



*Greetings, Brother Knights:*

As we bid goodbye to one year and welcome the new one, I would like to thank the council for making my first six months “on the job” go very smoothly and productively. Earlier this year we welcomed six new council members – (clockwise from top left) **Ron Freitas, Kennedy Wilson, Peter Ruddell, John Thelen, Brad Gagnon** and **Joshua Theisen** – in addition to a couple of new transfers.

We hosted a successful parish picnic in July as well as an overflow crowd for **Father Mark Ingot**’s 60<sup>th</sup> birthday breakfast in November. We installed a new slate of officers in August, and a few weeks ago replaced our aging and inefficient refrigerator in the storage room (thank you, **Art Weber**, and all who contributed).

All in all a busy summer and fall, with more of the same ahead in the winter months.

One of our newer council members, **Ed Kupec**, helped lead an initiative this fall alongside Lansing Catholic volunteers that raised approximately \$2,000 for the council. Ed organized a crew of “ticket scanners” for all seven Michigan State home football games, rain or shine, day games and one memorable evening affair against Oregon.

To his credit, Ed stayed the course and never wavered. He actively recruited for every home game, arrived early and stayed late. He developed an excellent working relationship with MSU event staff and has set the bar fairly high for next year’s team leader.

*A couple of items to note for January:*

- If you haven’t submitted your 2016 dues payment, please do. You should have received at least one email notice, and one snail-mail.
- We will host the District 52 Meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, in the Baraga Room. All council officers are invited to attend, pizza and beverages will be served beforehand.
- We need two volunteers for the district free throw competition Saturday, Jan. 16, at St. Mary’s in Williamston. Registration begins at 10 a.m., free throws at 10:30 a.m. Council winners from STA are Stevie Bertsch (age 10), Adam Sambaer (age 11) and Tommy Bertsch (13).



## **2016 CALENDAR**

- Jan. 6** – District meeting, 6 p.m., Bishop Baraga Room
- Jan. 10** – Pancake breakfast, 9am-noon, STA gymnasium
- Jan. 12** – General meeting, 7:30 p.m., Baraga Room; guest presenter, St. Vincent Catholic Charities
- Jan. 15-17** – “Christ is Counting on You,” weekend retreat, St. Francis (DeWitt)
- Jan. 16** – District Free Throw competition, St. Mary’s (Williamston), 10 a.m.
- Jan. 26** – Officers meeting, 7:30 p.m., Baraga Room
- Feb. 10** – Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 12** – First Fish Fry



- State council raffle tickets are on sale. If you need extras, let me know. Every ticket sold generates a \$1 rebate for our council.
- Our council will host the Holy Family traveling icon the second week in January.
- A major degree is scheduled for Feb. 20 at the Council 788 hall on Grand River Avenue. Details forthcoming.

## **CONGRATULATIONS to following KNIGHTS and FAMILIES OF THE MONTH:**

JULY: *Knight of the Month* – **Ben Williams**, for arriving early and staying late at the annual summer parish picnic. *Family of the Month* – **The families from St. John and St. Thomas** who turned out for the annual summer parish picnic.

AUGUST: *Knight of the Month* – **Ed Kupec**, for stepping up to lead the MSU ticket scanning effort, 7 home games, 42 volunteers and \$2,000.00 raised, well done Special K.

SEPTEMBER: *Knight of the Month* – **Pat Daniels**, key member of the MSU scanning brigade, Pat worked the Breslin Center during his days at MSU and you could tell he's heard just about every story there is from fans who want to leave the stadium and re-enter, even though the signs clearly state that they cannot. *Family of the Month* – The **Jeff Nedwick** family, for pitching in with all hands on deck after the first pancake breakfast.

OCTOBER: *Knights of the Month* – Council 7816 first degree team of **Frank Goeddeke, Leo Christel, Chuck Graff, Art Weber** and **Mike Wooley** for a very successful first degree ceremony, when we inducted 6 new members. *Families of the Month* – The **Scott Jakovac** family, for the great work they do behind the omelet bar at the pancake breakfasts; the **Bruce Harte** family, for helping at MSU football games.

