



# **Knightly News**



*The Official Fr. John Howard Council 8500 Newsletter*

## **Message from the Grand Knight**

***Vivat Jesus,***

***White Christmas*** by Bing Crosby and ***Silver and Gold*** by Burl Ives are still dancing in my ears. It is the most magical time of the year. My wife and I got married 30 years ago on December 19th and 3 years later on December 21st we were blessed with our daughter Rachel. This is truly a Blessed Season.

To say we are busy around this time of the year is an understatement. We all have a lot going on. Please remember to check on your elderly neighbors and make sure they are safe and warm. When putting away all the new stuff you got this year, please donate your older stuff to people in need.

One of the things I like to stress this year the need of additional members. We are not trying to get, we **are** going to get Star Council this year. In order for that to happen we all need all hands on deck to help recruit new members. Please help us achieve **our** Goal! I will be putting out our updated calendar in the next week or so once I get some additional dates to post.

I am excited to announce that our council will be hosting the Knights of Columbus District meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup> from 6~9 PM. This will be a great way to talk to other councils and see what they are doing and what works for them.

Have a safe and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

***Kevin Webb***

Grand Knight

## Knights of Columbus Celebrate our Clergy

We are blessed to have laity at The Church of the Holy Spirit that support the Knights of Columbus Council 8500. Deacon Mike has been our faithful Chaplain for as long as I've been here and Fr. Wayne for the past nine years. In recognition for their dedicated service, the Knights are proud to provide a check to assist them during this blessed Christmas season.

*Thank you for all you do!*



## **Fourth Degree Christmas Program**

The doors of the social hall opened at 6 P.M., just after 5 P.M. Corporate Communion Mass at which many Knights & their Ladies were present for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Christmas Party. After a short program and award presentation, the remainder of the night was devoted to mingling and dancing. There was also a raffle conducted towards the end of the night on nineteen (19) beautifully wrapped baskets provided by the Holy Spirit Ladies Club and from various members from Gaines, Fenton and Highland.



Food was provided by Richard Cheaney Catering, and the menu WAS the hit of the party. It consisted of:

- Pork tenderloin w raspberry sauce
- Chicken Marsala
- Spinach ricotta vegetable roll-ups
- Garden fresh toss salad,
- Calif. vegetable blend
- Oven roasted potatoes
- Fresh bread w butter

In addition there was an appetizer and dessert planner. Of course, there was plenty of spirits [consisting of beer, wine], sodas, water and coffee!

Music was provided by John Kayanzk.

The Christmas Party, which is rotated every year to one of the three Councils that comprise Fenton Assembly #2031 (Fenton, Gaines and Highland) was the responsibility of the Sir Knights and their Ladies from Council 8500 in Highland. Next years party rotates to Council 7418 In Fenton.

This is just one of the two parties which the Assembly holds for ALL it's members and their guests - the other is an annual picnic which is always held on the second Thursday of August.

The Assembly is always looking for new members and further information can be had by contacting any one of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knights in Council 8500 here at Holy Spirit. The next Exemplification will be held on April 29, 2023, at St. Gerard Parish in Lansing at which many Sir Knights and their ladies WILL be attending from Holy Spirit.



Award of Merit (Johanna Claxton), Knight of the 4th Quarter (Dennis Fodell), Award of Merit (John Litzelman), Knight of the 3rd Quarter (Robert Nichol), Patriotic Service Award (Joseph Salvia) and Knight of the Year (Bob Szymanski).

*Article by John Litzelman*

## Milford Christmas Parade

We are proud of our veterans, especially those from the Knights of Columbus here at the Church of the Holy Spirit. We thank them for their service, in the military and here at the parish – serving country and community.





## MI Drive



Bill Dillon and Beth Frydlewicz traveled to Milford High School to present a check to Darlene Garrison and some very special students before Christmas. They were so very, very grateful for support from Council 8500, not just today, but for the years and years of support

Darlene admitted there are very few donors to the program, and the Knights are angels for helping with all our efforts. With our last check, they were able to continue running day camps as well as a field trip to Frankenmuth complete with a Zehnder's chicken dinner.

Hats off to all who support and work the MI Drive. You **are** making a difference in a number of lives.

