

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Joseph C Carroll Council 5390

JULY 2020 KNIGHT LIGHT

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REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING: 1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 7:30 PM

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*** COMING EVENTS ***

Some of the following events may be canceled

- Jul Rummage Sale **CANCELED**
- Jul 4 Independence Day
- Jul 5 Breakfast 8:30-10:30 am, St Pius X Church **CANCELED**
- Jul 7 Business Meeting 7:30 PM **CANCELED**
- Jul 20 MCC Meeting 7:30 PM **CANCELED**
- Jul 21 Staff Planning Meeting 7:30 PM **CANCELED**
- Jul 24 Deadline for August newsletter

July Business Meeting
CANCELED

- Aug Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (CPID) **POSTPONED**
- Aug 2 Breakfast 8:30-10:30 am, St Pius X Church **CANCELED**
- Aug 4 Business Meeting 7:30 PM **TBD**
- Aug 15 Assumption of the Virgin Mary
- Aug 17 MCC Meeting 7:30 PM **TBD**
- Aug 18 Staff Planning Meeting 7:30 PM **TBD**
- Aug 21 Deadline for September newsletter

Deadline for the August issue
of the *Knight Light* is:
Friday, July 24th

- Sep 1 Business Meeting 7:30 PM **TBD**
- Sep 6 Breakfast 8:30-10:30 am, St Pius X Church **TBD**
- Sep 7 Labor Day
- Sep 14 MCC Meeting 7:30 PM **TBD**
- Sep 15 Staff Planning Meeting 7:30 PM **TBD**
- Sep 19 Highway Clean-up starting at 1:00 PM **TBD**
- Sep 25 Deadline for the October Newsletter

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

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

July and August breakfasts are CANCELED

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Brother Knights,

As we begin new leadership in July we still find ourselves in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. The ongoing situation has proven to be a great challenge not just to the country, economy and community but to our parishes, families and our Knights of Columbus fraternity.

Although the State of Iowa has eased restrictions on businesses and gatherings, we believe it is too risky on our membership to do that the same at this time. Therefore regular business meetings, events and fundraisers such as pancake breakfasts, hall rentals and fish fries will remain cancelled for the foreseeable future.

Although our current financial status remains strong for the time being, we are taking measures to cut expenses for the balance of the year. And depending on how long the hiatus lasts, we may need to get creative with novel "outside the box" fundraising ideas.

In the **mean time** we continue to pray for the health and safety of membership and families.

Vivat Jesus.

Mike Beke, Grand Knight.

CAMPAIGN FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES (CPID)

Also Known as the Tootsie Roll Drive

The CPID drive originally scheduled for last weekend of August is postponed. We are tentatively looking to reschedule during the 4th quarter 2020, with dates yet to-be-determined based on how well the Coronavirus is under control, or not.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

St Pius Hall is currently used for Mass overflow and will not be available for breakfasts until distancing restrictions are eased. So there will be no breakfast in July or August. I intend to update you monthly on whether the St Pius Hall becomes available. When it does, if the council has approved, I will restart the breakfasts. There will be at least a month's notice.

Thanks & take care

Lonnie Curry

ELECTION OF OFFICERS TIMELINE

Vote – will be conducted via email ballots during the next couple weeks.

Installation – to be scheduled in August

OFFICER CANDIDATES FOR FY 20/21

Grand Knight	Mike Beke
Deputy GK	Terry Leier
Treasurer	Bob Schmitt
Chancellor	(OPEN)
Recorder	Jeff Alt
Advocate	Larry Block
Warden	Howard Schiffer
Outside Guard	Steve Sawyers
Outside Guard	Dan Perra, Sr.
Inside Guard	Tom Cottrell
Inside Guard	George Schulte
1YR Trustee	Pat Gibbs
2YR Trustee	Don Leonhart
3YR Trustee	Tom Spartz

Appointed positions:

Chaplain: (Open)

Financial Secretary: Steve Pasker

K OF C 5390 MARION ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE CANCELED

Hello All. I hope this finds you well and staying safe from all of the ills of this world.

I am cancelling the MCC Garage/Rummage Sale this year. I watch the news daily and I am deeply concerned over the health of our membership. There have been a number of factors playing into this recent decision.

- The cancellation of Ragbrai
- The cancellation of almost all major city events this year including Marion's Swamp Fox Festival
- The rising number of cases in Iowa is leading me to believe that this will not end this summer.
- The protection of my workers in this event.

I want to thank all of you for your support of the garage sale and hopefully next year will be a better year for all.

Stay safe.

