

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Joseph C Carroll Council 5390



APRIL 2020 KNIGHT LIGHT

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*** COMING EVENTS ***

Apr 3 Lenten Fish Fry 5-7:30 PM **CANCELED**
 Apr 5 Breakfast 8:30-10:30 am, St Pius X Church **CANCELED**
 Apr 7 Business Meeting 7:30 PM **CANCELED**
 Apr 10 Lenten Fish Fry 5-7:30 PM Good Friday **CANCELED**
 Apr 12 Easter Sunday
 Apr 18 Spring highway clean-up **CANCELED**
 Apr 20 MCC Meeting 7:30 PM **CANCELED**
 Apr 21 Staff Planning Meeting 7:30 PM **CANCELED**
 Apr 24 Deadline for May newsletter
 May Ladies Appreciation Evening (**CANCELED**)
 May 3 Breakfast 8:30-10:30 am, St Pius X Church **CANCELED**
 May 5 Business Meeting 7:30 PM **CANCELED**
 May 10 Mother's Day
 May 15 Fish Fry 5-7:00 pm **CANCELED**
 May 18 MCC Meeting 7:30 PM **CANCELED**
 May 19 Staff Planning Meeting 7:30 PM **CANCELED**
 May 22 Deadline for June newsletter
 May 25 Memorial Day
 Jun 2 Business Meeting 7:30 PM and election of officers
 Jun 5 - 7 St. Joe's Fun Days - volunteers needed
 Jun 7 Breakfast 8:30-10:30 am, St Pius X Church
 Jun 15 MCC Meeting 7:30 PM
 Jun 16 Staff Planning Meeting 7:30 PM
 Jun 21 Father's day
 Jun 26 Deadline for July newsletter

Business Meeting
April 7th
CANCELED

Deadline for the May issue of
the *Knight Light* is:
Friday, April 24th

Our council is sponsoring
two seminarians.
You can contact them at:

Casey Flack
Mundelein Seminary
1000 E Maple Ave
Mundelein, IL 60060-1174
c.flack@dbqarch.org

Peter Binder
St Pius X Seminary
1235 Mt. Loretta Ave
Dubuque, IA 52003

BREAKFAST WORKERS: If you have a conflict with your scheduled time, please find a substitute and then notify Lonnie Curry: lvcurry@gmail.com

April 5th Breakfast Leads & Cooks start at 7:30 am the rest of the workers start at 8:00 am

CANCELED

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CANCELED

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Brother Knights,

Due to the Corona virus, we have decided to suspend all activities including Fish Frys, Pancake Breakfasts, and Business Meetings until further notice. This decision has been made for the safety of our council, and the public.

Thanks for all your works with your parishes and the council.

Remember to pray the rosary and keep your faith strong.

Vivat Jesus.

Tom Spartz, Grand Knight

**Knight of the Month: Randy Pasker
Family of the Month: Lonnie and Kelly Curry**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS TIMELINE

May Business Meeting - Slate for Election

June Business Meeting - Vote

July Business Meeting - Installation

Please let one of the officers on know if you are thinking about stepping forward to take on a new role. The election may be delayed due to the Corona Virus pandemic.

Tom Spartz, Grand Knight

DUES ARE PAST DUE FOR A FEW

Council 5390 Dues for 2020 are \$36. Please pay immediately so our resources can be focused on our Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth, and Culture of Life activities instead of collecting the dues.

DISASTER RELIEF

The Knights of Columbus Supreme web site has a secure link to give monies to help disaster victims via the Catholic Relief Services. More of the money you donate to this fund will go directly towards helping victims with their immediate needs than through other national disaster services. Give if you can, even \$10 from each person adds up to millions of dollars overall.

The Knights of Columbus Supreme secure web site is:
www.kofc.org/en/secure/charities/disaster-relief.html

EVENT CANCELLATIONS-DATES

Due to the Corona Virus pandemic, we have to cancel some of our events. The Ladies appreciation is canceled. It may be rescheduled; a decision has not been made yet.

We have set dates for other events this summer but those are subject to change also.

- The Rummage sale is scheduled for July 20,25
- The CPID Tootsie roll drive will be August 20 - 23

Tom Spartz Grand Knight

SPRING HIGHWAY CLEANUP

Due to the current situation and safety of our volunteers, we are temporarily suspending all Adopt-A-Highway activities. We will notify you when the suspension has been lifted. We would like to thank your group for their contribution to the State of Iowa Adopt-A-Highway Program.

*Shannon Anderson, County: Linn
Maintenance Management Assistant*

MARION COLUMBUS CLUB (MCC)

MCC needs your help providing great experiences for our hall renters! You would be asked to work once every two or three months if we can add twelve people to the worker list. Husband/Wife teams are encouraged. Father/Son/Daughter teams are also great.

Get on the volunteer list by calling Ray Banowitz (319-389-7265) or coming to the MCC meeting the 3rd Monday of the month.

SAINT JOSEPH'S "FUN DAYS"

JUNE 5-6-7 2020

Please contact Bob & Julie Schmitt to be on the list to help with Knights of Columbus responsibilities.

EQUIPMENT FOR LOAN

We have the following equipment to loan out: wheelchair, portable walker, cane, and crutches. Some of these items may already be loaned out, so contact our Worthy Warden, Howard Schiffer, to check for availability. When you are finished with the item, please have it checked back in at the hall.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Brother Knights. It is our duty to guard the church, take care of our community, and pray for those most in need of divine intervention.