## Holly Schools

**From:** Jennifer Lauria  
**Date:** Fri, Dec 16, 4:01 PM  
**To:** Grand Knight 8500

***Dear Knights of Columbus,***

Thank you so much for your generous donation to Holly Area Schools! We will continue to put this to good use to expand our life skills curriculum and instruction to prepare our students with the transition to adulthood. I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas!

With Gratitude,  
***Jennifer - Director of Special Services***  
Holly Area Schools

**From:** Kevin Webb GK 8500  
**Date:** Fri, Dec 16, 4:08 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Lauria

***Jennifer,***

You are very welcome. We are honored to support you and your program. Please let me know if you have any special situations that you need help with and we will see what we can do to help. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.


Sincerely,  
***Kevin Webb - Grand Knight***  
Council 8500 Knights of Columbus

## Repeat by Popular Request - How do I get reimbursed for approved Expenses?

There is a process in effect for reimbursement for expenses for our Council. It has been in effect for almost six years, though some Knights are still unaware of the actual procedure.

First, is it a valid expense? Is it part of a Knights' event, such as a general membership meal, poker license, pancake breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt, Daddy-Daughter Dance or similar event? If so, then it can be requested for reimbursement. Also, if there is a motion in a general membership meeting, that is approved, then this is also a valid expense.

Several items are required to start the process. First, is a knowledge of what account in the budget that an expense should be charged against and if there are sufficient funds. If not sure, please contact the Financial Secretary and/or Treasurer. Second, a receipt be required, especially when audited. We need to protect our tax-exempt status by following all accounting rules. Finally, an R-Form (Reimbursement Form) needs to be submitted along with the above documentation.

	<b>Knights of Columbus</b> Fr. Howard Council 8500 3700 Harvey Lake Road Highland, MI 48356		Financial Secretary: _____ Treasurer: _____ Batch #: _____ / Invoice #: _____	
	Submitted by: <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">1</span> _____	Date: <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">2</span> _____		
	Expense (\$): \$ <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">3</span> _____	# Pages: <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">4</span> _____		
	Make Check out to: <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">5</span> _____			
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-90deg); transform-origin: center;">         Send Check to:       </div>	Name: <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">6</span> _____			
	Address: <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">7</span> _____			
	City, State - Zip Code: _____			
Please enter a full description of the expense and all important information pertaining to this request to insure proper payment: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; margin-top: 5px;"> <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; width: 20px; text-align: center;">8</span> </div>				

- ❶ - Name of Knight submitting the request. This is important in case there are questions.
- ❷ - Date of submitted request.
- ❸ - Total dollar amount of the request to be reimbursed.
- ❹ - Number of pages of this request. It is important if multiple pages to insure all is attached when received by the Financial Secretary.
- ❺ - Name of who the check should be made out to. It can be different than name in ❶.
- ❻ - Who to send the check to. This can be different than name in both ❶ and ❺.
- ❼ - Complete address to mail check.
- ❽ - Detailed description of the expense as well as attached receipt. If receipt does not fit on this page or on 8-1/2 x 11" sheet of paper, copy sections on each page. **Do not paper clip a receipt smaller than full page to this R-form as it can get lost or torn off.**

Questions concerning this process should be directed to your Financial Secretary or Treasurer. Note at **all** R-forms and requests need to be processed through the Financial Secretary, Dennis Nunnold.

## **Good of the Order**

Please remember these people in your prayers this month. The list is long this month, and the need is great. There is Power in Prayer.

Contact Dean Aubry to add to the list.

- Allen, Mike
- Johnson, Wayne
- Arvani, Chris
- Jones, Bob & Diane
- Aubry, Dean & Jeannine
- Lintol, Jim & Collette
- Badgero, Mark
- Lipscomb, John & Janet
- Brang, Kelly
- Litzelman, Carol & John
- Buechel, Debra
- Lucas, Dennis & Joyce
- Buechel, Butch
- Luther, Maurie & Mary
- Buffington, Barry
- Marshall, Michelle
- Burke, Gerry & Jo
- Martin, Rick
- Burni, Angela
- Mecklenburg, Dawn
- Byrnes, Jim & Diane
- Meyer, Edward
- Cardona, Trina
- Miller, Doug
- Caplan, Cathleen
- Mitch, Tom
- Cerini, Livia (Lee?)