Dan Goiffon

K OF C INSURANCE

The world is slowly beginning to return to the way things were - at least as much as it can. It'll likely be months before we know what normal looks like now.

You've probably heard the saying attributed to an unsavory (to say the least!) historical figure that "there are decades where nothing happens, and there are weeks where decades happens."

It certainly feels that way now. We have crammed decades of changes into these last several weeks, and it's hard to know what change is permanent, and what changes will prove temporary.

Not everything is fluid though. I am struck by the resilience of the permanent things - our faith, our fraternity, our families. I'm sure you've seen the tremendous ways in which the Knights of Columbus in particular has proven itself equal yet again to this current challenge. Whether it was the establishment of the Leave No Neighbor Behind Initiative, or the launch of the diocesan loan fund, or just the everyday, every-city response of councils across the globe, we have responded as we always do: swiftly, powerfully.

Sure we've had to cancel some things. We've had to have some virtual meetings. We've had to stay a safe distance apart. But our distance hasn't diminished our unity, nor has it changed our impact.

I continue to be proud to be a part of this great organization - especially in moments like this. And I know you are too.

That's why, for me, being financially committed to the Knights is such a point of pride. We all need life insurance. We all need to plan for retirement. We all need to think about and prepare for life's what-ifs.

But when it comes time to decide who to make those preparations with, and who to choose to buy those products from, we can choose to spend our money with the company who establishes a multi-million dollar loan funds for Catholic dioceses in their most desperate time of need, or we can go another route. We can choose to buy our insurance from a company who leaves no neighbor behind, or we can choose a company who has no real concept of who their neighbor is. We can prepare for our retirement with a company whose members are - once again - setting an example of true Christian charity for all to follow, or we can go in a different direction.

I would challenge you, whether you've never inquired or it has been a long time - to take a fresh look at the Knights of Columbus as a trusted financial partner, and see what products and services we may have that might help you and your family. As we all start to get back to things, I can meet with you in person or by video, whichever you prefer, and we can have stress-free, no-commitment conversation about the possibilities.

It's a way to further your commitment to all that we stand for, and - at the same time - obtain some much needed peace of mind in times like these.

I hope we'll chat soon.

Dan Conlon FA
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GOD'S LOVE

Many times while watching a sporting event (when they were still being held and televised), invariably you would see someone holding up a sign reading: John 3:16, quoting the well known scripture passage "*God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son*".

In light of the renewed drive for racial equality and justice, another line from that same Gospel is striking: "*For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world might be saved*" (John 3:17)

When some of the protests and marches turn to radical violence perhaps we are witnessing the condemning of American culture. It's difficult to see where the love of God and of his Jesus Christ is in such demonstrations. Peaceful demonstrations shed new light on the issue of equality for all. While Black lives do matter, the fact is, that all lives matter, beginning with the unborn - those that have no voice.

A friend observed that people need to fully act out and observe two of Jesus's greatest commandments: To Love God and to Love neighbor as yourself. To which I add: *Do unto others as you would have them do unto you*. A simple concept, yet challenging to put into practice. Through better awareness and observance of God's commandments perhaps our country can achieve justice and equality for all lives and instill a greater sense of unity and peace.

Deacon Ken Bauer

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

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 Dan Goiffon (319-365-0614) or coming to the MCC meeting the 3rd Monday of the month.

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.

MT CALVARY CEMETERY
SISTERS OF MERCY
GRAVESITE CROSSES
JULY 2019



The 314 steel white-painted crosses surrounding the Sisters of Mercy Memorial Stone were showing wear from years of weather exposure. Last summer, on July 6th, 8th, & 11th, twelve brother Knights shared some or all three of their mornings sanding, grinding, brushing, & scraping rust & mildew from the crosses. Then a rust killer was brushed on with two separate coats. Finally two coats of white paint were applied.

Equipment included two generators two power sanders & grinders and putty knives. Plus hand sanding, hand and wire brushing was needed. The scene of each of these Knights standing, bending, kneeling, lying beside 314 crosses was truly inspiring and an act of love & devotion to the sisters that have died.

The Sisters appreciate the efforts to help accomplish this task.

WORK DAY PHOTOS
BY HOWARD SCHIFFER



BEFORE AND AFTER REFURBISHING





Work Crew

**Top Row: Ed Dettmer, Roger Bonlander, Steve Sawyers, Gary Schmidt, Dave VanGorp, Tom Cottrell
Bottom Row: Steve Pasker, Howard Schiffer, Steve Powers, Jim Ford, Tom Spratz, Terry Leier**