



Knights of Columbus



LANSING COUNCIL # 3540

K of C CHARITIES BENEFIT DRAWING

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1st Prize - \$10,000	2nd Prize - \$2,500
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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

ANNUAL COUNCIL RAFFLE!

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65th Annual Raffle



LANSING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

1st Prize - \$5,000 CASH
2nd & 3rd Prize - \$1,000 CASH
4th & 5th Prize - \$500 CASH

MAIN DRAWING FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2020
Early Bird Drawings:
June 29th & July 28th, 2020 - \$250 Cash

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All Drawings Held at Kacey's
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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:

Brother and Sir Knights, as we begin our new Fraternal Year of 2020-2021, I would like to report that there is FINALLY some good news! Our very 1st Officer's Meeting was conducted on Tuesday,

August 25, at the Hall. It was a good feeling to get back to some semblance of normality, even though face masks and Social Distancing were in effect. This coming Tuesday, September 1, we will be hosting our very FIRST face to face General Meeting since March 2nd. The meeting will begin at the regular time of 8:00pm. Plan on arriving a little bit earlier than usual because strict Social Distancing will be in force. Your temperature will be taken before you enter the Lakeside Room, at the Hall. Also, don't forget to bring your face mask with you to the meeting. NO ADMISSION WILL BE ALLOWED WITHOUT A FACE MASK! The Columbian Board Report and Election of Officers will occur directly after the General Meeting. I hope that many of our Members will be in attendance that evening. Obviously, there is MUCH information to talk about.

Our annual Calendar Meeting will be conducted on Thursday, September 17, in the Lakeside Room at 7:00pm. Please plan on joining us that evening to schedule our upcoming events for the upcoming Fraternal Year.



Again, I would like to thank all our Brother Knights and Sir Knights, who participated in the Honor Guard and Prayer Service for FDD, PGK, and Sir Knight, Michael Melko (pictured on the right, next to GK Mike Kabala), on Thursday, August 13, at Kish Funeral Home in Munster, Indiana. Mike was a VERY active member, along with his family, during the 1980's and 1990's. The Melko family were very grateful and appreciative of the Knights of Columbus presence at the Wake Service. R.I.P. Brother Michael on a job well done.

Since 1952, Lansing Council #3540, has been an integral part of the landscape of Lansing and its surrounding community. During those very early years, Brother Knights had a VISION, indeed. Can you imagine the cost, the work and the manpower it took to build our existing building that we have enjoyed, as a council for 68 years? It wasn't easy by no means, but the mission was accomplished. As the years flew by and our council grew, the Brother Knights of Lansing Council #3540, stepped up and got involved with various programs and events. It took TEAMWORK, working together for the betterment of our council and the many recipients of our charitable works. I realize that our total Membership is nowhere near the total as it once was, BUT the programs and events that the Knights of Columbus are synonymous for, are still there and need our help more than ever. With the dawning of a new Fraternal Year, take a moment to look deep into your Soul and pray about it, to see if you would like to get a little more involved with volunteering or chairing an event? Thank you so much to those that have and continue to give of your time, to the many programs that we support. Looking forward to our 69th year of inception and may it be one of great success and fulfillment for our council and community, as well.

Finally, our annual I.D. Drive (Tootsie Roll Drive), will be conducted on 2 weekends this year. Volunteers will be collecting contributions at Strack & VanTil, (only), in Munster on Ridge Road, Friday and Saturday, September 11 & 12, from 9:00am till 6:00pm. Also, the following weekend, September 18, 19 and 20 at various other business locations, street intersections and churches throughout the community, from 9:00am till 6:00pm. All positions ARE available. Please contact me if you are interested in signing up and volunteering for this wonderful Program to help the Intellectually Disabled.

VIVAT JESUS!

Michael Kabala, Grand Knight.

ARE YOU UP TO DATE WITH YOUR DUES?

PGK Peter Marx, Financial Secretary

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. **The outstanding 22 dues accounts are being handled by our retention committee, for their personal contact with you.** Please take their call and make payment arrangements with them as soon as you can. Your dues help our council support many programs.

If you have a change of address, phone number or email address please let me know. This way we can send you informative emails on upcoming events.

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, William Benne, Vice Supreme Master Paul D. Isherwood, 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. We pray for the repose of PGK Mike Melko, who died in August.

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

IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

GRAND KNIGHT

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Dominic Podsiadlik ... (219)-448-1069

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 SEPTEMBER - Dennis R. Prisby 1st, Michael S. Collins 2nd, Steve J. Piskula 2nd, Donald P. Schiller 2nd, Patrick J. Funchion 4th, Dennis M. Mlcoch 7th, Richard G. Okray 9th, Bruce F. Barton Sr. 10th, Raymond T. Kucynski Jr., 11th, Raphael Paramo 11th, Joseph A. Whitman 12th, Harold Couture 13th, Donald L. Drewenski 14th, PGK Kenneth G. Cuprisin 16th, Gene T. Lozzi 23rd, Donald A. Uram 24th, Thomas E. Bermingham 26th, PGK Brian C. Fisher 26th, Steven L. Kasper 27th, Roger S. Tyderek Jr., 28th, PGK John A. Haney 29th,.

