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FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT

Dear Brothers,

One of the factors of any successful organization is functioning within it's financial means. As your Grand

Knight, I have had the responsibility of ensuring that we have enough money to finance the many activities we choose to do in our parishes, in our community and to also meet our obligations to the Supreme and the State Knights of Columbus Councils.

Some of our obligations this fraternal year are sending our council delegates and Chaplain to the State Convention (\$1,900), our MI Drive gift to the Area 21 Special Olympic (\$1,124), and our donation Muskegon Catholic Central (\$500.00) and to the Vocations/RSVP Program (\$500). There are many smaller obligations too; donations to Morality in Media, Right to Life, the Take 5 Program and the Holy Cross Children's Services.

Our council is still trying to find its niche with raising capital to fund its good works. I have discovered that other councils have Car Shows and Wild Game Dinners, weekly Fish Dinners and Bingos, while others have auctions and special projects to fund their activities. Right now we have income from your yearly dues, pancake breakfasts, our rosary sales and repairs and the Youngers Community Day sales, which earned about \$1,500 this year. So you can see how important our fundraisers are to our council. If anyone has a new idea for a fundraiser, please let me or any of our council officers know about it.

We currently have the a series of (3) Gas Raffles going on, this will probably be the major fundraiser that our council has this year. It has the potential to raise a total of \$ 3,000.00, so it is critical that we get participation from every member. As of this writing, the first raffle, which ends on March 19, has almost all of the 300 raffle tickets picked up for sale. But, this is being done by less than half of our council's members. I challenge all of you to be more active in this endeavor. Come to the next meeting (the 3rd Wed. of the month), or call me for tickets. **With over (50) members, if each member just bought or sold (6) tickets for each raffle, we would easily have the 300 tickets sold to realize the \$1,000 profit for each of the remaining raffles.**

I want to thank all of you who have participated in our fundraisers and special projects. Without the help of Brother Knights like Tom Ketchum, Garret Kelenske, Brian Cirner, Wayne LaPointe and our Parish Round Table Coordinators, who took it upon them selves to head up many of our activities, our council's efforts would not have been possible. I want to thank those Brothers who have paid their annual dues on time and answered the call to help when asked. I want to give a special thanks to those of you who have stepped forward to volunteer your help when you saw a need or when your expertise was invaluable to our projects. Our council is extremely active with only 55 members. Please answer the call to help your council. As Knights and as children of Christ, let us always be mindful that we are "Here to serve ... not be served."

Yours In Christ,

Mike Lewis
Grand Knight

APRIL
BIRTHDAYS



Albert Coffee 3rd
 Deacon William Cook 8th
 Fred A Groendyk 10th
 Dr. David Tomczak 22nd
 Ron Goodey 26th

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 1st April Fool's
 April 5th & 6th Blitz Weekend all Parishes
April 6th Major Degree
St. Vincent DePaul Council # 4404 Conlin
 April 11th & 12th 4th Degree Exemplification
 Crown Plaza Hotel Grand Rapids
 April 15th Tax Day
April 16th Business Meeting 7:00 PM
April 17th Our Lady of Charity Icon Service
St. Michaels Church 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
 April 22nd Earth Day
 April 22nd4th Degree Business Meeting
 Dan M. Kennedy Council # 706 to Host 7:30 PM
April 27th 1st Degree Initiation
George J. McCarthy Council # 2975 to host
1:30 PM registration 2:00 PM start
 May 1st Feast of the Ascension
 Holy Day of Obligation
 May 4th Ascension Sunday
 May 11th Mother's Day
May 14th 1st Degree Initiation
Dan M. Kennedy Council # 706 to host
7:00 PM Registration 7:30 PM Start time
May 18th Major Degree
Marian Council # 3111 Fremont
May 20th Regular Business Meeting 7:00 PM
Election of Officers for the 2008–2009 Fraternal Year
 May 23rd – 24th Michigan Knight of Columbus
 State Convention at Mackinaw Island
 May 26th Memorial Day
 May 27th 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 PM
 George J McCarthy Council #2975 to host

SPECIAL NOTE:

THE MAY MEETING WILL
BE ON TUESDAY MAY 20TH

Because the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight will be in transit to the Michigan State Convention on the regularly scheduled meeting day.

COMMITTEE EVENTS

Rosary Committee

Fr. Berniot has made a request of us to make several hundred rosaries for him that will be given away to migrant workers. We also have a number of rosaries we will need for RCIA candidates and elementary school graduates. You are invited to join the Rosary Committee on their regular scheduled meeting nights. Please contact me for dates and times.

Mike Lewis
 231-780-8086

Fund Raiser Committee

We will be holding a series of (3) raffles for \$500.00 in CASH or \$500.00 in gas over the next six months. Tickets are \$5.00 a piece and there is a limit of 300 tickets that will be sold. We are asking that all members either purchase or sell (5) tickets. Please contact the Grand Knight for your tickets.

