

East Lansing Council #7816

GRAND KNIGHT, MARK MEYER



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 Inglot**'s 60th 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.



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

- 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).

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- 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.

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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.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL 7816 OFFICERS JULY 2015 - JUNE 2016

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



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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 Piotrzkowski

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 lyioke

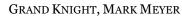
February 26 – Ben Williams

February 27 -- Ralph Hepp, Eric Sawatzki

February 29 -- Byron Gallagher



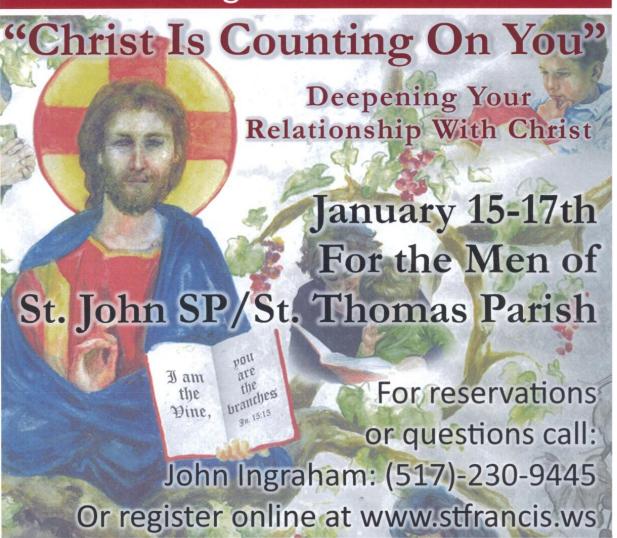








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