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Brothers - Here is our October newsletter. I hope you find it informative.

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**Knight of the Month** - Jim Guth. Jim does many things for our council - he currently serves as Financial Secretary, webmaster, clothing guru and golf league commissioner. We just completed another fun filled golf season last month thanks to Jim's efforts.

**Family of the Month** - Jim and Sandy Vassallo. Jim is co-chair of the Changing Lives Together campaign and also chairman of the building committee. He and his wife Sandy have been sacrificing a lot of their time and working very hard on that which is all about getting our parish ready for the future. That future includes a new kitchen that we as Knights will very much appreciate with our many breakfasts and dinners.

**Ceremonials** - Congrats to Larry Guastella who received his 2nd and 3rd degrees on Oct 9th. Welcome and congrats to Carl (Charlie) Krawczyk who joined our order and our council on Oct 15th, taking all three degrees at Sacred Heart Seminary.

**MI Drive** - The Fall MI Drive was October 7th, 8th and 9th and we raised a total of \$3300 in donations! Well done, brothers! A total of 24 knights and 4 spouses or friends volunteered to make this happen. For this MI Drive, we voted to split our donations evenly among Michigan Special Olympics, St. Louis Center and Angels Place. A very special thanks to Dan Vaseau for again chairing our drive and personally filling many time slots in order to get the job done. We appreciate your efforts, Dan!

**Council Food Drive** - Our annual council food drive began with our October 14th meeting and we collected approximately 30 pounds of food that night. Thanks to those brothers who brought donations. Our drive will continue until November 16th so that we can get our donations in to the food bank before Thanksgiving. Bring your further donations of canned goods or packaged food goods to our Nov 9th officers meeting or our Nov 16th Regular meeting. Or call your GK at 734-634-0929 and I'll pick them up.

**Charity Poker Fundraiser** - We just completed our first charity poker event of this fraternal year at Northville Downs on October 20, 21 and 22. We were the third charity

and attendance and sales were lower than expected. Still, we netted \$1000 in profits to the council. I'd like to personally thank the following Knights for their help in this activity: Dennis Thinel, Andy Emmert, Ron Socia, John Brady, Hans Hansen, Jim Guth, Paul Pucci, Dan Farnstrom, and David Lengel.

**Financial Secretary** - I'm sad to announce that Jim Guth will be leaving us in a few months. He and his wife, Karen, have bought a new home in New Mexico and likely will be moving soon after the 1st of the year. That means we need a new Financial Secretary. Mike Riley has stepped up to apply for the job, which we very much appreciate. His appointment will need to be confirmed by Supreme. At that time, we will hold a special election to replace Mike as Treasurer. If you are a 3rd degree knight, have some organizational and book keeping skills and are interested, please let me or one of our Trustees know.

**Upcoming calendar dates:**

10/28 - Card night at STAB

11/9 - Officers meeting, 6:30 Adult Ed Room

11/13 - Pancake Breakfast, 8:30 to Noon STAB FLC

11/16 - Regular Council meeting, 7:30 Adult Ed Room (bring food donations)

11/20 - Corporate Communion, 8:00 Mass, breakfast following

12/6 - District Deputy meeting, 6:30 Renaud Council

12/7 - Officers meeting, 6:30 Adult Ed Room

12/11 - Council Christmas party, 5:00 STAB FLC

12/14 - Regular Council meeting, 7:30 Adult Ed Room

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**October is Respect Life Month** - We still have a few more days in the month to remember all the victims of abortion in this Respect Life Month - both all the unborn children and the mothers and families that have been hurt. Please continue to remember them in your prayers.

Please also remember all brothers of this council who are sick or in distress in your prayers.

Our next regular council meeting is **Wednesday November 16th**, starting promptly at 7:30 pm. Hope to see you there!