2008 – 2009 Election of Officers

This is the slate of officers as nominated by the Election Committee. All other officers not listed are appointed by the Supreme Knight or Grand Knight. We will hold elections for office during the regular business meeting in May. All those interested in running for office should attend this meeting; additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. All persons nominated from the floor must be present to accept the nomination.

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Membership Committee

	Total Membership		YTD Change					
	04/01/2008		in Membership					
	55		6					
	Month to Date				Year to Date			
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%
MBR	5	0	0	0	6	0	6	120
INS	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	33

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



April Michael "Mickey" Lewis

The Knight of the month for this month is Michael L. Lewis Jr. Mickey as is an active part of our council. He faithfully attends our business meeting and does a great job serving as our worthy Warden. Mickey is easy to spot as he politely but firmly checks for our ID as we enter the business meetings.

Mickey's wife's name is Jennifer C. Lewis and she is from Davao City, Philippines. Jennifer has a bachelors degree in business management with which she uses since she runs a store out of her house. Mickey and Jennifer went through a very challenging immigration process that lasted for about a year and a half and hope before they were united last year. Mickey graduated from Muskegon Catholic Central then served his country in the US ARMY for four years. He works for Quality Tool and Stamping and has been working there for nine years.

Mickey and Jennifer were united in marriage on January 26, 2005 in Davao City, Philippines at St. Mary's parish. Their family parish here will be St. Jean's along with his father and his mother. Mickey tries to help at all events in the cluster. Since he has joined the Knights of Columbus he has given willingly of his time at our events. When asked how important religion was in raising his family Mickey answered, "Religion is what keeps the family together. Being apart for so long, it puts a strain on a marriage. Religion gives us a deeper level of commitment to each other". Mickey sees the Knights of Columbus fitting in with his family life mainly as a way that he can give back to the church that has helped him through tough times.

Most recently Mickey is involved in developing a web site for our council. The hard work involved in this effort will be a great benefit to help our council advertise the great events we are involved in and hopefully help recruit new members. Congratulations to Mickey our Warden and Knight of the Month.

Submitted by
David Wingard



FAMILY OF THE MONTH



April Garret and Kathleen Kelenske

Garret and Kathleen Kelenske, with their three children, Morgan, Rylee, and Christopher, are the councils "Family of the month." This wonderful family has been blessed with each other's love; a caring parish at St. Michael's Church and a strong and faith filled attitude of God's teachings and love.

They have also been faced with a great deal of life's challenges such as unemployment, Kathleen's health problems and a young son, Christopher, who has a chromosome disorder that many times threatens his very existence. They also face the everyday problems like illness, and financial challenges, or just trying to raise a family of faithful and happy children. Through all of these adversities, both Garret and Kathleen have never lost their faith and trust in God's blessings and strength. Garret has jokingly stated, "He was going to change his name to Job, and that he wondered when the locust were going come." It takes a special faith to carry on with this kind of positive attitude.

As a loving couple, Garret and Kathleen continue to believe that their religion is very important in raising their young family. They use the Bible as an example for raising their children and for living a good life. They attend mass together, pray together and they were recently seen together as a family at the St. Mary's cemetery Memorial Day services.

Garret, as our council's Warden and now Deputy Grand Knight, has been active in many of the Knights of Columbus activities. He shows the same openness in doing God's work in the Knights, as he has shown in raising his family. He has been present at our Knights of Columbus meetings helped with the St. Jean's Chicken Dinner, the Basketball Free Throw Championship at Muskegon Catholic Central and our annual Tootsie Roll sale. He has also been a faithful member of our Rosary Committee. We were wondering how he got so good at making rosaries till he let it slip that his wife, Kathleen, was helping him. Never the less, his work and dedication are impeccable and with his great attitude, he is a real asset to our group.

We believe strongly that the family of Garret and Kathleen Kelenske is a loving model in our Knights of Columbus. Because of their belief in Jesus' goodness and strength, they will continue to be blessed and guided in their lives.

Submitted by
David Wingard

RAFFLE

\$500.00 in CASH

or

\$500.00 in GAS



\$5.00 per ticket

with a 300 ticket limit

See the Grand Knight for YOUR tickets

The Winner of the First Raffle is:

Richard Eller

Essay Contest

This year's essay contest is complete, the winners have been chosen and the essays have been submitted for the next level of competition. Our Essay Committee of Wayne LaPointe, Michael Lewis and Mickey Lewis had the jobs cut out for them this year. The theme for this years contest is "What America means to Me" and the participants provided thought provoking, intelligent and inspiring papers for the committee to sort through. One of the comments offered after reading the essays was that it was difficult to believe that 6th and 7th Graders and not adults wrote some of the essays. We would like to thank all the students who submitted essays and the committee members for all their efforts.