NOVEMBER: *Knight of the Month* – **Chuck Graff**, grillmaster extraordinaire, cool under fire, handled an overflow crowd at Fr. Mark's 60th birthday breakfast while never breaking a sweat. Well done, Worthy Trustee. *Families of the Month* – The **Brian Jay** family, Chuck's pancake griddle partner was nice enough to volunteer his daughter to help serve and clean up after the breakfast; the **Ken Tiffany** family, for helping at MSU football games.

DECEMBER: *Knight of the Month* – **John Ingraham**, for helping to resuscitate the council website and for making sure the monthly minutes are posted in a timely fashion. *Family of the Month* – The **Art Weber** family, in particular his wife **Kristy**, for cooking up the zesty pot of chili for the December post-meeting meal.

# *Knighly News*

East Lansing Council #7816



GRAND KNIGHT, MARK MEYER



Last, but not least, our Lenten fish fries will begin Feb. 12. Thanks to the new refrigerator, our prep (thawing) should be much easier.

May the new year bring you peace, happiness and prosperity.

Fraternally yours,

*Mark*



*Jeff Nedwick, whose family helped lead the cleanup after the September breakfast, gets buy scrubbing the coffee pots.*



*The new fridge – thanks to all who donated.*



*Supply sergeant Art Weber makes sure that our pantry is fully stocked.*



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL 7816 OFFICERS

JULY 2015 - JUNE 2016

OFFICE	RESPONSIBILITIES	
GRAND KNIGHT	Responsible for overall Council Welfare	<b>Mark Meyer</b>
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT:	Second in command. Assists GK	<b>Dante Centofanti</b>
CHANCELLOR	Third in command. Assists GK/DGK	<b>Larry Meyer</b>
RECORDER:	Keeps true record of business and correspondence	<b>Rob Railing</b>
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Three-year term appointed by the Supreme Council. Collects and receives all moneys due the Council. Keeps membership accounts and financial records	<b>Richard Poljan</b>
TREASURER:	In charge of handling all council funds	<b>Art Weber</b>
LECTURER:	Educational, informational, and entertainment Programs for Council meetings	<b>- vacant -</b>
ADVOCATE:	Legal Representative of the Council	<b>John Ingraham</b>
WARDEN:	Maintains all Council property. Sets up furniture furnishings for Council meetings, ceremonies, etc	<b>Russ Martin</b>
INSIDE GUARD	Attends inner door of Council. Assists Warden in setting up for Council meetings, ceremonies, etc	<b>Mike Wooley</b>
OUTSIDE GUARD	Attends outer door of Council. Assists Warden in setting up for council meetings, ceremonies, etc	<b>Paul Stevens</b>
TRUSTEES:	Supervision of all financial business	<b>3rd year: Alan Stuart 2nd Year: Chuck Lewis 1st Year: Chuck Graff</b>
CHAPLAIN:	Spiritual advisor to the Council. Appointed by Supreme Council	<b>Fr. Mark Inglot</b>



## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

January 1 – Jim Hicks Jr., John Molloy,  
Bill Wesley

January 5 – Brian Lum

January 8 – Mike Swords

January 10 – Chad Carrigan, Don Hillman

January 16 -- Rod Poland

January 18 -- Fredric Heidemann, David  
Schenburn

January 20 -- Thomas Bertsch

January 22 -- Taylor Piotrkowski

January 23 -- Steven Clisch, John Ingraham

January 24 -- Michael Lavagnino

January 25 -- David Neugent

January 26 -- Roger McKinley

January 27 -- Thomas Bouman

January 29 -- William Hufnagel

January 30 -- John Peters, Jim Schimmel

January 31 -- John Cahill, Paul Heberlein

## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

February 1 -- Scott Jakovac

February 3 -- Bryon Ball, Jim Epolito

February 7 -- Pat Gillespie, Mike Niemela

February 8 -- Anthony Meier, Patrick Scheetz

February 9 -- Erik Corbett

February 13 -- Ron Freitas

February 14 -- Jason Hagle, Kennedy Wilson

February 17 -- Gabriel Diaz

February 18 – E. Thomas Keena Jr.

February 19 – Mike Wooley

February 20 -- Michael Hughes,  
E. Jerome McCarthy

February 21 – Bill Leveque

February 22 -- Edward M. Belles, Jim Campbell

February 24 -- Ike Iyioke

February 26 – Ben Williams

February 27 -- Ralph Hepp, Eric Sawatzki

February 29 -- Byron Gallagher



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