KNIGHTS IN OCTOBER - Christopher A Siatta 2nd, Ronald Carl Hudson 3rd, Joseph P Koziol 3rd, Joseph J Beissel 5th, Sebastian Fisher '30' 5th, Deacon James E Detloff 7th, Christopher J Siatta 7th, Joseph Mosqueda 10th, Joel E McCarthy 11th, Shaun M Porento 11th, Thomas E Merkelis 20th, Richard J Mielcarz 20th, Michael S Sanchez 20th, Kenneth E Wasniewski '80' 20th, John L Krismanick 21st, Leo R Conry Sr 23rd, Jesus E Avila 24th, Rev Lawrence Collins 24th, Ralph D Clinnin 25th, Rev David B Krolczyk 25th, Serapio Mota 27th.

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 first meeting will be on Monday, September 28th at 6:30 pm via Zoom videoconference. 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.

65th ANNUAL COUNCIL RAFFLE

BELOW ARE THE WINNING NUMBERS FOR OUR FUNDRAISER

Congratulations to the second and last early bird drawing winner, ticket number 1835.

Below are our winners: 1st place: Ticket # 1584 2nd Place: Ticket # 0727

3rd Place: Ticket # 0549, 4th Place: Ticket # 0361, 5th Place: Ticket # 0362.

Thank you all for supporting the council, even during these Pandemic times.

CHAPLAIN/DEACON REPORT

LIVING IN DIFFICULT TIMES

We all know that we are living in difficult times and it is easy to think that, just because this is happening to us now, we are the only ones who have been forced to live under difficult conditions. Since we have not been used to living under conditions such as this, we have a difficult time reacting to and adjusting our lives to these conditions. If we look back into the past, we will find that we are not the first to encounter problems. The following is a quote from a letter attributed to Barnabas, the companion to St. Paul mentioned in Acts, which can provide us with some useful advice. “When evil days are upon us and the worker of malice gains power, we must attend to our own souls and seek to know the ways of the Lord. In those times reverential fear and perseverance will sustain our faith, and we will find need of forbearance and self-restraint as well. Provided that we hold fast to these virtues and look to the Lord, then wisdom, understanding, knowledge and insight will make joyous company with them.”

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Barnabas’ first instructions are to turn to ourselves and make sure that our actions are beneficial for the future of our soul and to seek to know what God may have planned for us. It is in difficult times that we try to go outside of ourselves and become immersed in what is happening to the detriment of ignoring our own spiritual welfare. He goes on to tell us that we need to turn to God with reverential fear and to persevere in prayer. We constantly need to be reminded that the everyday happenings in the world can distract us from spending time with God.

He also offers advice as to how to interact with those who might be causing the turmoil. We are to practice forbearance and self-restraint. Our first human reaction is to reach out in anger or in self-defense against those who are upsetting our lives. Barnabas’ advice is to stay calm and remember to turn to God. Even though it might be difficult at times, we need to be reminded that it is God who judges. This is brought out well in Revelation when, during the final battle at Armageddon, only Jesus and his angels are involved; Christians are spectators.

Barnabas ends on a positive note. If we try to take care of our own soul, if we turn to God and turn everything over to God, if we live a Christian life in accordance with the teachings of Jesus, then we will be rewarded with wisdom, understanding, knowledge and insight. We will also be rewarded with the joyous company of God in this life and in our anticipated life forever.

Deacon Jim Detloff

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FIELD AGENT

WE STAND STRONG ON ETHICAL GROUND

The world is slowly beginning its return to the way things were - at least as much as it can. It'll likely be months before we know what normal looks like now. You've probably heard the saying attributed to an unsavory (to say the least!) historical figure that "there are decades where nothing happens, and there are weeks where decades happens."

It certainly feels that way now. We have crammed decades of changes into these last several weeks, and it's hard to know what change is permanent, and what changes will prove temporary.

Not everything is fluid though. I am struck by the resilience of the permanent things - our faith, our fraternity, our families. I'm sure you've seen the tremendous ways in which the Knights of Columbus in particular has proven itself equal yet again to this current challenge. Whether it was the establishment of the Leave No Neighbor Behind Initiative, or the launch of the diocesan loan fund, or just the every-day, every-city response of councils across the globe, we have responded as we always do: swiftly, powerfully.