- Oltesvig, Vincent (TOM)
- Cheff, Paul
- Owen, Don & Julie
- Collison, Tom (4th degree)
- Prezkora, Carol
- Dewar, Rita
- Rhodes, Aiden & family
- Faulkner, Steve
- Stradler, Nicki
- Fenwick, Angel
- Salvia, Richard
- Gonder, Wayne & Mary
- Stuck, Jeff & family
- Gorski, Ty & Kay
- Tacy, Joan & Bob
- Tanner, Rita
- Joan M. Hayes
- Tiara, Kevin
- Huddas, Barbara
- Walker, Cindy
- Huddas, Victor
- Webb, Gary (foot infection)
- Nick McKaskin, wife & mother
- All Widows
- Our Holy Spirit Parish
- The State of Michigan
- The United States of America
- The Ukrainian people

### **Our Faithfully Departed:**

- Mother of Barb Huddas
- Scott Hoensheid
- Laura Collier
- The Unborn & aborted babies
- All the Faithfully Departed

## Knights' Bikes / Jail Outreach Ministry



The remaining food from the Knights' Bike Dinner was transported to Jail Outreach Ministry office in Pontiac where it was greatly appreciated by Sister Peggy and her staff



## Mark your calendars for the following events:

**January 03** - Officers' Meeting

**January 10** - Members meeting

**January 31** - District Deputies' meeting

**February 05** - Highland Haven breakfast

**February 07** - Officers' Meeting

**February 14** - Members meeting

**February 15** - 6-month audit due

## Awards

### Knight of the Month:

❖ December – Gerald Burke

### Knight of the Quarter:

❖ KoQ (3rd) – Tony Young

❖ KoQ (4th) – Bob Szymanski

### Knight of the Year:

❖ Chris Porter

## January Birthdays



January 04	Kenneth Hurst
January 06	Paul Alflen
January 09	Kenneth Glover
January 12	Joseph Piwko
January 14	Dennis Lucas
January 15	James Woodgate
January 18	Gary Cornellier
January 20	Charles Mc Arthur
January 25	Steven Sievert
January 26	Christopher Woolhiser
January 31	Michael Single

## February Birthdays

February 04	Michael Cylkowski
February 04	Gary Stanton
February 07	Ryan Mc Donald
February 07	Gary Webb
February 10	Derek Skurski
February 11	Daniel Henn
February 14	Timothy Feeley
February 21	Kenneth Huddas
February 21	Ian Luther
February 23	Edward Nelson
February 23	Jack Shubitowski
February 26	Robert D Ambrosi
February 27	Michael York



"YOU HAVE THE BODY OF A 22 YEAR OLD MAN, PROVIDING YOUR BIRTHDAY IS FEBRUARY 29TH."

# Correspondence



## Knights of Columbus

Father John Howard, No. 8500  
3700 Harvey Lake Rd.  
Highland, MI 48356

*December 19, 2022*

*Church of the Holy Spirit*  
Attention: Wayne Ureel  
3700 Harvey Lake Road  
Highland, MI 48356-1708

*Dear Father,*

The Knights of Columbus have the greatest respect for the parish we represent and our members here. In this Christmas season of giving, we would like to present *The Church of the Holy Spirit* a Christmas donation of \$4,900. As we were unable to make a donation last year, we doubled our donation for this year.

Sincere wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy & Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William F. Dillon, Jr.".

**William F. Dillon, Jr.**  
Treasurer

cc: Kevin Webb - Grand Knight  
Dennis Nunnold - Financial Secretary

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# Correspondence



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400 Beach Farm Circle, Highland, Michigan 48356 248-889-0347 [www.community-sharing.org](http://www.community-sharing.org)  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 405, Highland, Michigan 48357

November 15, 2022

Knights of Columbus  
Father John Howard Council #8500  
3700 Harvey Lake Rd.  
Highland, MI 48356

Dear Friends,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your unwavering support and your generous donation of 24 Children's winter coats from your Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program. We are enormously grateful to have friends like you to help us carry out our mission of providing assistance to those in need in our community. Your kindness is making a huge difference for the individuals, families, seniors, and children we serve.