Therefore, in these dark times I would like to start a new section in the newsletter: "For the Good of the Order". In this section we can focus our devotional prayer for those most in need of our support. I am starting with my list that I currently have (see list below).

If there are any updates to the Good of the order Section or the newsletter contact Dan Goiffon by email danj.goiffon@gmail.com or by cell (319) 431-8653 and/or Tom Spartz by email tjspartzY63@gmail.com or by cell (319) 202-0741. If any are not available please consult the front of the newsletter for more contact information of the officers.

Dan Goiffon

CURRENT GOOD OF THE ORDER LIST

Pray for those most in need of our support.

John Stepanek, Pat Banowetz, Paul Waters, Jerry Mc Namara, Linda Reise, Kate Fejfar, Sharon Fogerty, Julie Schmitt, John Grimm, Frank Swiderski and family, Alice Luster, Jim Green, Ann Dettmer, Patti Leier, Elizabeth Castello, Marianne Strabala, Cordella and family, Lonnie Currie, Mike Dixson, John Stapley, Charles Gaffney, Maria Baston, Ralph Stanek, Dave Van Gorp, and Norb Banowetz.

Also, all of those suffering in this time of Coronavirus pandemic.

DISTRICT DEPUTY MESSAGE

Brothers, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a lot of things have changed with the Iowa Knights of Columbus. Our State Convention in Sioux City has been changed. It will now be a Annual Business Meeting Virtually on April 18, 2020. All Grand Knights will receive ballots in the mail for their delegates to vote on

- Acceptance of reports and approval of the State Council Budget
- The election of delegates for the 2020 Supreme Convention
- the election of State Council Officers and elected members of the Executive Committee
- the disposition of the resolutions the have been properly submitted and deemed in order.

More details about this process will be coming out in the coming days. Information can be found on the State website at www.iowakofc.org.

I encourage all families to listen and follow the directions of our State and Local Authorities. Together we will weather this storm. May the grace of God be with you.

Gerald Fetzer, District Deputy, District 29

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NEW K OF C INSURANCE AGENT

We have a new insurance agent.

Dan Conlon.

daniel.conlon@kofc.org.

641-330-2060.

PERMANENT LIFE INSURANCE **A PART OF K OF C'S SUITE OF** **INSURANCE PRODUCTS**

What is it?

Permanent life insurance is our signature product. It provides money to your family when you die, and builds cash value while you live. It's guaranteed. It's secure. It's dynamic.

Who needs it?

Permanent life insurance is a great way to provide security for your family. It may be an ideal solution for people who are interested in:

- Providing money for final expenses so your family doesn't have to.
- Replacing income so that your family's financial life doesn't have to change in case you pass away suddenly.
- Providing college funds for your children in case of an untimely death.
- Protecting your spouse from the burden of a mortgage in the event of the unexpected.
- Giving a donation to a charity or special interest.
- Supplementing an estate or mitigating estate taxes.

How does it work?

Permanent life insurance – like all life insurance – is designed primarily to provide money (also known as a death benefit) to your designated beneficiary when you pass away – guaranteed.

All Knights of Columbus permanent life insurance policies have premiums that are guaranteed not to increase, so you won't have to worry about any surprises.

Our permanent life insurance policies also accrue cash value over time. Should the policy be eligible for any dividends (which are not guaranteed), you can also elect to put those proceeds back into your policy by purchasing additional paid-up insurance. Additional paid-up insurance increases your policy's death benefit and cash value. Your policy's cash value can be used as cash, either through a partial loan or a full surrender of the policy*, or as collateral.

Contact your Knights of Columbus field agent today to learn more about our permanent life insurance products, and about the safety and security that we can help provide.

*Surrender charges may apply to withdrawals and early surrender of the Survivorship Universal Life policy.

LET US PRAY

With the evolving COVID-19 crisis, we have experienced much disruption to our daily lives and routines. Our Lenten practices of penance and prayer have taken on new meaning. This pandemic has been referred to as a battle or war, which has forced us all to make sacrifices, and to lose control over some aspects of our lives.

In some aspects this 'war' is also a spiritual battle. Psalm 144 is a prayer for victory and peace: *The Lord trains our arms for battle, who prepares our hands for war.* While we have lost control over certain things, one thing we can control is prayer. If there were ever a time to pray it is now, we need to become prayer warriors. For prayer and giving honor to God is what makes the devil flee. Evil spirits cannot bear to be present where there is prayer.

When the tribulations arise, we question where God is in the face of evil. We have a sense of abandonment or despair. Jesus tells us to fear not. Our

strength from faith in God is stronger than our fear and overpowers it. Through faith we are assured that God and Jesus Christ are always with us, we are never abandoned.

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori and the Supreme Council have asked Knights of Columbus and their families to pray a novena based on a prayer of Pope Francis. This prayer is can be found on the next page of this newsletter.

Let us keep each other in our prayers. For a speedy deliverance from the evil of the coronavirus, pray for those who are sick or who live in fear of infection, for those who care for the sick and elderly, for those whose lives and livelihood are adversely affected by the spread of the virus. May we all remain calm and confident in God's wisdom, power, and goodness. Amen.

Deacon Ken Bauer

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro M. Falconi.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

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