

## Transportation sub-committee - K of C License Plate Presentation

Good Morning. My name is Gary Kopp and I am here today with some of my Brothers, representing the Michigan State Council of the Knights of Columbus. We are a fraternal organization, founded in 1882, with 66,000 members in Michigan and over 1.9M members internationally. The K of C is a 501 C 8 brotherhood, founded on four principals:

Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Charity, our number one principal, supports hundreds of Michigan organizations including: Special Olympics, Children's Special Days Camp and many Mentally Impaired groups. Just last year in Michigan, the Knights donated over 1.9 million hours of labor and \$6.9 million dollars to our worthy charities. We are #3 in the Order worldwide for total money donated. This past year alone through our "Tootsie Roll Drive" we raised \$1.2M dollars, which went to organizations that support the mentally impaired.

We anticipate that this effort will generate additional funds that will go to support Michigan's charity organizations such as; Habitat for Humanity, Coats for Kids, Veteran Homeless Shelters, Youth Athletics, only to name a few.

There are many worthy charities that would love to have and need our support. This initiative will help us support those most in need of our help. We look forward to your support in this "Charitable Effort".

Thank You for your time.