Sure, we've had to cancel some things. We've had to have some virtual meetings. We've had to stay a safe distance apart. But our distance hasn't diminished our unity, nor has it changed our impact. I continue to be proud to be a part of this great organization - especially in moments like this. And I know you are too.

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That's why, for me, being financially committed to the Knights is such a point of pride. We all need life insurance. We all need to plan for retirement. We all need to think about and prepare for life's what-ifs.

But when it comes time to decide who to make those preparations with, and who to choose to buy those products from, we can choose to spend our money with the company who establishes a multi-million dollar loan funds for Catholic dioceses in their most desperate time of need, or we can go another route. We can choose to buy our insurance from a company who leaves no neighbor behind, or a company who has no real concept of who their neighbor is. We can prepare for our retirement with a company whose members are - once again - setting an example of true Christian charity for all to follow, or we can go in a different direction.

I would challenge you, whether you've never inquired or it's been a long time - to take a fresh look at the Knights of Columbus as a trusted financial partner, and see what products and services we may



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have that might help you and your family. As we all start to get back to things, I can meet with you in person or by video, whichever you prefer, and we can have stress-free, no-commitment conversation about the possibilities.

It's a way to further your commitment to all that we stand for, and - at the same time - obtain some much-needed peace of mind in times like these. I hope we'll chat soon.

A TRIBUTE SPECTACULAR ON AN AUTUMN KNIGHT

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HELP/AND OR ATTEND?

On Saturday, October 3, from 7pm till Midnight, the Lansing Knights of Columbus will be hosting "A Tribute Spectacular on an Autumn Knight". This will be an ALL ages event and will be a tribute to Billy Joel, Elton John, Aretha Franklin and other musical legends. The performances will be composed of Brian Harris and his band, which brought us the Simply Elton Show last December, in our Hall.

Ticket prices will be sold in tiers for this event which will be held outside. We will be enforcing Social Distancing, masks will be required, tables will be separated by 6 feet and this event will be sold by the table so contact tracing can be made, if necessary. Whether you have a table for 1 or a table for 8, we will be able to accommodate you. When buying tickets, we will need the names and phone numbers of the people attending. Safety is CRUCIAL and we hope that everyone will experience a safe and enjoyable evening of great entertainment.

We will also need Brother Knights and their families to help on the day of this event, to ensure it will be successful. We will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs and serving potato chips and beer, as well. We will have signup sheets at the September General meeting, along with a breakdown of what is needed. The gates will open at 6pm for guests to enter and be seated. **TICKET PRICING WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

\$20 BRONZE Level includes the show, all you can eat hamburgers, hotdogs and chips. Pop and water will be included and beer can be purchased throughout the night. (Children 10 and under, will be \$10).

\$30 SILVER Level includes the show, ALL the above, but beer and wine will be included along with a souvenir beer stein. Mixed drinks will be available for sale in the lounge.

\$50 GOLD Level includes the show, ALL the above, PLUS you will have priority seating close to the stage and have the opportunity to meet the performers after the end of the show.

Tickets can be purchased at Kacey's Lounge, Tuesday-Saturday during business hours. For information, you may call 708-895-7720. ALL groups much purchase tickets together in order to be seated together. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, October 3! Chairman, Chris A. Siatta, PGK.

ANNUAL VOCATIONS RAFFLE

PLEASE HELP THE COUNCIL SUPPORT BOTH OF OUR SEMINARIANS!

Brother Knights, it is once again time 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.

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 our 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.

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COUNCIL CALENDAR/UPCOMING EVENTS...

September 1st ... Lansing Council General Meeting Lansing Council General Meeting, Kacey’s Banquet Hall, Lakeside Room 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

September 2nd ... Cardinal Stritch Assembly #205, St. Francis of Assisi 15050 Wolf Road, Orland Park, IL, 7:30p.m.

September 11 & 12 Tootsie Roll Drive at Strack & VanTil, Ridge Road in Munster. 9:00am - 6:00pm

September 18-20 Tootsie Roll Drive at street intersections and various other locations 9:00am - 6:00pm

September 17th Calendar meeting for the council, Kacey’s Restaurant...7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

September 21st... Columbian Club Meeting Kacey’s Restaurant...7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

September 29th Lansing Council Officer’s Meeting, Kacey’s Restaurant 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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October 3 A Tribute Spectacular on an Autumn Knight Kacey’s Banquet Hall Parking lot Lakeside Room 7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

October 6th ... Lansing Council General Meeting, Kacey’s Banquet Hall, Lakeside Room 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

October 7th ... Tentative Samuel Cardinal Stritch Assembly #205, St. Theodore Guerin Council # 14057 7025 W 126th Street Palos Heights, IL, 7:30 p.m.

October 19th ... Columbian Club Meeting Kacey’s Restaurant...Kacey’s Restaurant...7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

October 27th ... Lansing Council Officer’s Meeting, Kacey’s Restaurant 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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.