



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

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<b>Chaplain</b>	SK Fr. Larry King	<b>Grand Knight</b>	SK William Christian
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<b>Financial Secretary</b>	SK Gary Pasikowski	<b>Treasurer</b>	SK Tom Klein
<b>Recorder</b>	Todd McElmurry	<b>Advocate</b>	SK Francis Vallier
<b>Warden</b>	SK Don Gunderman	<b>Lector</b>	SK Don Gunderman
<b>Inside Guard</b>	SK John Hengesbach	<b>Outside Guard</b>	SK Rocky Beckhold
<b>Trustees</b>	SK Bob Fox	SK Gary Fedewa	SK William Vallier

## *April, May, and June 2018*

### **Grand Knight's Report**

*Luke 12:34 For wherever your treasure is, that is where your heart will be too.*

Brother Knights,

A proposal to **Change the By-Laws** was discussed at the March meeting. The proposal is to change the regular meeting time to 7:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. This change must be published in two newsletters, after which a motion for the change can be voted on.

Knight of the Year: Bob Fox

Family of the Year: Chris & Jennifer Vallier

I want to thank Rex Waltersdorf, Bill Vallier, and all those who worked to make our Knight of the Year Banquet a big success. We were honored to have Bishop Walkowiak as the keynote speaker, and it was good to have our Council Chaplain, Father Larry King join us.

The Upcoming Events page lists some great ways to serve others and meet new people. Join us at a meeting or let Bill Christian know (email and phone above) if you can lend a hand.

Vivat Jesus,  
Bill

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### **Building Corporation**

Enclosed you will find the annual Building Corp. 50/50 raffle tickets. Please take the time to sell and/or purchase them. The raffle proceeds will help defray some of the expenses as we continue to update the hall. Tickets can be returned to Gary Fedewa, 9975 Kent St., Portland or to John Vallier, 7933 E. Grand River Ave., Portland

With regards to the extra expenses we have incurred, last year we spent \$7000 recoating the parking lot, landscaping and painting the exterior of the hall, stripping and waxing the floors, and painting the interior of the big hall. In January, we had to replace one of our furnaces at a cost of \$4200. The foyer and coat rooms have had the paneling removed, new drywall installed, and new trim put up. All of this work is being completed with donated labor by Council members where possible. John Vallier has added 3 extra card parties this year and Rich Schneider added one more casino bus trip to help add to our refurbishment funds. However, we need additional funds in order to continue updates in the bathrooms and kitchen. We are asking membership to prayerfully consider helping out with a donation.

## Message from Our Insurance Agent

### *Our Guarantees Set Us Apart*

Today I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great financial engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equal more charity. We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence.

Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

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## Honors

When you see these men and families, thank them  
for their service to their families, church, council, and community.

**2018**  
**January**  
**February**  
**March**

### **Knight of the Month**

Jim Barnes  
Todd Davlin  
George Rutherford

### **Family of the Month**

Neil & Deb Miros  
Mike & Lori Weiber  
Doug & Brenda Smith

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## Good of the Order

Please pray for these Knights and their families.



*Strengthen them with Your love and Your grace.  
Console them with Your blessed Presence.  
Grant them the courage to persevere.*



Rosie Baker	Larry Blundy	Connie Carr	Donna Fedewa
Catherine Fedewa	Tom Graft	Kathleen Gross	Mary Kloeckner
Mae Lehman	Cindy Meyers	Jerry Platte	Geralyn Ryan
Rose Simon	Rita Sunday	Fred Steed	Steve & Rita Snitgen
Dawn Becker	Brittney Vallier-Fedewa		
	Wayne Pline 2-25	Michael Smith 2-15	Leon May 3-14

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## Building Corporation

We really appreciate the help of all the tickets sellers and buyers. The funds raised from this raffle help to support the upkeep of the hall. Contact Tom Klein if you have any questions.

**2018**  
**January**  
**February**  
**March**

**\$100**  
Mike Weller  
Harry Klein, Jr.  
Gene Spitzley

**\$50**  
Joyce Strang  
Jan Livingston  
John Vallier

**\$50**  
Charlie Schrauben  
Joe Russman, Sr.  
Pat Heckman



## Upcoming Events

*Save this page for future reference*

Any changes to the events below will be announced  
in the St. Patrick Parish bulletin, time permitting.

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### April 2018

Mon.	4-2	8:00 PM	Business Meeting
Tues.	4-10	Noon - 5	Blood Drive
Sat.	4-14	4:30 Mass	Corporate Communion
Mon.	4-16	7:00 PM	Admission (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Degree Initiation
Mon.	4-16	8:00 PM	Social Meeting

### May 2018

Wed.	5-2		Casino Bus Trip
Mon.	5-7	8:00 PM	Business Meeting
Sun.	5-13	8-11	Mother's Day Breakfast
Mon.	5-21	8:00 PM	Social Meeting
	5/26-5/28		State Convention @ Mackinac Island

### June 2018

Sun.	6-4	7:00 PM	Admission (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Degree Initiation
Mon.	6-4	8:00 PM	Business Meeting
Tues.	6-5	Noon - 5	Blood Drive
Mon.	6-18	8:00 PM	Social Meeting & Envelope Stuffing

Knights Hall, 690 Maynard Road, Portland			District #70	
<b>Hall Rental</b>	Jude Kramer	517-647-2274	<b>District Deputy</b>	SK William Vallier Portland Council #2168
<b>Building Cooperation</b>	(Francis) John Vallier	517-647-6409	<b>Lake Odessa Council #14404</b>	Andrew Snider
			<b>Pewamo Council #8071</b>	SK James Schmidt
			<b>Portland Council #2168</b>	SK William Christian
<b>Worthy State Deputy</b>	Kenneth B. Unterbrink		<b>Saranac Council #11113</b>	Gregory Price