

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Joseph C Carroll Council 5390

## SEPTEMBER 2020 KNIGHT LIGHT

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

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### \*\*\* COMING EVENTS \*\*\*

- Sept 1 Business Meeting – WILL PLAN ON VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING – DETAILS TO FOLLOW
- Sept 6 Pancake Breakfast - **CANCELLED**
- Sep 7 Labor Day
- Sept 14 MCC Meeting 7:00 PM - - Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Sept 15 Staff Planning Meeting 7:00 PM – Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Sept 18 Fish Fry - **CANCELLED**
- Sep Highway Clean-up **CANCELLED**
- Sep 25 Deadline for the October Newsletter
- Oct 4 Pancake Breakfast - **CANCELLED**
- Oct 6 Business Meeting 7:30 PM – WILL PLAN ON VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
- Oct 19 MCC Meeting 7:00 PM - - Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Oct 20 Staff Planning Meeting 7:00 PM – Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Oct XX Fish Fry - **CANCELLED**
- Oct XX Rose Drive for Birthright at St Pius X's & St Joseph's - **TBD**
- Oct 23 Deadline for the November Newsletter
- Nov 1 All Saints Day
- Nov 1 Pancake Breakfast 8-10:30 am, St Pius X Church - **TBD**
- Nov 3 Election Day Tuesday – Hall will be a Voting Site
- Nov 4 Business Meeting Wednesday 7:30 PM – **TBD**
- Nov 16 MCC Meeting 7:00 PM - - Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Nov 17 Staff Planning Meeting 7:00 PM – Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Nov Fish Fry 5-7PM - **TBD**
- Nov 20 Deadline for December newsletter

September Business Meeting  
This will be a Zoom meeting  
Details to follow

Deadline for the October  
issue of the *Knight Light* is:  
Friday, September 25th

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

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

**VIRTUAL ZOOM K-OF-C BUSINESS MEETING  
SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY SEP 1 AT 7:30 PM**

In an effort to close the communication gap due to cancelled monthly meetings, fund-raising and social activities, we have planned our September. 1st business meeting as a virtual event via ZOOM.

Knowing this is a first for our council and for many of you – to minimize technical problems I am requesting that everyone who plans on participating in the meeting let me know via email as soon as possible.

If you email me with a request to attend I will send you and invite to your email.

So in order to have this ready I need your response by 7 PM Monday August 31st. Depending on how many responses we may have to limit the size of the group to 30-35 people.

Yours in Christ

Mike Beke, Grand Knight

**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

I do not remember a period of time that has been so challenging for us in recent history as this past year 2020: the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the hailstorm in May and now the derecho in August. It is more important during this trying time that we as a faith community of Brother Knights do all that we can for our fellow knights, parishioners and community at large who has sustained significant damage and loss to their homes and/or livelihoods. It is in these dark hours we have the opportunity to shine: fellow knights have taken it upon themselves to clear downed branches at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, we have been asked by St. Pius X to assist needy parishioners with storm cleanup, and as a result of irreparable damage the Marion Library is looking to use our hall as an outreach center.

Since the health risk of larger gatherings has precluded monthly business meetings it is ever more important we communicate as a council. Thus, we will be holding a ZOOM business meeting on September 1st. An emailing went out to the membership requesting that anyone who is interested will have to confirm their attendance via response back to me: only those responders will then be invited to participate in the ZOOM meeting. Hopefully we will not have technical issues, as this virtual communication process is new to many of us.

Remember to pray the rosary and keep your faith strong.

*Mike Beke, Grand Knight.*

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**ST PIUS X PARISHIONERS  
NEEDING ASSISTANCE**

We have been asked by St Pius X Parish Council if the KCs could provide storm clean-up assistance to needy parishioners. Michael Becker, Pastoral Associate, will be providing names and requests on a case by case upon his notification. Let Mike Beke know if you can be available as needed to be part of the team being assembled to assist.

**MARION LIBRARY OUTREACH CENTER**

Due to extensive damage to the Marion Public Library, the building is permanently closed. In the meantime, the library is setting up public internet sites around town. Beginning Aug. 31st our hall became one of these sites.

The library staff is taking full responsibility for managing and staffing this site. A staff member will be present every day to open, close and monitor the site. They will follow and enforce Covid19 regulations.

If successful, this agreement could continue for months. The library staff is thrilled to use our building and are committed to making this work. We feel this is a great opportunity for our organization to help the city of Marion and the public library during these trying times.

Our building is not available for fish fries, receptions, parties, etc. The kitchen is closed. We ask all KC members to be mindful of this. Please do not go into the building other than to use the internet site. The Marion library staff has contracted the use of our hall. We must be the polite landlords.

*Dick Conrad*

**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. To volunteer please contact Chuck Dayton, chairman (319-361-3823).

**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 September or October. 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.

*Lonnie Curry*

## **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](http://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.

## **DISTRICT DEPUTY'S MESSAGE**

Brothers, as we enter the month of September, we have a lot to do. Since the derecho hit on August 10th my neighborhood has looked like someone dropped a bomb. Trees that have been here over 100 years are now down. Houses were damaged with trees on them and the power was off for most of the week. As we cleaned up the mess in the 90 degree heat, the sound of chain saws and generators could be heard all day. You could see neighbor helping neighbor everywhere you looked. This is why we are called to be knights, to help our neighbors through these rough times.

I am looking forward to seeing monthly meetings where we can all get together. For now we will have to do zoom meetings. Keep in touch with all of your members and make sure your forms are up to date.

*Gerald Fetzter, District Deputy, District 29  
fetzergerald53@gmail.com 319-654-5385*

## **GOD'S PROTECTION**

*In the shadow of your wings I take refuge till the storms of destruction pass by. (Ps 57:2b)*

On August 10 those in the Cedar Rapids metro, were hunkering down in basements (or more precarious places); seeking protection from the Category 4 inland hurricane (Derecho thunderstorm) which barreled through. Certainly many prayers were offered as we endured the 40-45 minutes of destruction. During periods of trials and tribulations (and enduring severe storms) it is natural to wonder where God is. As I reflected a few months ago; by our faith embedded in our souls we are assured that God has not abandoned us; He is always with us, for faith covers every aspect of our relationship with God.

Later, hearing stories of what others experienced during and after the storm, caused me to reflect on the passage from Psalm 57. In the psalm, shadow of God's wings" means the holy place where one can find safe refuge in the divine presence. God is always with us and His holy angels watch over us defending and protecting.

Following the storm, through God's grace, many stories were heard of neighbors helping neighbors minimizing further damage and preparing for permanent repairs. A generous neighbor offered to share his generator, providing me and my wife with limited power. While I hope you and your families did not suffer much physical damage around your homes, I know that was not always the case. I pray you are able to get the help and assistance needed. Let us pray that through the protection of God, may we continue to experience and be comforted by the gifts of the Holy Spirit of unity, love and peace.

*Deacon Ken Bauer*

## **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.