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#### A Message from the Grand Knight . . .

#### Brothers,

I hope everyone had a great Fourth of July. This year was definitely more enjoyable than last year. A lot of us probably had family and friends over this year as compared to last. Things are becoming more normal as well and are definitely looking up at this time.

I love history. I've always been enamored with the American Revolutionary War. I found it amazing that simple colonists in the 1770s were able to take on and defeat the most powerful military in the world at that time – the British Empire. How did they do this? I think we've all seen the bumper sticker that reads "God, Guts and Guns Made Us Free." While we may not all agree on the subject of guns, they are an unfortunate necessity when war is the only option to resolve a conflict between nations. However, all of us with faith can agree that God is necessary AT ALL TIMES. God frees us and He is the only one whose commandments matter. Yes, we have to follow man made laws. But, in the end, God's laws and commandments are supreme to anything else in the universe.

#### Freedom

We all are blessed to be America and Catholic. We have freedom from an overly oppressive government and our Lord Jesus Christ freed us from the oppression of sin through His passion and death. This country was founded on the principle that a higher power exists. Some of the Founders were simply deists and some were Christians of different denominations. At the end of the day, they all still believed a higher power exist and some called Him God and they had great faith in Him. Freedom can only come through belief in Jesus Christ and this is why we practice our faith and do our good works through the Knights of Columbus.

Brothers, believe it or not, we are members of the KofC, help free people as well. We help the less fortunate through our charitable works. These brothers and sisters are freed from burden of having to worry about where their next meal is coming from or how they are going to get through a day without the basic necessities of life or who will help them. Our disabled brothers and sisters are freed from the inability to move when we fundraise or donate a wheelchair or participate in the Special Olympics. We have all heard the song "Onward Christian Soldiers." Brothers, we are soldiers in God's army. We have a moral and ethical duty, while practicing our faith, to do the work of God as best we can with our abilities. What we do frees people. Let's continue our mission with enthusiasm!

#### Persecution

Our council, like I have said, does a tremendous job with charitable works like helping the less fortunate and our disabled brothers and sisters even during the pandemic. One important thing we are able to do as Knights of Columbus is to help those being persecuted for their Christian beliefs. We find this hard to believe that religious persecution could still happen in the world. In our great country, It's the First Amendment that gives us the right to practice our religion without persecution from the government. Not all people in the world have such a privilege to do so. This is very evident in Irag. These people need help and we need to help them. We have the power to change lives through our charity work. We need to get this done through our Faith in Action program this fraternal year. The world can be a dark place for some due to the inability to take care of themselves or through religious persecution. As we sit in church, week in and week out, we hear about Christ and that He is the Light of the World and Hope for the Hopeless. We are called to not only follow Jesus Christ but also follow in His footsteps as far as doing good for others by loving them and taking care of the less fortunate amongst us. We can be the light that illuminates the hope for these brothers and sisters through our charitable and good works. We are blessed to be able to be a blessing to others.

Brothers, we have a very vibrant and active council. I am very proud to be a member of this council. Any council is nothing without the members or the good works they do. So, in the spirit of the Fourth of July, I want to salute each and every one of you, thank you for being a member of this council and for helping do all the good things we do to improve our little corner of the world. Last year was tough but we got it done. However, I have no doubt that this year should be tremendous. Let's all get that warrior mentality and continue to do the good works that God would expect us to do as Knights of Columbus. Let's make Blessed Michael McGivney and Christopher Columbus proud and continue to do what we do best – changing lives through our good works and loving every human being since we are all made in the image of God.

Pray the Rosary! Vivat Jesus!

Francis Elwart Grand Knight Cell – (248) 722-4798 GK2950@mikofc.org

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#### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR JULY - AUGUST 2021

July 29, 2021 – Planning Meeting – Main Hall – 8:00 – 9:00 pm. August 2, 2021 - Knights Corp. Meeting – Club Room – 7:00-9:00pm August 12, 2021 – Council Meeting and Rosary – Main Hall – 7:30 – 9:00pm.

August 26, 2021 – Planning Meeting – Main Hall – 8:00 – 9:00 pm, October 9, 2021 – Square Dance October 10 - 11, 2021 – Casino Bus Trip



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#### **OUR SICK MEMBERS**

Our prayers are required for the Brother Knights and family members who are sick and recovering:

Joan Shekoski Rick Battani Jim Langeveld Stan Singer Tracey Vallelunga Vic Gatt Kenneth Mulka Veronica German Julie Hernech Raffie Bardizbanian Jr. Linda Nardecchia Ray Keller Clara Mueller Carol Poma Suzanne Langeveld Carly Debiel Kelly Gill Bob Snow Rick Montone Wenzel Koch Brian Mink Richard Wancout Frank Singer Harry Kuk Paul Rybicki Matt Gumbel Sue Stepiniak Jennifer Chandler Rene Battani Della Mulka David Weigand Frances Wood Greg Davies Megan Singer Mike Hoste Mary Quaine Vince Mallia Bernie Hurchalla Ron Ternes Mary Elwart Jack Peake Maria Gatt Yousif Denha Larry Campbell Linda Braet Marion Lelito Stephanie Langeveld Janet Buckner David Deradoorian Jr. Garth Wuchner Paul Palka Nick Cariglia Fred Bolone Frances Elwart Derrick Orban Greg Davies Jim Ostrowski Kyle Wiegand Laura Burmeister Lauren Portnoy Patricia Higgins Sandie Ososkie Wm. Crimando

Please remember in your prayers our deceased members and their families:

If you know of anyone who should be on the list please call us at Any names that are underlined and typed in blue will come off the list next month unless we hear from you.

#### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

We would like to wish all those people who are celebrating birthdays and/or anniversaries during the month of July a Happy Birthday and/or a Happy Anniversary.

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH AND KNIGHT OF THE MONTH WILL BE IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THE PAPER

June – Knight of the Month – Jason Meyers June – Family of the Month – Dennis and Donna Murray

July – Knight of the Month – Jim Demaestri July – Family of the Month – Bernie and Ann Pelc



Anchor Bay Knights of Columbus #5981 Charity Fundraiser Raffle

# Grand Prize

# 2 Night Bed and Breakfast Package at Mackinac Grand Hotel Plus \$200 Cash

For Tickets Call:

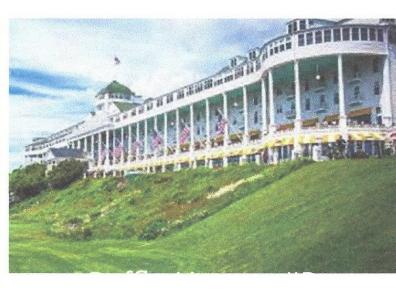
<u>Ron Demick</u> Email:

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OR

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**Tickets Information** 

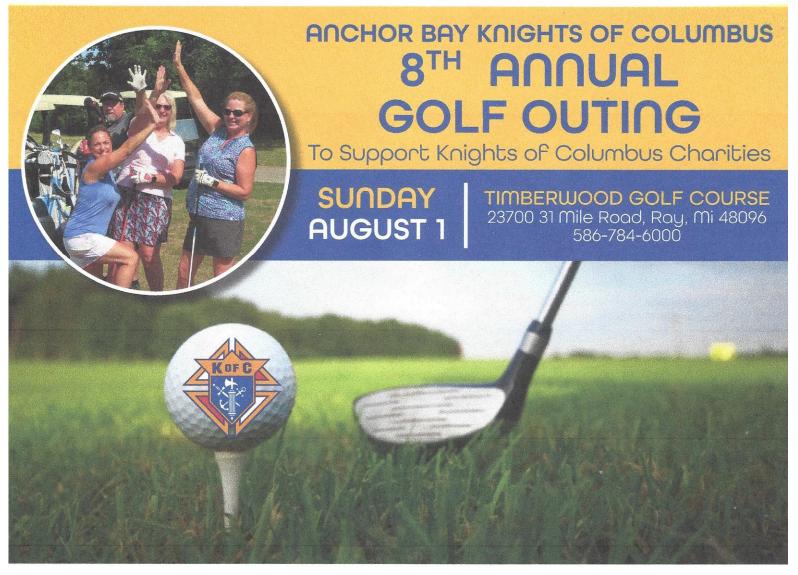
**Mike Cousins** 

586-610-6497

m.cousins@mikofc.org

# Donation \$20 per ticket only 500 tickets to be sold

Drawing August 1, 2021 3 pm Timberwood Golf Course 23700 31 Mile Rd. Ray, MI Winner need not be present to win Proceeds to benefit Knights of Columbus Charities



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## SCHEDULE:

Registration:		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	٩	•	•	7	am
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Shotgun start	•			•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	8	am

### FEES:

- Dinner only non golfer: \$25
- Golfer: \$95 Golf included 18 holes with cart, hot dog at the turn, dinner following golf
- Foursome: \$360
- Hole Sponsor: \$100
- Beer Cart Sponsor: \$250

#### Registration Deadline July 15.

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Make checks payable to: Anchor Bay Council 5981. **Checks only please.** Mail Registration form and payment to: Michael Cousins/ 30001 Camden Circle/ Chesterfield, MI 48051 Contact: m.cousins@mikofc.org If restrictions are still in place, we will make a decision by July 1.

Email on registration is absolutely necessary so we can contact everyone.





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