to help with the cost of purchasing a new uniform, depending on how many Sir Knights need the help, will determine the amount given. So, we will need to know how many of you Sir Knights are interested in this stipend. Remember this is for purchasing a new uniform only. In order to keep this fund going for future Sir Knights, if financially possible, we would like to have the stipend paid back over time.

If you are interested, please contact PGK Bob Layne at [robertlayne19@yahoo.com](mailto:robertlayne19@yahoo.com) or let me know at a council meeting. The deadline to notify me will be December 28, 2020.

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

OPEN TO COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, SEE DETAILS BELOW



Save the date for Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, tentative serve time is 10:00 a.m., Due to COVID-19 restrictions, space is limited (50 persons). **All reservations** must be made to Co-Chairperson/DGK Roger Tyderek, by November 24<sup>th</sup>, no exceptions. In order to RSVP your place for Breakfast with Santa, the council must have all attending children's names and ages, names of all adults attending and a phone number to be reached at. To RSVP., please contact Roger at 708.474.7604. If our RSVP exceeds 50 persons, an additional Breakfast time might be added from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

## BASKETBALL FREE-THROW CONTEST

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HELP/AND OR CO-CHAIR THIS EVENT?

The council has tentatively picked January 29, 2021 to conduct our annual Free-Throw contest. This contest for Girls and Boys from the 5th grade to 8th grade is open to the public at no cost.

Location, time, and further details will be provided as soon as they are available. The Council is also looking for either a Chairperson or Co-Chairperson to run this event. Please visit our council website for the latest information for this event.

## OUR VETERANS NEED YOUR HELP!

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HELP THOSE THAT SERVED OUR COUNTRY?

The Manteno Veterans' Home opened in 1986, located east of the city of Manteno in Kankakee County.

The home is located on a 122-acre campus and comprised of five major nursing care units and two ancillary service and support buildings. They provide care for up to 294 Skilled Care and Special Needs Veterans.

These members of the home need donations of Regular Soda (Pepsi products, Coke Products and Root Beer) as well as Individual bags of Chips, such as Lays. If there any questions, contact Michelle Shear at the Veterans home at: 815-468-6581, extension 259.



## TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

RECAP OF OUR EFFORTS FROM SEPTEMBER



The 2020 Tootsie Roll Drive (I.D. Drive) is finally in the books. Even with the pandemic this year and ONE THIRD of our volunteers not available from last year, Lansing Council #3540 still managed to have our BEST Drive in recent memory! The total collected this year was \$9,323.82!

My DEEPEST appreciation and gratitude to all those who volunteered this year and especially those who worked multiple shifts and the street intersections, as well. A huge

contributing factor to this year's success was the extreme generosity of the local businesses who donated TWICE as much money, collectively, as they did last year!

Again, from the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU for all your hard work and support of the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Programs who help these Special Children of God. There are still tootsie rolls available to purchase which cost only \$7.00 for a sleeve of 50. See me! Vivat Jesus!  
Michael Kabala Grand Knight - Chairman

## POPE FRANCIS AND CIVIL UNIONS

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THESE COMMENTS?

Pope Francis appeared to have endorsed civil unions for same-sex couples for the first time as pope. His holiness was quoted to have said, "Homosexual people have the right to be in a family. They are children of God and have a right to a family. Nobody should be thrown out or be made miserable over it. What we have to have is a civil union law—that way they are legally covered. I supported that."

The documentary, "Francesco," made global headlines because of the pope's apparent call for civil union legislation. However, as the pope has often said, this does not mean that he believes that same-sex couples should be allowed to marry. On a number of occasions, Francis has warned against threats to the institution of marriage and described marriage as "between a man and a woman."

It was subsequently revealed that several sentences spoken by the pope in the documentary were spliced together, out of context, from the 2019 interview, and journalists have since then asked questions about the precise nature of the pope's remarks on civil unions.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that those who identify as LGBT "must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God's will in their lives and, if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition."

## A TRIBUTE SPECTACULAR ON AN AUTUMN KNIGHT

A RECAP ON THIS PAST EVENT

Due to circumstances beyond our control we have made the decision to cancel this event. All tickets will be refunded. Thank you for your support and we will continue to keep you updated with future events.

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## COUNCIL CALENDAR/UPCOMING EVENTS...

November 4<sup>th</sup>... Cardinal Stritch Assembly #205, Brother Kerkel Council # 5866 147<sup>th</sup> & Keeler Midlothian, IL, 7:30p.m.

November 16<sup>th</sup>... Tentative Columbian Club Meeting Kacey’s Restaurant...7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

November 17<sup>th</sup>... **\*\*Re-scheduled\*\*** Lansing Council General Meeting Kacey’s Banquet Hall, Lakeside Room 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

November 24<sup>th</sup> ... Tentative Lansing Council Officer’s Meeting, Kacey’s Restaurant 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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December 1<sup>st</sup>... Tentative Lansing Council General Meeting, Kacey’s Banquet Hall, Lakeside Room 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

December 2<sup>nd</sup>... Tentative Samuel Cardinal Stritch Assembly #205, Chicago Heights Council # 997 724 195<sup>th</sup> Street Chicago Heights, IL, 7:30 p.m.

December 12<sup>th</sup> ... Tentative Breakfast with Santa, Kacey’s Banquet Hall, 10 a.m.

December 21<sup>st</sup>... Tentative Columbian Club Meeting Kacey’s Restaurant...Kacey’s Restaurant...7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

December 29<sup>th</sup>... Tentative Lansing Council Officer’s Meeting, Kacey’s Restaurant 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

## COLUMBIAN CLUB NEWS

SEE DETAILS BELOW!



Kacey’s Banquet Hall, Restaurant and Lounge is looking for our next experienced partner (Catering Company and/or Chef) to do business with. We offer the opportunity for your business to be our in-house caterer to cook for our contracted clients wishing to hold their event at our facility.

Interested parties that are willing to work with the Kacey’s, we would ask of you to please visit: [www.lansingkc.com](http://www.lansingkc.com) to check out our facility, and if interested contact us with any questions at 708-895-7720 or email us at: [ColumbianClub1@yahoo.com](mailto:ColumbianClub1@yahoo.com).

On the behalf of the officers and membership of Lansing Council # 3540, we wish you a safe and blessed Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!