Through your generous support we can continue to meet the needs of those in our community who turn to us for help with emergency situations. Your generous support will assist us in maintaining our commitment to enhance the quality of life for the families we serve in the Huron Valley area.

On behalf of the Community Sharing Board of Directors, the staff, and most of all the clients we serve, I thank you.

Sincerely,

*Thank-you for doing all you do!*

*David Bell*

David Bell  
President  
Community Sharing Outreach Center

# Correspondence



## **Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.**

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October 24, 2022

KofC Council #8500  
3700 Harvey Lake Rd  
Highland, MI 48356

Dear KofC Council #8500,

Thank you for your donation of \$ 500.00 on 10/21/2022 to the Knights of Columbus Charities Disaster Relief fund.

Because of your kind support, the Knights of Columbus are known worldwide for our extraordinary charity and life-giving programs - with a special emphasis on Catholic values.

Your generosity allows us to help in so many important ways: coats for children during frigid winters, food for hungry families needing a hand-up in difficult times; humanitarian relief following hurricanes, tornados and tsunamis; scholarships for religious vocations; care for the protection of unborn lives; and critical aid for persecuted Christian communities in the Middle East.

Please know that everyone here at the Knights of Columbus appreciates your commitment and your caring ways – we realize that people like you are the driving force behind all the good we are able to accomplish in this world. Thank you!

The Knights of Columbus represents the highest standard of security and soundness, meaning that your donation will be treated with the utmost of integrity.

*With best wishes, I remain,*  
Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald F. Schwarz".

Ronald F. Schwarz  
Treasurer

# Correspondence



7743 W. Grand River, Suite 101, Brighton, MI 48114

(810) 494-5433

[www.friendsatphc.org](http://www.friendsatphc.org)

November 15, 2022

Knights of Columbus Council # 8500  
3700 Harvey Road  
Highland, MI 48356

Dear Friends,

Grateful, Thankful and Blessed! We see this saying all over this time of year. – But this phrase is true all year round at Pregnancy Help Clinic. Truly, there are so many things that I am thankful for. How about you - what are you thankful for?

It is good for us to take a step back and remember all of God's gifts for which we are thankful and the impact in the lives of others. We are thankful for your support which allows us to continue our ministry to moms, dads, and children in Livingston and Genesee Counties.

Thank you for your gift of \$500.00. It's wonderful to hear our client's "gratitude" for your generosity that allows them to receive help and support free of charge. Here are a few recent comments:

***"I absolutely LOVE this place. I'm so thankful, they will help you in any way possible. They are loving, comforting, and understanding. Everyone is super kind. The Parent Mentoring program is very rewarding. This is the best place to seek help when you are pregnant."***

***"I came to Pregnancy Help Clinic for an ultrasound and pregnancy test and found that every staff treated me with kindness and respect. They listened to my concerns about the pregnancy. They offered education and encouragement. I am so thankful for the time and intention of the staff."***

***"This place has been extremely helpful and so generous! For a first-time mom I couldn't believe how much they had to offer from diapers, clothes, formula etc. Attending classes really helped educate me before my baby arrived and still offers classes after baby is born for free! Thank you so much!"***

During this season of Thanksgiving and always, our clients and our staff, thank you for all you do in supporting this life-affirming ministry!

Blessings,

Shari Boley  
Executive Director

# General Notices

- I. Corrections from last Newsletter
  - A. Chris Porter is Knight of the Year, not Knight of the Month
- II. We need articles and input for the monthly newsletter. Please let the editor know what activities, with pictures, or family events are taking place within the Council. This is your Council; share your stories with your brother Knight...
- III. Many thanks to the following people for assisting with this month's version...
  - A. Kevin Webb
  - B. William Dillon
  - C. Dean Aubry
  - D. Dennis Nunnold
  - E. John Litzelman
  - F. Bob Szymanski
  - G. Gary Cornellier
- IV. Future Topics
  - A. Suggestions from the Council would be appreciated.

Article submissions and corrections should be sent to [wildbill3611@gmail.com](mailto:wildbill3611@gmail.com)

## General Notes

- Officers' Meeting – First Tuesday of every month (unless otherwise notified)
- General Membership Meeting – Second Tuesday of every month (unless otherwise notified)
- General Membership Meeting Meal served at 7:00 pm before the meeting at 7:30 PM.