We are proud to announce this year's winners:

Level I:

Stephanie Amo and Michael Trier

Level II:

Jaime Smallbone and Peter Clark

The winners will receive a \$50.00 gift card and a award certificate.

"Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

John 20:29

'Our Lady of Charity', the Order's Pilgrim Virgin image for 2007-2008

The Knights of Columbus Councils in Michigan will host the "Our Lady of the Charity" Holy Icon on Thursday April 18, 2008. There will be four "Our Lady of the Charity" icons traveling throughout the state where special Marian Hour of Prayer services will be conducted. The icon will be on display at St. Michael the Archangel Church from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Members and their families are encouraged to come view the icon and to participate in the rosary prayer service.

IS IT TIME FOR AN INSURANCE REVIEW?

Our Beginnings; A Sanctuary

In the late 19th century, North America was experiencing an influx of people from all over the world. Many were relegated to living in unsanitary conditions, and performing hazardous jobs for poor pay. Such was the life for Catholics, and the untimely death of the family breadwinner often devastated a family. Since the very beginning of our organization, we have been there for our membership and even though the times have changed the loss of you would be devastating to your family.

Ownership Benefits

Because we're a Fraternal Benefit Society, we have no stockholders. Our owners are our members. We return our good fortune in the form of dividends to our policyholders.

Your Commitment to your family

Have you fulfilled you commitment to your family and made sure they will be provided for in your absence? And when was the last time you reviewed your policies to make sure the coverage will meet their future needs? Isn't it time to call Pat Turek for a review?

**PRIESTS, BROTHERS, NUNS.
THEY NEED US.
WE NEED THEM.**

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

The Feast of the Ascension

The Ascension is the final act of the life of Jesus, made up of three events, which include the final departure of Jesus from earth, his going up into heaven, and the taking of his place at the right hand of the Father.

The Feast of the Ascension is always on a Thursday, 40 days after Resurrection, and is one of the ecumenical feasts ranking with the feasts of the Passion, of Easter, of Pentecost, and of Christmas, among the most solemn in the calendar. It has a vigil, and an octave, which is set apart for a novena of preparation for Pentecost in accordance with the directions of Leo XIII.

The observance of this feast is of great antiquity. St. Augustine says that it is of Apostolic origin. In the liturgies generally the day is meant to celebrate the completion of the work of our salvation, the pledge of our glorification with Jesus, and His entry into Haven with our human nature glorified.

It is celebrated all over the world, and specially at Mount Olivet and Bethany. Certain customs are connected with the liturgy of the day: The blessing of the firsts fruits, because Jesus is the first fruit, a pledge of our glorification (1Cor.15:23).

Forty days after his Resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven by his own power in the presence of his disciples, taking his place at the right hand of the Father, the place he had from eternity, but from now on as a Man-God... and, on top of it, his promise of Pentecost, and the promise of the angels of his Second Coming, as narrated in Acts 1:6-12, Mark 16:19, and Luke 24:50-51.

For us as Catholics, the Ascension is the culmination of his life in Christ: Jesus, in his Ascension, is the first fruits, a pledge to our glorification (1Cor.15:23)... and still more: When Jesus went up to Heaven, he didn't go to a far place. Heaven is where Jesus is. If Jesus is in you, the whole Heaven is in your heart, right now!, including the Father and the Holy Spirit, and the Blessed mother, and all the angels and saints... because where Jesus is, there is the Father and the Spirit, and where Jesus is, there is the Blessed Mother and all the angels and saints.

Paul cries out, when he says that a Christian by Baptism not only was crucified with Christ and resurrected with Christ, but also "God raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Eph.2:6, Rom.6:3-10)... and it so because every Christian is a member of the Mystical Body of Christ, and where the Head of that Body is, every member of that Body ... alleluia! (1Cor.12, Eph.4, Colos.3) Thus, St. Paul urges us to live our lives now as if we had already died, had risen, and had ascended with Christ. In a mystical sense we had done that, in that our Head has done that. In a physical sense it is still in the future.

A Christian is living all of this right now, temporarily, and in faith... but after his death, it will be the "end of times" for him, the end of time and space, which it is what it means the "end of times", because in the eternity there is no time nor space, "one day is a like thousand years, and a thousand years is like one day" (2Pet.3:8, Ps.90:4)... the Christian will be ascended into Heaven in body and soul, glorified with Jesus for eternity.



Fr. Michael J. McGivney would be the first American born priest to be declared a saint.

Pope Benedict XVI Saturday approved a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus. The pope's declaration significantly advances the priest's process toward sainthood and gives the parish priest the distinction of "Venerable Servant of God." If canonized, Father McGivney would be the first American born priest to be so honored.

